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Dr. Lura J. Powell
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Dear Dr. Powell:

I would like to congratulate you and all the employees of the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL) on the decision that you be awarded recognition as a GOLD STAR participant under the Department of Energy Voluntary Protection Program (DOE-VPP).

Your commitment to safety and health excellence has been demonstrated in that PNNL has established a very strong safety culture, wherein both managers and workers share a common belief that all employees are both responsible and accountable for safety and health in the workplace.

By separate correspondence, I have notified Mr. Keith A. Klein, Manager, Richland Operations Office, of this decision. Also, I will be forwarding the Certificate of Achievement and the GOLD STAR flag to him as the senior departmental official for the site and ask that he present it to PNNL. As is the custom, if you desire a formal awards ceremony, please advise the Richland Operations Office point-of-contact for DOE-VPP and we will support them and participate in that activity.

Again, please convey my congratulations to all the PNNL employees for a job "well done. With best regards and hope for your continued success, I remain,

Sincerely,



Harry Pettengill, Ph.D.
Director
Office of Regulatory Liaison