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NRC ISSUES SUMMARY OF AGENCY PERFORMANCE AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR 2011

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has issued its report, NRC Summary of Performance and Financial Information, Fiscal Year 2011, also called the Citizen's Report. The report summarizes the agency's performance in carrying out its mission to protect people and the environment through the regulation of nuclear power and use of nuclear material. It provides key financial and performance information for Congress and the American people to assess how well the agency has carried out its mission.

In FY 2011, the NRC provided effective and efficient oversight of 104 nuclear power plants across the country, placing continued emphasis on strengthening the interrelationship among safety, security, and emergency preparedness. The agency continued to review all safety aspects of new reactor designs, environmental impacts, and combined license applications for the construction of new nuclear power plants.

Following the Japan earthquake and tsunami on March 11, 2011, and the subsequent nuclear crisis at the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear complex, the NRC formed a task force to review the Japan events and develop a comprehensive set of recommendations to enhance the safety of U.S. nuclear power plants. The agency continues this work, addressing additional safety challenges while continuing to focus on its regular responsibilities.

The NRC also remained focused 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. The agency issued licenses for a new uranium enrichment facility and two uranium recovery facilities, while continuing to review other applications to ensure that public health, safety and the environment continue to be protected.

The NRC Summary of Performance and Financial Information, Fiscal Year 2011 Report (NUREG-1542, Volume 17, Supplement 1), is available on the NRC <u>website</u>. The detailed NRC Performance and Accountability Report was issued in November 2011.

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