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The Honorable Gregory B. Jaczko, Chairman  
Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
11555 Rockville Pike  
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Dear Chairman Jaczko;

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) responds to President Obama's twin goals of transparency and accountability by, among other things, issuing each year a Performance and Accountability Report (PAR). (The report is also required by the Reports Consolidation Act.) The Association of Government Accountants (AGA), the 15,000-member professional association for government financial managers, is helping NRC improve the quality and effectiveness of its PAR.

At the request of NRC's chief financial officer and the deputy chief financial officer, AGA established a five person team to review NRC's PAR and provide recommendations for strengthening the report's comprehensiveness, clarity, readability, and usefulness.

NRC has steadily been increasing the reader-friendliness of its PAR. This year, the Management's Discussion and Analysis' description and accompanying schematic of the nuclear industry; how radioactive materials are produced, used, and disposed of; and NRC's role in each step, combined with explanations of technical terms, stimulates readers to want to read and learn more about NRC..

There is always an opportunity for every PAR to become better. Hence, the AGA typically provides several pages of recommendations for improving even the best reports. The recommendations prepared for the NRC have been provided directly to NRC's chief financial officer and deputy chief financial officer.

In addition, I would like to advise you that NRC has been awarded the AGA's prestigious *Certificate of Excellence in Accountability Reporting*. The Certificate of Excellence recognizes outstanding accountability reporting and is the highest form of recognition in Federal government management reporting. Congratulations! NRC has received the *Certificate of Excellence in Accountability Reporting* for nine consecutive years.

We will present the framed Certificate of Excellence to NRC's leadership and the *Award for Excellence in Accountability Reporting* to the persons responsible for preparing the Report at an awards ceremony to be held Wednesday evening, May 26th at the National Press Club. We hope you and your team can join us for the special recognition. More information about this special event will be transmitted shortly. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 703.684.6931 x 312.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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