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## NRC RECEIVES AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE AND RECOGNITION FOR PERFORMANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY REPORTING

For the seventh consecutive year, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission received a prestigious award recognizing the quality of its annual performance and accountability reporting. The Association of Government Accountants (AGA) awarded the NRC the Certificate of Excellence in Accountability Reporting (CEAR) for its outstanding efforts in preparing the agency's Performance and Accountability Report for Fiscal Year 2007.

At the same time, the Mercatus Center at George Mason University has ranked NRC 4<sup>th</sup> among 24 agencies and one of the most improved from previous years. The Mercatus Center annually issues a scorecard on government agencies' effectiveness in communicating their performance results to the general public. The scorecard rank took into consideration the transparency, public benefits, and forward-looking leadership in the agency's Performance and Accountability Report (PAR). Mercatus also noted easy public access to the PAR on the main page of the NRC's Web site at: <http://www.nrc.gov>.

The Certificate of Excellence is the highest form of recognition in federal government reporting of financial and performance results. In its award letter, AGA commended the NRC for presenting the costs for achieving its two strategic goals – safety and security – in its 2007 report. The report helps the public understand how the NRC allocates resources to regulate commercial nuclear facilities, and oversee the use of radioactive materials to protect public health and safety, and the environment.

“We are honored to receive the CEAR award and Mercatus recognition for the agency's commitment to excellence,” NRC Chief Financial Officer Jim Dyer said. “The NRC Performance and Accountability Report continues to provide the public clear information about the NRC's performance and how its programs are conducted. This award and recognition are the result of the dedication and hard work of the agency's staff.”

NRC is one of 17 federal agencies receiving the AGA Certificate of Excellence in Accountability Reporting that will be recognized in a ceremony on May 21 at the National Press Club.

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