



April 15, 2016

The Honorable Stephen G. Burns, Chairman
Nuclear Regulatory Commission

Dear Chairman Burns:

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 its 2014 Performance and Accountability Report (PAR) and Summary of Performance and Financial Information. We are honored to acknowledge NRC's 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 has received the Certificate of Excellence in Accountability Reporting for fifteen consecutive years.

NRC continues to issue a comprehensive Performance and Accountability Report and Summary of Performance and Financial Information that clearly demonstrates how it assures the safe and secure use of nuclear materials and manages its resources. The report is also a leader in using graphics to depict the manner in which its constituency operates and the NRC's role in that process.

However, it is always possible to improve a Performance and Accountability Report and Summary of Performance and Financial Information. Hence, the program provides recommendations each year for improving the manner in which information is presented, eliminating reporting deficiencies, making the reports more useful for the readers, and correcting editorial problems.

The recommendations prepared for NRC have been provided this year directly to NRC's David Holley. It should be noted that substantial time and effort has been expended by the reviewers to prepare the recommendations. They are intended to be constructive. If any are not appropriate for implementation, there should be a reasonable explanation.

Also, since the reports are an agency product and there are portions provided by the Inspector General, the recommendations for these portions should be shared with the Office of Inspector General to improve the PAR's accountability and transparency. The Inspector General's actions to address these recommendations should be included in the response accompanying the transmittal of next year's report to the CEAR program.

Again, we are proud to award NRC the recognition its hard work deserves. Hopefully, with your sustained leadership and commitment, NRC's Performance and Accountability Report and Summary of Performance and Financial Information 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 reports 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 211.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ann M. Ebberts". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "A" and "E".

Ann M. Ebberts
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Dear Chairman Burns:

Congratulations on receiving the CEAR award! This is the **15th** year that **the Nuclear Regulatory Commission** has received the CEAR award. Your **PAR** shows **NRC's** commitment to excellence in accountability reporting.

In early May, you will receive an invitation to attend the CEAR black tie award dinner that recognizes the awardees of the Certificate. The dinner is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 25, 2016**, at the National Press Club. As in the past, your report may also receive one of the special awards that will be announced at the dinner.

Again our congratulations!

Best,

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