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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. Nino Travljanin of Savannah River Operations Office (DOE-SR) as the 2023 Safety System Oversight Engineer of the Year.

In 2023, Mr. Travljanin demonstrated superior leadership and technical safety oversight at the Salt Waste Processing Facility (SWPF), the Saltstone Production and Disposal Facility, and the Effluent Treatment Facility at the Savannah River Site. He completed three vital safety system assessments, ensured that the contractor declared a potential inadequacy in the safety analysis for a purge calculation error, and completed a safety evaluation report for a SWPF transfer that simplified operations. Mr. Travljanin's knowledge and skilled safety oversight have contributed significantly to the ongoing safety and operational readiness of the liquid waste mission at the Savannah River Site.

The Board also recognizes DOE-SR leadership for supporting Mr. Travljanin and promoting nuclear safety at the Savannah River Site.

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

Sincerely,

Joyce L. Connery
Chair

c: Mr. Michael D. Budney, Manager, Savannah River Operations Office
Mr. Nino Travljanin, Safety System Oversight Engineer, Savannah River Operations Office
Mr. Joe Olencz, Director, Office of the Departmental Representative to the Board