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MEMORANDUM FOR: Robert G. Ryan, Director
Office of State Programs

FROM: William J. Dircks, Director
Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards

SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO GAO REPORT ON RADIOLOGICAL EMERGENCY
PLANNING

The Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards does not concur in the proposed GAO report on Radiological Emergency Planning. The wording of paragraph 3, page 2, of the letter is sufficiently vague that nuclear facilities, in addition to nuclear power plants, might be required to have approved state and local radiological emergency response plans prior to issuing a license. Since the Nuclear Regulatory Commission has licensees in all the states and very few states have approved plans, this could have a substantial impact on many programs.

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William J. Dircks, Director
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