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Mr. W.T. "Chip" Hough  
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Corpus Christi, Texas 78408

Dear Mr. Hough:

I am pleased to inform you that the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has approved your participation in the Star Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) within the Corpus Christi, San Antonio, and Austin, Texas Designated Geographic Area (DGA). Please accept my congratulations on this noteworthy achievement. You have joined an elite group of organizations that provide exemplary occupational safety and health protection and serve as models for others. Important VPP information and a copy of the VPP Onsite Evaluation Report recommending your approval are enclosed.

Your qualification for OSHA's premiere recognition program is a testament to the efforts you and your employees have made to develop and implement VPP-quality safety and health management programs. OSHA has learned that this programs approach to employee protection can save lives, reduce injuries and illnesses, and promote cooperation and communication in the workplace. We encourage you to educate and mentor others in the benefits of effectively managing employee safety and health.

On behalf of OSHA, I extend my thanks to you and your employees for your commitment to excellence, the VPP, and the principle of continuous improvement. I look forward to hearing about your ongoing safety and health endeavors and successes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David Michaels", written over a horizontal line.

David Michaels, PhD, MPH

Enclosures