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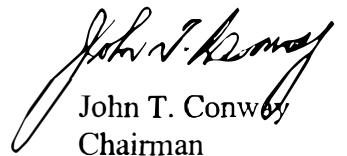
The Honorable Spencer Abraham
Secretary of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585-1000

Dear Secretary Abraham:

The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (Board) is pleased to recognize that Ms. Joanne Lorence of the Los Alamos Site Office has been honored recently as the 2003 Department of Energy (DOE) Facility Representative of the Year. The Board Members and staff join you and your site managers in recognizing the importance of the contributions to facility safety made by the DOE Facility Representatives and add our congratulations and best wishes to Ms. Lorence.

This year's workshop, which featured extensive sharing of lessons learned among Facility Representatives, demonstrated the continued growth and maturity of the Facility Representative community and its strong program leadership. The Board encourages DOE to continue enhancing and strengthening the Facility Representative Program.

Sincerely,


John T. Conway
Chairman

c: Mr. Mark B. Whitaker, Jr.
Ms. Joanne Lorence