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## **NRC RANKED BEST PLACE TO WORK IN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOR SECOND TIME**

For the second time in a row, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission has been ranked as the top place to work among large federal agencies. The *2009 Best Places to Work in the Federal Government* rankings were announced today by the Partnership for Public Service and the American University Institute for the Study of Public Policy Implementation. The NRC was awarded first place in 2007 and maintained the highest ranking this year, too.

The NRC, along with others, was recognized in a ceremony today in Washington, D.C., where NRC Commissioner and former Chairman Dale E. Klein accepted the award on behalf of the agency. Dr. Klein said, "This is a very great honor for all the remarkable men and women at the NRC who are committed to our mission of protecting people and the environment. Maintaining this number one ranking for two consecutive surveys is an unprecedented accomplishment that is the result of our managers' and staff's hard work and commitment to meeting the challenge, and thus succeeding in staying on top."

Incoming Chairman Gregory B. Jaczko, who asked Klein to represent the agency at the ceremony added, "The challenge now is to build on this impressive record and see if we can achieve a 'hat trick' by further improving our performance on behalf of the American people. This really is a great place to work and our employees should take pride in this accomplishment."

The NRC has recruited hundreds of additional employees over the past few years to help review 17 applications the agency has received for new reactor licenses. The workforce now totals about 3,800 employees, with half of the staff having been at NRC for less than six years. With this expansion, the agency has developed innovative ways to maintain an employee-friendly workplace and cohesion of its headquarters staff in Rockville, Md., who are now in four different locations.

The *Best Places to Work* rankings are the most comprehensive and authoritative rating and analysis of employee engagement in the federal government. They are compiled by the Partnership using data from the Office of Personnel Management's biannual, government-wide Federal Human Capital Survey. The survey measures employees' perceptions of whether, and to what extent, conditions characterizing successful organizations are present in their agencies. This year 212,000 federal employees responded to the survey.

Agencies are ranked by the Partnership according to factors that create a positive work environment. These factors include effective leadership, work-life balance, training, and pay and benefits. All demographic groups in NRC who completed the survey ranked the agency number 1 in all factors.

Details of the survey can be found at: <http://www.bestplacetowork.org>.

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