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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:

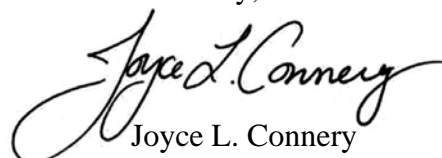
The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (Board) is pleased to recognize that the Department of Energy (DOE) has named Mr. Jason Clough of the Office of Nuclear Energy, Idaho Operations Office (NE-ID), as the 2023 Facility Representative of the Year.

In 2023, Mr. Clough routinely demonstrated his ability to engage on and provide superior technical input on difficult issues. He provided effective oversight of the safety of operations at the Advanced Test Reactor (ATR), including significant leadership in completing critical tasks during ATR restart activities. Mr. Clough used his strong nuclear safety background to evaluate seismic safety issues with the ATR's uninterruptable power supply and the primary coolant piping system. He also identified a case in which contract personnel were uncertain about implementation of safety controls for a cask movement that resulted in a "safety pause."

The Board also recognizes NE-ID leadership for supporting Mr. Clough and promoting nuclear safety at Idaho National Laboratory.

The Board joins DOE and its field office managers in acknowledging the important contributions made by the DOE facility representatives and extends its sincerest congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Clough. The Board invites Mr. Clough to meet with its executives during his next visit to the Washington, DC, area.

Sincerely,


Joyce L. Connery
Chair

c: Mr. Lance Lacroix, Manager, Idaho Operations Office
Mr. Jason Clough, Facility Representative, Idaho Operations Office
Mr. Joe Olencz, Director, Office of the Departmental Representative to the Board