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Statement of Comptroller General David M. Walker
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on the National Energy Policy Development Group
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We are aware of the communications between the Vice President's office and Congressman Henry Waxman. We are monitoring all activity pertaining to the National Energy Policy Development Group (NEPDG) and are continuing our outreach to the Congress on this matter. I expect to make a decision on whether to file suit regarding GAO's access to NEPDG records within a month. I will communicate my decision in writing to key Congressional leaders stating what my decision is and the reasons for it.