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Mr. David Powner, Director  
Information Technology Management Issues  
U.S. Government Accountability Office  
441 G Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20226

Dear Mr. Powner:

On behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), I am responding to your e-mail dated November 8, 2017, which provided the NRC an opportunity to review and comment on the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) draft report GAO-18-42, "Information Technology: Agencies Need to Involve Chief Information Officers in Reviewing Billions of Dollars in Acquisitions."

The NRC appreciates the opportunity to review the draft report, and we appreciate the GAO staff's professionalism and interactions during this engagement. The NRC does not agree with the two recommendations directed to NRC in the draft report. We believe that the draft report does not accurately reflect the NRC process for review and approval of information technology procurements. The comments in the enclosure to this letter, provide points of clarification with respect to the NRC-related findings and recommendations.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide comments on the GAO report. Please feel free to contact Mr. John Jolicoeur by phone at (301) 415-1642 or by e-mail at [John.Jolicoeur@nrc.gov](mailto:John.Jolicoeur@nrc.gov) if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

***/RA by Michael R. Johnson/***

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Enclosure:  
NRC Comments on Draft Report  
GAO-18-42

Letter to D. Powner From V. McCree, December 7, 2017

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