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NRC MEETS PERFORMANCE GOALS; ISSUES FY 2010 PERFORMANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has issued its Performance and Accountability Report (PAR) for Fiscal Year 2010, illustrating that the agency has met its safety and security performance goals with regard to regulating the nuclear industry and protecting people and the environment. The NRC achieved these goals by evaluating the performance of its licensees and executing licensing and oversight programs to ensure safe and secure nuclear facilities and materials. The agency is responsible for protecting public health and safety and the environment and promoting the security of the nation.

“I am pleased with our employees’ performance in achieving the agency’s safety and security goals and we look forward to continuing to provide high-quality service to the American people,” said Chairman Gregory B. Jaczko.

Throughout the year, the agency remained vigilant, and demonstrated its continued ability to effectively and efficiently regulate the nuclear industry, including the nation’s 104 nuclear power plants that continue to operate safely. While licensees are responsible for the safe design, construction, and operation of nuclear facilities, the NRC oversees licensees to prevent the occurrence of nuclear reactor accidents, inadvertent criticality events, acute radiation exposures resulting in fatalities, releases of radioactive materials resulting in significant radiation exposures, and releases of radioactive materials that cause significant adverse environmental effects. The PAR did not identify any adverse trends in the overall safety of the industry.

The NRC’s security activities are designed to prevent any instances where licensed radioactive materials are used domestically in a manner hostile to the security of the United States. The NRC met this goal, and also achieved its performance measure targets as well.

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission FY 2010 Performance and Accountability Report can be found on the NRC’s website in the lower left-hand corner at: www.nrc.gov.

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