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Gregory C. Wilshusen, Director
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Dear Mr. Wilshusen:

On behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), I am responding to the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) Report: "Cybersecurity Workforce: Agencies Need to Accurately Categorize Positions to Effectively Identify Critical Staffing Needs (engagement code 102594)," (GAO-19-144), dated March 12, 2019. In the report, GAO recommended that the NRC take steps to review the assignment of the "000" code to any positions at the NRC in the 2210 information technology (IT) management occupational series and assign the appropriate National Initiative for Cybersecurity Education (NICE) framework work role codes.

As noted in Appendix XVII of the final report, the NRC agreed with GAO's findings in the draft report and addressed this recommendation by assigning the appropriate NICE work role codes to IT management positions previously assigned a "000" code. In addition, in April 2019, the NRC performed a review and validated that all 2210 IT management occupational series and cyber-related positions have assigned NICE work role codes. All codes have been entered into the Federal Payroll and Personnel System for the record. Given these actions, the NRC believes that the GAO recommendation has been fully addressed.

The NRC appreciates the opportunity to provide agency actions taken in response to GAO's recommendations. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me or have your staff contact Mr. John R. Jolicoeur by phone at (301) 415-1642 or by e-mail at John.Jolicoeur@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kristine L. Svinicki".

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