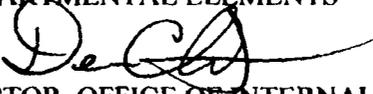




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**MEMORANDUM FOR HEADS OF DEPARTMENTAL ELEMENTS**

**FROM:** DEAN CHILDS   
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**SUBJECT:** Government Accountability Office Reports for Consideration  
During Year-End Management Control Evaluation Process

DOE Order 413.1A, Management Control Program, Chapter VI, Section 2, requires the Office of the Chief Financial Officer to provide a list of Government Accountability Office (GAO) reports received by the Department to all Departmental Elements for consideration during the year-end management control evaluation process. Your organization should review the attached listings as part of your annual Summary Management Review to determine whether any issues, individually or collectively, might rise to the level of a reportable problem. In doing so, it is important to look at all audit reports, not just those assigned to your office/program, as some audits may identify crosscutting issues that could affect multiple organizations.

Attachment 1 provides a list of all GAO reports received during the period June 1, 2007, through May 31, 2008. Attachment 2 identifies those reports that have associated recommendations sorted by Primary Action Activity. Your office should review this information to determine which reports are applicable to your organization. Copies of the listed reports may be obtained via the internet at <http://www.gao.gov/reports.htm>.

If your staff has any questions, please contact Ms. Merley L. Lewis of the Departmental Audit Liaison Team at (202) 586-3469.

**Attachments**

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**STATUS OF GAO FINAL REPORTS****Primary Action Activity:****ALL Offices****From 6/1/2007 to 5/31/2008**

Title Actual Activity	Due			Response Package Due to ME		Primary Action
	Rec'd	GAO	Dist.	Target	Actual	Activity
<b>CF - Office of Chief Financial Officer</b>						
GAO-08-209 CONGRESSIONAL DIRECTIVES: Selected Agencies' Processes for Responding to Funding Instructions	2/5/08	12/11/07	12/5/07	12/5/07	12/5/07	CF
<b>EE - Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy</b>						
GAO-07-713 BIOFUELS: DOE Lacks A Strategic Approach to Coordinate Increasing Production With Infrastructure Development and Vehicle Needs	6/12/07	5/23/07	5/23/07	5/23/07	5/23/07	EE
GAO-07-654 ENERGY EFFICIENCY: Important Challenges Must Be Overcome to Realize Significant Opportunities for Energy Efficiency Improvements in Gulf Coast Reconstruction	6/26/07	6/12/07	6/12/07	6/12/07	6/12/07	EE
GAO-07-1162 ENERGY EFFICIENCY: Opportunities Exist for Federal Agencies to Better Inform Household Consumers	10/5/07	8/30/07	8/30/07	8/30/07	8/30/07	EE
GAO-08-305 HYDROGEN FUEL INITIATIVE: DOE Has Made Important Progress and Involved Industry Stakeholders but Needs to Update What It Expects to Achieve by Its 2015 Target	2/19/08	1/3/08	1/3/08	1/3/08	1/3/08	EE
<b>EI - Energy Information Administration</b>						
GAO-08-102 FEDERAL ELECTRICITY SUBSIDIES: Information on Research Funding, Tax Expenditures and Other Activities That Support Electricity Production	10/29/07	10/12/07	10/12/07	10/12/07	10/12/07	EI
GAO-08-014 ENERGY MARKETS: Increasing Globalization of Petroleum Products Markets, Tightening Refining Demand and Supply Balance and Other Trends Have Implications for U.S. Energy Supply, Prices and Volatility	1/22/08	11/13/07	11/12/07	11/12/07	11/12/07	EI
<b>EM-HQ - Office of Environmental Management</b>						
GAO-07-762 NUCLEAR WASTE: DOE Should Reassess Whether the Bulk Vitrification Demonstration Project at Its Hanford Site is Still Needed to Treat Radioactive Waste	6/12/07	5/11/07	5/2/07	5/10/07	5/18/07	EM-HQ

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<b>EM-HQ - Office of Environmental Management</b>						
GAO-07-761 NUCLEAR WASTE: Plans for Addressing Most Buried Transuranic Wastes Are Not Final and Preliminary Cost Estimates Will Likely Increase	6/26/07	6/5/07	6/5/07	6/5/07	6/5/07	EM-HQ
GAO-07-888 HANFORD WASTE TREATMENT PLANT: Department of Energy Needs to Strengthen Controls Over Contractor Payments and Projects Assets	7/20/07	6/26/07	6/26/07	6/26/07	6/26/07	EM-HQ
GAO-08-606R Nuclear Material: DOE Has Several Potential Options for Dealing with Depleted Uranium Tails, Each of Which Could Benefit the Government	4/2/08	3/25/08	3/25/08	3/25/08	3/25/08	EM-HQ
<b>MA - Office of Management</b>						
GAO-08-344 FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT: Agencies Are Making Progress in Reducing Backlog, but Additional Guidance Is Needed	4/14/08	2/12/08	2/11/08	2/11/08	2/11/08	MA
<b>NA - National Nuclear Security Administration</b>						
GAO-07-1197R Review on the Security of Research and Test Reactors	9/26/07	8/27/07	8/26/07	8/26/07	8/26/07	NA
GAO-08-73 NUCLEAR AND WORKER SAFETY: Actions Needed to Determine the Effectiveness of Safety Improvement Efforts at NNSA's Weapons Laboratories	11/28/07	10/12/07	10/11/07	10/11/07	10/11/07	NA
GAO-08-189 NUCLEAR NONPROLIFERATION: DOE's Program to Assist Weapons Scientists in Russia and Other Countries Needs to Be Reassessed	1/14/08	11/16/07	11/17/07	11/17/07	11/17/07	NA
GAO-08-173R LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY: Information on Security of Classified Data, Nuclear Material Controls, Nuclear and Worker Safety and Project Management Weaknesses	2/12/08	10/11/07	10/10/07	10/10/07	10/10/07	NA
<b>PI - Office of Policy and International Affairs</b>						

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<b>PI - Office of Policy and International Affairs</b>						
GAO-07-921 VEHICLE FUEL ECONOMY: Reforming Fuel Economy Standards Could Help Reduce Oil Consumption by Cars and Light Trucks, and Other Options Could Complement These Standards	8/7/07	7/13/07	6/28/07	7/12/07	7/16/07	PI
<b>RW - Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management</b>						
GAO-07-1010 YUCCA MOUNTAIN: DOE Has Improved Its Quality Assurance Program, but Whether Its Application for a NRC License Will Be High Quality Is Unclear	8/2/07	7/27/07	7/26/07	7/26/07	7/26/07	RW
<b>SC-HQ - Office of Science</b>						
GAO-07-714 SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY: Information on Federal Programs and Interagency Efforts that Support Small Businesses Engaged in Manufacturing	6/19/07	5/7/07	5/7/07	5/7/07	5/7/07	SC-HQ
GAO-07-1172 CLIMATE CHANGE RESEARCH: Agencies Have Data-Sharing Policies but Could Do More to Enhance the Availability of Data from Federally Funded Research	10/22/07	9/10/07	8/27/07	8/27/07	8/27/07	SC-HQ
GAO-08-30 FUSION ENERGY: Definitive Cost Estimates for U.S. Contributions to an International Experimental Reactor and Better Coordinated DOE Research Are Needed	10/26/07	10/2/07	10/1/07	10/1/07	10/1/07	SC-HQ
<b>Total Records:</b>	<b>21</b>					

**Final Report Received from 6/1/2007 to 5/31/2008**

Attachment 1

<b>Report Number (Job Number)</b>	<b>Date Final Report Issued</b>	<b>Report Title</b>
GAO-07-888 190149	7/20/2007	HANFORD WASTE TREATMENT PLANT: Department of Energy Needs to Strengthen Controls Over Contractor Payments and Projects Assets
GAO-08-344 310788	4/14/2008	FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT: Agencies Are Making Progress in Reducing Backlog, but Additional Guidance Is Needed
GAO-07-654 360679	6/26/2007	ENERGY EFFICIENCY: Important Challenges Must Be Overcome to Realize Significant Opportunities for Energy Efficiency Improvements in Gulf Coast Reconstruction
GAO-07-761 360706	6/25/2007	NUCLEAR WASTE: Plans for Addressing Most Buried Transuranic Wastes Are Not Final and Preliminary Cost Estimates Will Likely Increase
GAO-07-713 360708	6/11/2007	BIOFUELS: DOE Lacks A Strategic Approach to Coordinate Increasing Production With Infrastructure Development and Vehicle Needs
GAO-07-1197R 360711	9/26/2007	Review on the Security of Research and Test Reactors
GAO-07-714 360715	6/19/2007	SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY: Information on Federal Programs and Interagency Efforts that Support Small Businesses Engaged in Manufacturing
GAO-07-762 360731	6/11/2007	NUCLEAR WASTE: DOE Should Reassess Whether the Bulk Vitrification Demonstration Project at Its Hanford Site is Still Needed to Treat Radioactive Waste
GAO-08-014 360736	1/22/2008	ENERGY MARKETS: Increasing Globalization of Petroleum Products Markets, Tightening Refining Demand and Supply Balance and Other Trends Have Implications for U.S. Energy Supply, Prices and Volatility
GAO-07-1162 360748	10/4/2007	ENERGY EFFICIENCY: Opportunities Exist for Federal Agencies to Better Inform Household Consumers
GAO-07-1172 360751	10/22/2007	CLIMATE CHANGE RESEARCH: Agencies Have Data-Sharing Policies but Could Do More to Enhance the Availability of Data from Federally Funded Research
GAO-08-73 360756	11/28/2007	NUCLEAR AND WORKER SAFETY: Actions Needed to Determine the Effectiveness of Safety Improvement Efforts at NNSA's Weapons Laboratories
GAO-08-189 360770	1/11/2008	NUCLEAR NONPROLIFERATION: DOE's Program to Assist Weapons Scientists in Russia and Other Countries Needs to Be Reassessed
GAO-08-30 360774	10/26/2007	FUSION ENERGY: Definitive Cost Estimates for U.S. Contributions to an International Experimental Reactor and Better Coordinated DOE Research Are Needed
GAO-07-1010 360791	8/2/2007	YUCCA MOUNTAIN: DOE Has Improved Its Quality Assurance Program, but Whether Its Application for a NRC License Will Be High Quality Is Unclear
GAO-08-305 360804	2/19/2008	HYDROGEN FUEL INITIATIVE: DOE Has Made Important Progress and Involved Industry Stakeholders but Needs to Update What It Expects to Achieve by Its 2015 Target

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GAO-08-72 360814-1	11/5/2007	SECURING U.S. NUCLEAR MATERIAL: DOE Has Made Little Progress Consolidating and Disposing of Special Nuclear Material
GAO-08-102 360836	10/29/2007	FEDERAL ELECTRICITY SUBSIDIES: Information on Research Funding, Tax Expenditures and Other Activities That Support Electricity Production
GAO-08-606R 360870	3/31/2008	Nuclear Material: DOE Has Several Potential Options for Dealing with Depleted Uranium Tails. Each of Which Could Benefit the Government
GAO-08-173R 360878	2/12/2008	LOS ALAMOS NATIONAL LABORATORY: Information on Security of Classified Data, Nuclear Material Controls, Nuclear and Worker Safety and Project Management Weaknesses
GAO-08-403 360905	2/12/2008	NUCLEAR SECURITY: Action May be Needed to Reassess the Security of NRC-Licensed Research Reactors
GAO-08-209 450599	1/31/2008	CONGRESSIONAL DIRECTIVES: Selected Agencies' Processes for Responding to Funding Instructions
GAO-07-921 542100	8/7/2007	VEHICLE FUEL ECONOMY: Reforming Fuel Economy Standards Could Help Reduce Oil Consumption by Cars and Light Trucks, and Other Options Could Complement These Standards
GAO-08-601R 545069	5/5/2008	Economic and Other Implications of Switching from Coal to Natural Gas at the Capital Power Plant and at electricity-Generating Units Nationwide

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