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Alex,

One of the actions from NRC's Fedstat meeting, as documented in Mr. Andrew Maycock's August 4, 2016 memorandum to the NRC Executive Director for Operations (EDO), was to provide you NRC's progress on the Project Aim initiative. This email provides the latest information, and if you desire, we would be happy to meet with you to discuss Project Aim in more detail, including how it is or will be reflected in our budget information.

Attached is the [September monthly update report](#) from our [Project Aim website](#). Pages 2 and 3 of the monthly provide a snapshot of the status of the 19 Project Aim recommendations identified in the Project Aim paper sent to the Commission ([SECY-15-0015](#)) and the associated Commission [staff requirements memorandum](#) that tasked the NRC staff. In addition, the NRC reports quarterly to Congress on actions taken to right size the agency in accordance with recommendations of Project Aim. The latest update was provided to the Committee on Appropriations on [August 17, 2016](#).

Project Aim Task 5 on the list of 19 is of particular interest, as it involves the development of a prioritizing and re-baselining framework to enhance the NRC's ability to plan and execute its mission in a more agile, timely, effective, and efficient manner in an unpredictable and dynamic environment. The framework was developed and applied to all agency activities to identify items that could be shed, deferred or performed with fewer resources. We sought input from NRC employees and external stakeholders, and presented recommendations in [SECY-16-0009](#).

The Commission approved 150 separate rebaselining reductions totaling about \$48 million and 185 FTE. Appendix A of the latest monthly report provides the implementation status of each of the rebaselining items.

As you are aware, the NRC is currently supporting a Government Accountability Office engagement on Project Aim. We expect to see results this fall.

While we recognize the successes to date of the Project Aim initiative, we also recognize that going forward, NRC must continue to demonstrate the agency's ability to collaborate, improve planning, and adapt to change in an agile manner.

- Rob Lewis, Assistant for Operations