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NRC RECEIVES AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN PERFORMANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY REPORTING

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission received two awards recognizing the quality of its Performance and Accountability Report for Fiscal Year 2003.

The Association of Government Accountants (AGA) awarded the NRC the prestigious Certificate of Excellence in Accountability Reporting for its outstanding efforts in preparing the agency's Performance and Accountability Report for Fiscal Year 2003. This is the third consecutive fiscal year that NRC has received this award.

AGA presents the Certificate of Excellence to Federal government agencies whose Performance and Accountability Reports achieve the highest standards by effectively illustrating and assessing agency performance and the cost of that performance. In a May 12, 2004, letter, AGA complimented NRC "on preparing an informative report that succinctly presents accomplishments for a unique, difficult-to-measure service."

NRC's Chief Financial Officer Jesse L. Funches considers this award an important recognition of the agency's commitment to excellence. "We are very honored to receive this award. Our achievements during the last three years demonstrate how important it is for NRC to provide the public clear, timely and reliable information about its performance and how it runs its programs," he said. "Thanks to the hard work of our staff, NRC continues to demonstrate its commitment to excellence, openness and service."

In addition to this award, the NRC also received high marks on the 5th Annual Performance Report Scorecard, performed by the Mercatus Center at George Mason University. Started in 2000, the Annual Performance Report Scorecard rates and ranks the major departments and agencies on the fullness and accuracy of their Performance and Accountability Reports. In its evaluation of NRC's report for Fiscal Year 2003 (October 1, 2002 to September 30, 2003), the Mercatus Center ranked the agency 7th out of 24 Federal agencies. This represents an improvement from Fiscal Year 2002, when NRC ranked 9th.

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