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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Recommendations and Agency Corrective Actions for Office of Inspector General (OIG) Report 'EPA's Radiation and Indoor Environments National Laboratory Should Improve Its Computer Room Security Controls' (Report No. 12-P-0847)

FROM: Elizabeth A Shaw *EAS for*
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TO: Arthur A Elkins, Inspector General
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OIG recommendation # 6: Install a master shutoff valve for the water pipes that flow through the computer room or update the local area network security plan to have the Authorizing Official formally accept the risks of operating the facility without installing the valve.

OAR Revised Corrective Action: OAR accepts the alternative action of not installing the master shut-off valve and accepting the associated risk for the following reasons:

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