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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

REGION III  
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December 21, 2015

Mr. Jered Shofner, Sheriff  
DeWitt County, Illinois  
101 West Washington Street  
Clinton, IL 61727

SUBJECT: LETTER OF APPRECIATION

Dear Sheriff Shofner:

During the week of November 16, 2015, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission hosted counterparts from the Government of Japan to observe and have technical discussions on the Clinton Hostile Action Based (HAB) Exercise. The exchange was held under the scope of the United States-Japan Bilateral Commission on Civil Nuclear Cooperation (BLC). The BLC was created in 2012 by President Obama and then Prime Minister Noda to expand bilateral cooperation on civil nuclear energy, including nuclear regulation, decontamination of Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station, nuclear research and development, non-proliferation, security, and emergency response. The discussions, exercise observation, and site tours provided a unique opportunity to address a wide number of related nuclear safety and security topics and share best practices between the two countries.

Your generous support and hospitality, including your presentation, tour of the Incident Command Post, and providing direct observation opportunities for three counterparts and their escorts during the exercise, exceeded our expectations. Your personal support and that of Chief Deputy Michael Walker and your staff were instrumental in achieving this success. The counterparts expressed appreciation and noted your generosity and highly capable and effective command and control of the Incident Command Post.

In closing, we appreciate the contribution that the DeWitt County Sheriff's Office made to our effort in support of the BLC. If your future activities would benefit from our involvement, please

J. Shofner

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contact Harral Logaras, Region III Government Liaison Specialist with your request at (630) 829-9659.

Sincerely,

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