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Dear Mr. Chin:

I understand that you are planning to retire from Federal service in early February. I would like to take this opportunity to commend you on this distinguished accomplishment and to thank you for the excellent job you've done the past 5 years to improve and maintain the high level of radiological emergency preparedness (REP) in the areas surrounding the Diablo Canyon, San Onofre and Palo Verde power reactors.

The NRC has always valued its partnerships with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) in order to protect the health and safety of the public living near the reactors. Your service with first, FEMA and later, DHS has substantially appreciated the value of these partnerships. You have consistently supported NRC activities by your attendance at the annual training outreach and planning (TOP) workshops, the pre-exercise outreach sessions and even the various public meetings held to address emergency preparedness issues, among others.

Earning and maintaining public confidence for the REP effort at some of these sites has been a challenge at times; however, we feel we have achieved a respectable level of success in this area. Your contribution to this success cannot be overlooked.

It has been a pleasure working with you these past 5 years. We at the NRC wish you well in your post-retirement pursuits and look forward to working with your successor. We hope that he or she is as enthusiastic and cooperative as you have been.

Sincerely,

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