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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION RECEIVES TWO COMMUNITY AWARDS FROM MONTGOMERY COUNTY

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission received an award from the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce as its Public Sector Partner of the Year and an award from the County for the second consecutive year for leadership and efforts in recycling, waste reduction, and use of recycled products.

The Chamber recognizes local, state or national governmental organizations making a positive impact on Montgomery County and its business community. The NRC, employing 3,000 employees in Montgomery County, was honored for its exemplary employer practices, having captured the top spot among large agencies for three consecutive years as the best place to work in government. Conducted by the Partnership for Public Service, the *Best Places to Work* rankings are the most comprehensive and authoritative rating and analysis of employee satisfaction and commitment in the federal government. NRC ranked first in leadership, pay and work-life balance for large agencies.

“We are pleased to accept these awards from our good neighbors in Montgomery County,” said Chairman Gregory B. Jaczko. “Agency employees are dedicated to our mission of protecting public health and safety and are proud to do so in a community that provides such an outstanding quality of life for our staff.”

The NRC recycles paper, aluminum, tin, steel cans, glass, plastic bottles, newspaper, cardboard, laser toner cartridges, ink jet cartridges, and batteries. Revenue from recycling is used to provide tuition assistance for children of staff to attend the onsite Childcare Center and for all-employee events. In addition, NRC uses an electronic system for recordkeeping and communications that helps reduce the use of paper; donates computer equipment to area schools; and transfers hundreds of thousands of pounds of excess furniture and other equipment to the General Services Administration for appropriate reuse or resale. The agency also requires purchase of products with the highest content of recycled material practicable and services that are environmentally friendly.

The NRC was created as an independent agency by Congress in 1974 to ensure the safe use of radioactive materials for beneficial civilian purposes while making sure that people and the environment are protected. The agency regulates commercial nuclear power plants and other uses of nuclear materials, such as in nuclear medicine, through licensing, inspection and enforcement of its requirements.

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