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Mr. Richard Verhaagen
Manager, Fermi Site Office
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Dear Mr. Verhaagen,

The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board congratulates you on being selected as the manager of the Department of Energy's Fermi Site Office. We appreciate the tremendous contributions to nuclear safety that you have brought to the Department of Energy's nuclear weapons complex during your service as a member of our staff and with the National Nuclear Security Administration. We know that you will continue to strive for excellence in safety in your new endeavors and wish you well.

Sincerely,

Joyce L. Connery
Chair

c: Mr. Joe Olencz