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The Honorable Ernest J. Moniz
Secretary of Energy
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
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Dear Secretary Moniz:

The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (Board) is pleased to recognize that Mr. Christopher D. Fischahs of the Los Alamos Field Office was recently honored as the recipient of the 2013 Department of Energy (DOE) Annual Safety System Oversight Award. Mr. Fischahs's hard work and dedication in identifying implementation issues with safety basis requirements and providing oversight that resulted in improvements in operational safety make him well deserving of this personal honor. The Board and its staff join you and your site managers in acknowledging the importance of the contributions made by DOE's safety system oversight personnel, and we extend our sincerest congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Fischahs.

This was the fifth year in which DOE formally recognized safety system oversight personnel for their important contributions to the operational safety of nuclear facilities. The Board encourages DOE to continue enhancing and strengthening the safety system oversight program. This key technical resource for overseeing contractor management of safety systems at nuclear facilities ensures that those systems will perform when needed and as required.

Sincerely,

Peter S. Winokur, Ph.D.
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