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NRC A TOP PERFORMER IN GOVERNMENT SURVEY

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission – consistently a top performer in government employee surveys – has again earned high marks.

The independent agency, ranked No. 1 in four broad assessment categories in a recent Office of Personnel Management (OPM) survey, was second in a ranking of 33 large agencies by the Partnership for Public Service.

The Partnership uses a subset of the OPM data on which to base its "Best Place to Work" in the federal government, focusing on organizational improvement. The NRC won that award for the past three times it was conferred by the Partnership.

"We knew this day would come eventually because it's hard to stay in front with so much tough competition, but we take pride in the fact the agency's employees have performed so exceptionally well in a very difficult year," said NRC Chairman Gregory B. Jaczko. "After three times at the top, we have an opportunity to work our way back up, and the climb is not too high."

The NRC, which has about 4,000 employees, recently came out ahead of all other agencies in OPM's Federal Employee Viewpoint Survey, exceeding by wide margins the broader government-wide performance in the areas of leadership and knowledge management, talent management, results-oriented performance culture and job satisfaction.

"I want to thank the NRC managers and staff for their ongoing dedication to this agency's important public health and public safety mission," said Jaczko. "We are proud to be a part of the federal family and appreciate the work the Office of Personnel Management and the Partnership for Public Service do to recognize the efforts and commitment of civil servants across the federal government."

The Partnership's *Best Places to Work* rankings are determined by the Partnership and uses OPM's survey data which measures employees' perceptions of whether, and to what extent, conditions characterizing successful organizations are present in their agencies. This year more than 266,376 federal employees government-wide responded to the survey. Some 69 percent of NRC employees responded to the survey against 49 percent across the government.

The NRC, created by Congress in 1974 and headquartered in Rockville, Md., is responsible for regulating and overseeing the safety of commercial nuclear reactors and the safe use of radioactive materials. It has regional offices outside of Philadelphia, in Atlanta, and near Chicago and Dallas.

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