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The Honorable Steven Chu  
Secretary of Energy  
U.S. Department of Energy  
1000 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC 20585-1000

Dear Secretary Chu:

The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (Board) is pleased to recognize that Mr. Stanley A. Watkins of the Y-12 Site Office was recently honored as the 2008 Department of Energy (DOE) Facility Representative of the Year. The Board and its staff join you and your site managers in recognizing the importance of the contributions made by the DOE Facility Representatives, and we extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Watkins.

This year's workshop, which featured extensive sharing of success stories and lessons learned among Facility Representatives was excellent, and served to demonstrate the continued growth and maturity of the Facility Representative community and its strong program leadership. The Board encourages DOE to continue enhancing and strengthening the Facility Representative program as a model for the development of one of the most effective cadres of technically proficient contributors to facility safety.

Sincerely,

A. J. Eggenberger  
Chairman

c: Mr. Theodore D. Sherry  
Mr. Stanley A. Watkins  
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