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The Honorable Gene L. Dodaro  
Comptroller General  
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Dear Mr. Dodaro:

Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations on Friday, June 12, 2015, to testify at the hearing entitled "Oversight Failures Behind the Radiological Incident at DOE's Waste Isolation Pilot Plant."

Pursuant to the Rules of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, the hearing record remains open for ten business days to permit Members to submit additional questions for the record, which are attached. The format of your responses to these questions should be as follows: (1) the name of the Member whose question you are addressing, (2) the complete text of the question you are addressing in bold, and (3) your answer to that question in plain text.

To facilitate the printing of the hearing record, please respond to these questions with a transmittal letter by the close of business on Wednesday, July 15, 2015. Your responses should be mailed to Jessica Wilkerson, Legislative Clerk, Committee on Energy and Commerce, 2125 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515 and e-mailed in Word format to [jessica.wilkerson@mail.house.gov](mailto:jessica.wilkerson@mail.house.gov).

Thank you again for your time and effort preparing and delivering testimony before the Subcommittee.

Sincerely,  


Tim Murphy  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations

cc: Diana DeGette, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations

Attachment

## Attachment — Additional Questions for the Record

### The Honorable Tim Murphy

1. How does a robust and reliable contractor assurance system (a) enhance DOE oversight of high hazard or security sensitive operations and (b) enhance DOE management of M&O contractors?
2. Please explain how GAO's recommendations for DOE and NNSA to improve contractor assurance systems comport with the recommendations of the November 2014 Report of the Congressional Advisory Panel on the Governance of the Nuclear Security Enterprise?
  - a. What particular Panel recommendations will implementation of GAO's recommendations address?
  - b. What other recent work by GAO addresses the advisory panel recommendations?
3. In 2013, the National Academy of Public Administration released a report evaluating DOE's management and oversight of the national labs. Among the report's many conclusions, the Panel recommended that DOE revise its order on Contractor Assurance Systems to provide more explicit guidance designing and implementing mature Contractor Assurance Systems. How will implementation of GAO's recommendations address NAPA's recommendation?