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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. Tom Kohler of the U.S. Department of Energy Savannah River Operations Office was named 2017 DOE Facility Representative of the Year at the recent Nuclear and Facility Safety Programs Workshop.

Mr. Kohler's exceptional leadership and technical competence drove significant improvements in the safety of operations at H Canyon and other Savannah River Site nuclear facilities. The challenges in overseeing these high-hazard nuclear facilities and operations make him well deserving of this professional honor.

We join you and your field office managers in acknowledging the important contributions made by all DOE facility representatives, and we extend our sincerest congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Kohler.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bruce Hamilton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "H".

Bruce Hamilton  
Acting Chairman

c: Mr. Michael Budney  
Mr. Tom Kohler  
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