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Mr. Jared Thompson, Manager
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Dear Mr. Thompson:

On behalf of your friends and colleagues at the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), I wish you the very best in your upcoming retirement. I want to personally recognize your over 33 years of faithful and exceptional public service to the State of Arkansas and your countless contributions to the Organization of Agreement States (OAS), the Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors (CRCPD), and the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

Your accomplishments are extensive, and your presence has been impactful. We benefited from your leadership and participation on the Executive Boards for the OAS and CRCPD. In addition to serving as Chair for the CRCPD's E-42 Task Force Review of the Technologically Enhanced Naturally Occurring Radioactive Materials in the oil and gas industry and presenting at the International Atomic Energy Agency conference, you were instrumental in a range of important activities including, the FDA's National Mammography Quality Awareness Advisory Committee, the NRC's Portable Gauge Rulemaking Working Group, the NRC's Materials Security Working Group and the Fingerprinting Working Group, and the Interagency Task Force on Radiation Source Protection and Security. In addition, you served on the National Source Tracking System (NSTS) Expansion Rulemaking, NSTS and Web-Based Licensing, and the Naturally Occurring and Accelerator-Produced Radioactive Materials Rulemaking Steering Committees. You made one of the first presentations at the National Materials Program Champion's Chat on event response. Your professional accolades, including the FDA Commissioner's Special Citation for Implementation of the Mammography Quality Standards Act of 1992, the 2011 OAS Hall of Fame Award, the CRCPD Board of Directors Award for Meritorious Service, and the Gerald S. Parker Award of Merit, are very well-deserved.

Please take pride in knowing that your tireless efforts have significantly enhanced our State and Federal partnership. I am grateful for your efforts to ensure high standards of quality in radiation protection programs across the nation and internationally and for your commitment to fostering a positive working relationship among the NRC, OAS, CRCPD, and FDA. I wish you and your family happiness and good fortune throughout your retirement. Enjoy the time with your grandkids.

Sincerely,



John W. Lubinski, Director
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