

September 29, 2011

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Washington, D.C. 20510

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**U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION'S STATEMENT  
OF ACTIONS TAKEN IN RESPONSE TO THE  
RECOMMENDATIONS IN GAO-11-565**

The Government Accountability Office (GAO), in GAO-11-565, "Data Center Consolidation: Agencies Need to Complete Inventories and Plans to Achieve Expected Savings," made two recommendations to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) on data center consolidation efforts. NRC's responses to these two recommendations follow:

1. **Recommendation:** The secretaries and agency heads of the Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Defense, Education, Energy, Health and Human Services, Homeland Security, Interior, Justice, Labor, State, Transportation, Treasury, and Veterans Affairs; the Environmental Protection Agency, the General Services Administration, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, the National Science Foundation, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, the Office of Personnel Management, the Small Business Administration, the Social Security Administration, and the U.S. Agency for International Development should direct their component agencies and their data center consolidation program managers to complete the missing elements in their respective data center consolidation inventories and plans.

**NRC Response: The NRC agrees with this recommendation.**

**Actions**

In June 2011, the NRC completed "key inventory elements" by fully assessing the number of virtual hosts and virtual operating systems in the NRC information technology environment, and reported to the Office of Management and Budget. The NRC is in the initial stages of the consolidation effort and will complete the "key plan elements" that were identified by GAO for inclusion in the consolidation plan by March 2012.

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**NRC Response: The NRC agrees with this recommendation.**

**Actions**

The NRC has captured appropriate challenges and lessons learned from Federal and State governments, as well as private industry sources. The NRC will leverage information collected to ensure that known risks are identified, prioritized, and mitigated to the greatest extent possible. A risk management matrix with associated mitigation strategies will be completed by January 2012.

