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GAO STATEMENT CONCERNING LITIGATION

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Today the U.S. General Accounting Office (GAO) filed a dispositive motion with the U.S. District Court in Washington, D.C., in its ongoing suit to obtain records related to the National Energy Policy Development Group (NEPDG). Because only legal issues, rather than facts, are in dispute, GAO has asked the court to resolve the case by summary judgment. GAO and the Justice Department plan to submit a proposed case schedule to the court, and we are hopeful that the litigation will be resolved expeditiously.