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Mr. Paul Lohaus  
 Director  
 Office of State and Tribal Programs  
 U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission - Room 03C10  
 Washington, DC 20555

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Re: Integrated Materials Performance Evaluation Program

Dear Mr. Lohaus:

Thank you for participating in the 2004 Innovations in American Government competition, and I greatly appreciate your active participation in the press announcement of the Top 50 programs. We received significant publicity and disseminated great stories of government's effectiveness with the public, which desperately needs to hear such stories.

I am sorry to inform you that your program was not included among the fifteen finalists. This decision in no way reflects on the merits and contributions of your program. The quality and diversity of the applicants greatly impressed our reviewers, whose selection decisions were very difficult. Your application materials were strong, well written, and thoroughly prepared.

On behalf of our reviewers and Harvard University, the members of the Innovations staff and I strongly commend your initiative. We wish you and your staff continued success, and we urge you to consider reapplying in a future year. Applications for the 2005 Awards will be available in the late spring.

In April, we will announce the fifteen finalists on our website. The five winners of the Innovations Award will be announced in July. In the meantime, if you have specific questions, please feel free to contact a member of the Innovations staff or me at (617) 495-0557.

Thank you again for participating in the Innovations competition, and best wishes for continued success in your work.

Sincerely,

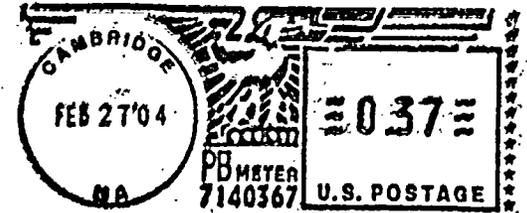
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