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Engineering Office

SUBJECT: Letter of Appreciation

Mr. Bruce Jorgensen U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission 801 Warrenville Road Lisle, Illinois 60532-4351

Dear Mr. Jorgensen:

I would like to express my personal and sincere appreciation for you and your Agency's participation in the recent Public Availability Session held at Lake City Army Ammunition Plant on July 26, 2001. This event, primarily to provide a forum for the public to discuss the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) Public Health Assessment, was critical to our overall strategy for communicating with the public.

As you know, you and representatives from a wide range of federal, state and local government organizations responded to any conceivable question or concern the public generated. I feel that the "big picture" view and the diversity of expertise available were ideally suited for the issue at hand - responding to public health concerns.

The level of objectivity and degree of professionalism at the affair was inspiring. Representing your organization, you were instrumental in helping to communicate our comprehensive safety, health, environmental protection and environmental remediation programs and helping us to further our positive and trusting relationship with the public.

As public servants and as Agency representatives, we are compelled to provide the best that we have to offer to each citizen and, collectively; we accomplished that objective in an exemplary fashion. I am proud to have been part of that effort.

Again, a most sincere thanks for your individual support to a collective mission.

Sincerely,

Ronald P. Alberto

Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army

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