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The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Performance and Accountability Report for FY 2008 shows the agency has achieved its safety and security performance goals over the past 12 months. The NRC's high-quality service to the public oversees the civilian use and management of radioactive materials and nuclear fuel while protecting public health and safety and the environment, and promoting the security of the nation.

"This report clearly demonstrates that the NRC's financial and performance data are reliable and complete and that the agency has judiciously managed the funds entrusted to it by the American public," said Chairman Dale Klein.

In FY 2008, the NRC continued to provide effective and efficient regulatory oversight of the nuclear industry, including the safe operation of 104 nuclear power plants. The agency's FY 2008 new reactor licensing efforts include active reviews of nine Combined License applications to build and operate 15 new nuclear power plants. These proposed nuclear power plants, if approved and constructed, would be the first new plants built in more than 30 years. This year the NRC also began a full technical review of the U.S. Department of Energy's application to build and operate the nation's first geologic repository for high-level nuclear waste at Yucca Mountain in Nevada.

The NRC has made significant strides in improving its financial systems and business operations, including resolving an issue from the agency's Federal Information Security Management Act audit from FY 2007. The NRC continues to evaluate its internal controls and to implement internal control improvements, including those related to financial reporting and financial management systems, as required by the Federal Managers Financial Integrity Act.

In support of the President's Management Agenda, the NRC works with other Federal agencies to obtain its human resources, payroll, e-Travel, and accounting services. The agency is also integrating and modernizing its financial systems to enhance internal controls, reporting, and decision-making.

The Performance and Accountability Report is available in the lower left-hand corner of the NRC's Web site at: <http://www.nrc.gov>.

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