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The FY 2009 Performance and Accountability Report provides performance results and audited financial statements that enable Congress, the President, and the public to assess the performance of the agency in achieving its mission and stewardship of its resources. The report contains a concise overview, Management's Discussion and Analysis, as well as performance and financial sections. Details of performance results and program evaluations can be found in the Other Accompanying Information section.

## A Message from the Chairman



I am pleased to present the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year (FY) 2009. The report provides key financial and performance information to Congress and the American people. Continuing our trend of excellence in reporting, the NRC received an eighth Certificate of Excellence in Accountability Reporting from the Association of Government Accountants (AGA) for our FY 2008 Performance and Accountability Report.

Our mission of protecting public health and safety, promoting common defense and security, and protecting the environment is critical both to the licensees we regulate and to the public we serve. This reports highlights our achievements in meeting our mission through the agency's two strategic goals of safety and security, while adhering to the principles of good regulation—independence, openness, efficiency, clarity, and reliability.

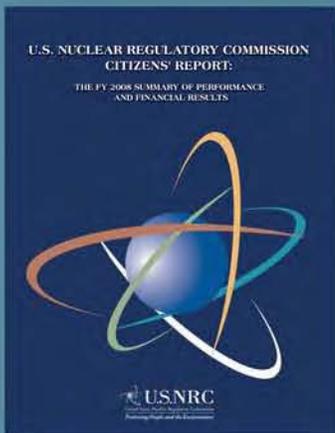
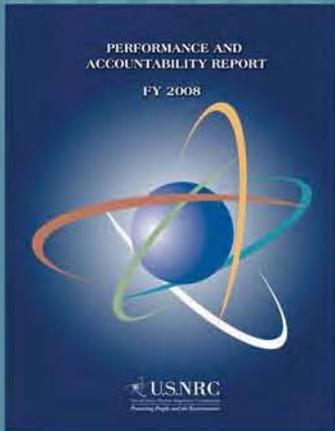
In FY 2009, while the NRC maintained effective and efficient oversight of 104 nuclear power plants through emphasis on strengthening the interrelationship among safety, security, and emergency preparedness, the agency concurrently continued to review the critical safety aspects of new reactor designs, environmental siting, and licensing of new nuclear power plants. The NRC also continued to focus on the safe and secure use of nuclear materials through effective oversight of fuel facilities, uranium recovery sites, decommissioning sites, and nuclear material user licensees. In addition, the agency reviewed new applications, including those for uranium enrichment facilities and uranium recovery, to assure that public health and safety and the environment would be protected.

Commensurate with the NRC's programmatic achievements is a commitment to prudently manage the resources entrusted to it by the American public. 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 (FMFIA) and Federal Information Security Management Act (FISMA). Based on the FMFIA assessments, I have concluded that there is reasonable assurance that the NRC is in substantial compliance with the FMFIA and FISMA. The NRC is pleased to have obtained an unqualified opinion on the agency's financial statements for the sixth consecutive year. This report demonstrates that the agency's financial and performance data are reliable and complete.

The NRC is proud of this year's performance in achieving the agency's safety and security goals and looks forward to continuing its high-quality service to the American public in FY 2010 and beyond.

Gregory B. Jaczko  
Chairman  
November 13, 2009

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