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NRC RANKED BEST PLACE TO WORK IN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission captured the top ranking among large federal agencies in the *2007 Best Places to Work in the Federal Government* rankings announced today by the Partnership for Public Service and the American University Institute for the Study of Public Policy Implementation.

The NRC, along with others, was recognized in a ceremony today in Washington, D.C., where NRC Chairman Dale E. Klein said, "This is a very great honor for all the men and women at the NRC who are committed to our mission to protecting people and the environment. The remarkable dedication and camaraderie at our agency make it a great place to work, and we will work hard to keep it that way."

The NRC is recruiting about 400 employees each year for the next few years because of the expected arrival of close to two dozen applications for new reactor licenses beginning this fall. This ranking, along with new recruiting authority provided by Congress, should assist in the agency's hiring efforts to maintain an innovative and effective workforce.

Rankings are compiled by the Partnership using data from the Office of Management and Budget's 2006 Federal Human Capital Survey. This year, a record 221,000 employees at 283 federal organizations responded. The survey data is analyzed by the Partnership to develop detailed rankings of federal agencies. Agencies are ranked according to employee satisfaction and engagement, plus by 10 workplace categories including effective leadership, strategic management, teamwork, and training and development, plus pay/benefits and work/life balance.

As a result of NRC employee responses to the survey, the NRC ranked number one in eight of 10 categories and scored well above the government-wide average. It ranked consistently higher in three key categories of effective leadership, employee skills/mission match and work/life balance. The NRC also ranked first among all age groups and for black and white employees.

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

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