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The Honorable Gregory B. Jaczko, Chairman
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Dear Chairman Jaczko:

On behalf of the AGA's Certificate of Excellence in Accountability Reporting Board of Directors, I would like to congratulate the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for preparing an excellent 2010 Performance and Accountability Report and Summary of Performance and Financial Information. We are honored to acknowledge NRC's outstanding efforts by awarding 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.

NRC's Performance and Accountability Report is interesting and informative, with several parts standing out. Examples are the visibility, simplicity, and directness of Internet links that make considerable additional information available to the report's readers; the description of the nuclear industry and the nuclear fuel cycle, underscoring the role NRC fills; the candid presentation of future challenges NRC faces; and the succinct, highly readable Summary of Performance and Financial Information

There is always an opportunity for a PAR to become even better. Hence, the AGA typically provides several pages of recommendations for improving even the best reports. The recommendations prepared for NRC have been provided directly to NRC's Chief Financial Officer J.E. Dyer and Deputy Chief Financial Officer Milton Brown.

The recommendations reflect that the Performance and Accountability Report and Summary of Performance and Financial Information represent a product of the entire agency. Several comments apply to portions of the report prepared by the Inspector General. Since the Inspector General is a part of NRC, we expect he too wants to improve NRC's accountability and transparency. Hence, we assume the comments pertaining to the Inspector General, if not all the comments, will be provided to him, and that NRC's response to the comments submitted with its FY 2011 report will reflect his actions in regard to the comments pertaining to the Inspector General (rather than a comment that the Inspector General is independent of the agency).

Again, we are proud to award NRC the recognition its hard work deserves. Hopefully, with your sustained leadership and commitment, the NRC PAR will continue this series of awards and serve as a model for excellent reporting by other agencies.



The AGA will present the framed Certificate of Excellence in Accountability Reporting to you 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 25th 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Relmond P. Van Daniker". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'R' and 'V'.

Relmond P. Van Daniker
Executive Director

CC: J.E. Dyer, Chief Financial Officer, Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Milton Brown, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Nuclear Regulatory Commission