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Mr. Nick Marinos, Director  
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Dear Mr. Marinos:

On behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), I am responding to the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) Report: "Cybersecurity: Agencies Need to Fully Establish Risk Management Programs and Address Challenges" (GAO-19-384), dated July 25, 2019. The NRC agrees with the findings and recommendations in the report.

The NRC is in the process of implementing GAO's recommendations. The implementation activities consist of (1) developing a cybersecurity risk management strategy that includes the key elements identified in the report, (2) updating the agency's policies to require an organizationwide cybersecurity risk assessment and the use of risk assessments to inform Plan of Actions & Milestones prioritization, (3) establishing a process for conducting an organizationwide cybersecurity risk assessment, and (4) establishing and documenting a process for coordination between cybersecurity risk management and enterprise risk management functions.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Mr. John Jolicoeur at (301) 415-1642 or by e-mail at [John.Jolicoeur@nrc.gov](mailto:John.Jolicoeur@nrc.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "KS", written over a light blue horizontal line.

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