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Jennifer R. Franks, Director
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Dear Director Franks:

On behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), I am writing to describe our actions in response to the recommendations identified in the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) report, GAO-22-105065, "Privacy: Dedicated Leadership Can Improve Programs and Address Challenges," issued September 2022:

- GAO Recommendation 50: The Chairman of NRC should fully define and document a process for ensuring that the senior agency official for privacy or other designated privacy official is involved in assessing and addressing the hiring, training, and professional development needs of the agency with respect to privacy.

NRC Response: The NRC agrees with this recommendation and has updated its Privacy Program Plan to better document the roles and responsibilities of the Senior Agency Official for Privacy (SAOP) regarding the hiring, training, and professional development needs of the agency with respect to privacy.

- GAO Recommendation 51: The Chairman of NRC should fully define and document the role of the senior agency official for privacy or other designated privacy official in reviewing and approving system categorizations, overseeing privacy control assessments, and reviewing authorization packages.

NRC Response: The NRC agrees with this recommendation and has updated its security processes to better document the SAOP's roles and responsibilities regarding reviewing and approving system categorizations, overseeing privacy control assessments, and reviewing authorization packages.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me or have your staff contact John Jolicoeur, Executive Technical Assistant, Office of the Executive Director for Operations, at (301) 415-1642 or by email at John.Jolicoeur@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "C. T. Hanson".

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