The Honorable Ernest J. Moniz  
Secretary of Energy  
U.S. Department of Energy  
1000 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC 20585-1000

Dear Secretary Moniz:

The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board is pleased to recognize that Mr. Joshua Allen of the Richland Operations Office was recently honored at the Nuclear and Facility Safety Programs Workshop as the 2014 Department of Energy (DOE) Facility Representative of the Year. Mr. Allen’s hard work and effective oversight contributed significantly to the safety of operations at Hanford’s solid waste complex, a challenging group of transuranic waste facilities and operations to oversee, making him well deserving of this personal honor. We join you and your site managers in acknowledging the important contributions made by all of the DOE facility representatives. We extend our sincerest congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Allen.

This year’s workshop again featured extensive sharing of experiences and lessons learned among the facility representatives. As in past years, it was outstanding and served to demonstrate the continued growth and maturity of the facility representative community and its strong program leadership. We encourage DOE to continue supporting and strengthening the facility representative program to maintain its role as one of the most effective contributors to nuclear facility safety.

Sincerely,

[Vice Chairman's Signature]

Jessie H. Roberson  
Vice Chairman

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