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MEMORANDUM FOR: Robert G. Ryan, Director
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FROM: Robert B. Minogue, Director
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SUBJECT: OFFICE OF STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT REVIEW OF
RESPONSE TO GAO REPORT ON RADIOLOGICAL
EMERGENCIES

We concur with the basic responses that are being proposed to each of the GAO recommendations; however, we believe that the paper is deficient because it does not provide the Commission with alternative responses and the pros and cons associated with each. This is especially important relative to the GAO recommendation that NRC not issue an operating license unless the NRC has concurred in the applicable State and local government emergency plans. The Commission should be advised of the significant impact that this recommendation could have on the licensing process, the most obvious of which is that issuance of an operating license could be precluded by the actions or inaction of State or local government officials, which the utility/applicant may have limited effectiveness in correcting.

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