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NRO achieves unmatched 14th clean financial audit

CHANTILLY, Va. – For the 14th straight year, the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) achieved an unmodified opinion (clean audit) for fiscal year 2022 from independent auditors on its annual financial statements.

"The NRO's 14th consecutive clean audit is an unparalleled achievement within the intelligence community," said Dr. Chris Scolese, director of the NRO. "It is a testament to the integrity of our team and the meticulous attention to detail we apply to all of our operations. As always, we remain committed to earning the public's trust as responsible stewards of taxpayer dollars."

An unmodified or clean audit means that the financial statements present fairly the financial position and the results of the organization's operations in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

The effective management of NRO resources is an important indicator of the strong financial health of the organization. It also provides assurance to partners, stakeholders, and overseers that NRO will reliably and consistently deliver on its mission.

"This 14th clean audit is an exceptional milestone for the NRO," said Chief Financial Officer and Director of the NRO's Business and Plans Operations Directorate Heidi Smith. "It reflects a fully collaborative effort and dedication to excellence at all levels of the organization."

The NRO Office of the Inspector General contracted with the independent public accounting firm Kearney & Company to conduct the annual audit of financial statements. Kearney evaluated the reliability of financial data supporting financial statements, the accuracy of the statements, and the accuracy of footnote disclosures in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the U.S., as well as guidance issued by the Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board and the Office of Management and Budget.

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