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The Honorable James Richard Perry  
Secretary of Energy  
U.S. Department of Energy  
1000 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC 20585-1000

Dear Secretary Perry:

The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board is pleased to recognize that Mr. Nicholas A. Balsmeier of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Idaho Operations Office was named 2016 DOE Facility Representative of the Year at the recent Nuclear and Facility Safety Programs Workshop. Mr. Balsmeier's high quality, professional, and effective oversight contributed significantly to operational safety at the Idaho site's Advanced Mixed Waste Treatment Project and Radioactive Waste Management Complex, a pair of Hazard Category 2 nuclear facilities. The challenges in overseeing these high-hazard facilities and operations make him well deserving of this professional honor. We join you in acknowledging the important contributions made by all DOE facility representatives, and extend our sincerest congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Balsmeier.

Sincerely,  
  
Sean Sullivan  
Chairman

c: Mr. John P. Zimmerman  
Mr. Nicholas A. Balsmeier  
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