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Dear Mr. Cooke:

I was delighted to learn from your OSHA Challenge Administrator, Susan Herbert of Defense Logistics Agency, that you have successfully completed Stage II of the OSHA Challenge Pilot. I am very aware of the effort required to complete this stage. On behalf of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), I extend congratulations to you and to all the employees who have made this achievement possible.

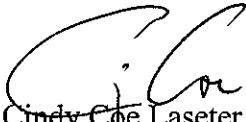
I am particularly impressed by your success and I hope you have come to appreciate that by taking the many small, incremental steps built into OSHA Challenge, you are gradually creating a broad system that will more effectively protect your employees. In addition to that, you are creating a better, more productive and more profitable business.

As you proceed through Stage III, you and your employees can be proud of the steps you are taking to achieve excellence in worker safety and health. Your actions are helping to ensure that you all will return home healthy and safe at the end of each workday. OSHA's responsibility toward you and your employees continues, so let me remind you that your facility remains subject to programmed inspections and investigation of any employee complaints, fatalities or catastrophes.

Your OSHA Challenge Administrator will keep OSHA informed of your progress. I look forward to hearing that you have successfully completed Stage III, and I urge you to give serious thought to continuing your partnership with OSHA. By applying and qualifying for Voluntary Protection Programs (VPP) Merit or Star participation, you will confirm your business as a model of safety and health excellence in your industry and your community, and you will enjoy the prestige, respect, and other benefits accorded VPP companies.

My best wishes for your continued success as you proceed toward completion of the OSHA Challenge Pilot.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Coe Laseter', written in a cursive style.

Cindy Coe Laseter
Regional Administrator