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Dear Director Franks:

On behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), I am writing to provide the NRC's response to the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) report GAO-24-105658, "Federal Agencies Made Progress, but Need to Fully Implement Incident Response Requirements" dated December 2023.

The GAO report included one recommendation for the NRC. In the report, the GAO found that the 23 civilian Chief Financial Officers Act of 1990 agencies have made progress in cybersecurity incident response preparedness by taking steps to standardize their incident response plans and demonstrating improvement in their capabilities for incident detection, analysis, and handling. However, 20 agencies, including the NRC, did not reach the event logging maturity level tier 3 by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) deadline. Therefore, the GAO recommendation for NRC was for the Chair to ensure that the agency fully implements all event logging requirements as directed by OMB guidance. The NRC agrees with the GAO's recommendation and is making progress to improve our compliance with event logging requirements, as detailed in the enclosure.

The NRC appreciates the opportunity to describe agency actions taken in response to the GAO's recommendation. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me or have your staff contact Mr. John R. Jolicoeur, Executive Technical Assistant, by phone at 301-415-1642 or by email to John.Jolicoeur@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

Christopher T. Hanson

Enclosure:
As stated

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