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ATTENTION OF:

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
U.S. ARMY ENGINEER DISTRICT, ALASKA
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6 November 2009

District Engineer

Attn: Mr. Michael Fall
Unit Company
620 East Whitney Road
Anchorage, AK 99501

Dear Mr. Fall:

The Alaska District Celebrate Safety Committee has evaluated several outstanding nomination packages for safety performance during 2009. After reviewing the packages, the Committee has selected Unit Company to receive a 2009 Safety Performance Award.

Unit's accident frequency rate of zero lost hours, based on over 74,000 worker-hours, is a commendable achievement for the work performed on contract W911KB-08-C-0004, Missile Field 2 Site Development, Phase III.

The scope for this project consisted of site work to include grading, drainage, road construction, fence installation, and construction of underground utilities, as well as utilidors, communications duct banks, and HEMP shielded electrical duct banks. Additionally, the project included construction of an electronic security system consisting of camera towers with microwave and infrared detectors, fence detection sensors, and taut wire fencing.

The hazards associated with the work included heavy equipment usage, electrical work, and extensive excavations. In addition to these hazards, the most unique aspect of the project was that a significant portion of the work was performed within the missile launch hazard zone of an active missile field, which required all of your site workers to evacuate from the launch zone to the safe zone within three minutes. This requirement was complicated by the fact that you had to construct 1400 feet of utilidor with a bottom elevation 25 feet below grade. You demonstrated flawlessly the evacuation of all workers during several unannounced drills at the project site.

Additionally, the work was performed in an area where numerous other contractors were also performing construction activities with a significant amount of heavy equipment being utilized. Also noteworthy is the fact that during a recent unannounced Federal OSHA inspection at the Missile Defense Complex, they found no deficiencies at your site. Your company was the only one during that inspection that had no citations or warnings.

Through your management's commitment to take ownership of safety on the project, your firm has been able to exceed our overall safety goal.

The Alaska District commends your entire project team, specifically Sandi Billingsley, Project Manager; Ray Shannon, Superintendent; Ray Carter, Quality Control Systems Manager; Dave Kinnison, Electrical-Mechanical Quality Control; Tom Miller and Brad Hammond, Site Safety and Health Officers; for their efforts in achieving this exemplary safety record.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Reinhard W. Koenig".

Reinhard W. Koenig
Colonel, Corps of Engineers
District Commander