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**NRO Achieves 16th Consecutive Clean Audit**  
***Demonstrates Fiscal Accountability and Operational Efficiency***

CHANTILLY, Va. — For the 16th year in a row, the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) has earned an unmodified opinion—commonly known as a clean audit—on its fiscal year 2024 financial statements. This distinction, awarded by independent auditors, underscores the NRO's continued commitment to sound financial management and transparency.

An unmodified audit opinion signifies that NRO's financial statements fairly and accurately represent its financial position and operational results, in full compliance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

"NRO's 16th consecutive clean audit highlights our unwavering commitment to fiscal accountability and operational excellence," said Dr. Chris Scolese, director of the NRO. "This achievement not only reinforces our financial integrity but also strengthens our ability to invest efficiently in innovation, ensuring the security and resilience of our nation's intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance capabilities."

The NRO's consistent success in securing clean audits serves as a testament to its effective management of taxpayer resources. It assures stakeholders, including partners and Congressional oversight that the NRO remains dedicated to maintaining sound fiscal practices while meeting its critical mission requirements.

"Achieving a clean audit is a direct reflection of NRO's financial stewardship," said Heidi Smith, chief financial officer and director of the NRO's Business and Plans Operations Directorate. "It speaks to our ability to manage resources efficiently, optimize operations, and drive long-term sustainable growth while maintaining a focus on the fiscal health of the agency."

This clean audit reinforces the NRO's strong financial foundation, ensuring it is well-positioned to continue delivering on its mission with responsibility and excellence.

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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