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Mr. Robert McGinn  
Minneapolis / St. Paul Field Federal Safety and Health Council  
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service  
5600 West American Boulevard  
Bloomington, MN 55437

Dear Mr. McGinn:

I want to congratulate you on the Minneapolis/St. Paul Field Federal Safety and Health Council's selection for the Secretary's Notable Recognition Award for calendar year 2011. The Council is very worthy of this recognition for its accomplishments and outreach activities toward promoting safety and health in the Federal workplace.

The Minneapolis/St. Paul Field Federal Safety and Health Council, which covers a Federal population of 10,000 to 20,000 employees, has been identified by the Secretary of Labor as a Council that exemplifies the purpose and objectives of Field Federal Councils. The Council has created an environment at the local level in which you have provided a cooperative exchange of information and mutual assistance to the Federal community.

You and your fellow Council members play an important role in assuring a safe and healthful work environment at Federal worksites. The Council provides an excellent forum to facilitate the exchange of ideas leading to the reduction of occupational injuries and illnesses. Your members, through seminars, training, workshops, and presentations, have disseminated information about occupational safety and health issues.

Mr. Mark Hysell, OSHA Area Director in Eau Claire, WI, will be presenting you with an official U.S. Department of Labor award in recognition of your Council's performance. Thank you and congratulations to you and your fellow Council members for their hard work in contributing to the success of your Council's outreach activities. Councils are a dynamic forum for sharing knowledge, ideas, and expertise among participating agencies.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nick A. Walters".

Nick A. Walters  
Regional Administrator

cc: Mark Hysell, Area Director, Eau Claire Area Office