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The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Performance and Accountability Report for FY 2009 shows the agency has achieved its safety and security performance goals over the past 12 months. The NRC serves the public by overseeing the civilian use and management of radioactive materials and nuclear fuel while protecting public health and safety and the environment, and promoting the security of the nation.

"This report clearly demonstrates that the NRC's financial and performance data are reliable and relevant," said Chairman Gregory B. Jaczko.

In FY 2009, the NRC continued to provide effective and efficient regulatory oversight of the nuclear industry, including the safe operation of 104 nuclear power plants, and the safe and secure use of nuclear materials. It continued its active review of 17 new applications for 26 reactors across the country.

Safety is the primary goal of the NRC, and it achieves this goal by ensuring the performance of licensees meets or exceeds acceptable safety levels. The NRC achieved its strategic outcomes by preventing the occurrence of any nuclear reactor accidents, inadvertent criticality events, acute radiation exposures resulting in fatalities, releases of radioactive materials that result in significant radiations exposures and releases of radioactive materials that cause significant adverse environmental impacts.

The NRC remains vigilant in ensuring the security of nuclear facilities and materials in an elevated threat environment. The NRC achieved its strategic goal by preventing any instances of licensed radioactive materials being used domestically in a manner hostile to the security of the United States.

The NRC has made significant strides in improving its financial systems, business operations, and internal control program. The agency received an unqualified audit opinion on our FY 2009 Financial Statements, with no significant deficiencies or non-compliances with laws and regulations noted.

The Performance and Accountability Report is available in the lower left-hand corner of the NRC's Web site at: <http://www.nrc.gov>.

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