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The Honorable Jennifer M. Granholm
Secretary of Energy
US Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585-1000

Dear Secretary Granholm:

The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (Board) is pleased to recognize that the Department of Energy (DOE) has awarded Mr. Thomas Temple of the Savannah River Operations Office (DOE-SR) the 2022 Annual Safety System Oversight (SSO) Award.

Mr. Temple provided essential safety oversight to the Savannah River Site Liquid Waste Mission, supporting efforts to accelerate closure of waste tanks and process high-level radioactive liquid waste. His nuclear safety expertise was instrumental in the review, revision, and approval of the safety basis documents supporting the Defense Waste Processing Facility transition to the Glycolic Acid-Nitric Acid flowsheet, which represents a significant safety improvement to liquid waste operations. Mr. Temple's focus on mentoring and training new employees is also noteworthy. Based on these and other accomplishments, Mr. Temple is well deserving of this professional honor.

The Board also recognizes DOE-SR leadership for supporting Mr. Temple and promoting nuclear safety.

The Board joins DOE and its field office managers in acknowledging the importance of contributions made by all DOE's SSO engineers and extends its sincerest congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Temple. The Board invites Mr. Temple to meet with its executives during his next visit to the Washington, DC, area.

Sincerely,


Joyce L. Connery
Chair

c: Mr. Michael D. Budney
Mr. Thomas Temple
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