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**Response to Management Implication Report
Publication of House Document 11137 on U.S. Nuclear Sites**

To:
J. Anthony Ogden, Inspector General

This memorandum is in response to your Management Implication Report of August 3, 2009, referenced above. We are very pleased that your investigation found no wrongdoing on the part of GPO or its employees. We appreciate the recommendations you set forth in the Report; recommendations with which we concur and believe are in the interest of improving GPO's process in the handling of any sensitive information and preventing the inadvertent disclosure of sensitive information in the future. Specifically, our response to your recommendations is outlined below.

1) Establish a protocol with customer agencies on clearly identifying sensitive information, which may be published, and written procedures for handling such information accordingly.

Concur. We agree that all appropriate steps should be taken to ensure that sensitive information which may be published be properly identified, and when present, that written procedures for handling that information be in place, and be known to both the customer agency and GPO. To that end, we are directing the Managing Director of Official Journals of Government and the Managing Director of Print Procurement to work to develop the appropriate protocols and written procedures and to do so in coordination with our customer agencies.

2) Establish written procedures for verifying any request for publishing documents that are clearly identified or marked as being of a sensitive or otherwise restricted nature.

Concur. Specifically, we agree that written verification accompany all requests for publishing documents that are identified or marked as sensitive or restricted, in order to protect against the inadvertent disclosure of sensitive information. We are directing the Managing Director of Official Journals of Government and the Managing Director of Print Procurement to work to develop the appropriate written verification process and written procedures in coordination with our customer agencies.

3) Update GPO Directive 825.7D to define “sensitive information” and how to specifically recognize, mark, and safeguard such information.

Concur. We agree that GPO Directive 825.7D should be strengthened to define “sensitive information” as clearly as possible with specific guidance on how to recognize, mark, and safeguard that information. We are directing the Director of Security Services, in coordination with the Office of General Counsel, to work with any appropriate stakeholders within GPO, as well as consult any appropriate external resources, to develop language for inclusion in GPO Directive 825.7D.

4) Develop and conduct ongoing training of GPO employees, in conformance with current GPO policy, on how to recognize, handle, and safeguard sensitive information and documents. Management should ensure basic training for all GPO employees to recognize simple language or key words that may indicate the sensitive or otherwise restricted nature of a document.

Concur. We agree that all employees, who by nature of the work they perform, are likely to encounter sensitive information and documents in the printing or publishing process should be trained to recognize, handle, and safeguard that information. We are directing the Director of Workforce Development, Education and Training to work with the Director of Security Services to develop an appropriate curriculum and training plan for these employees.

Once again, thank you for your investigative work, and these most helpful recommendations.

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