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SUBJECT: APPRECIATION FOR CONSTRUCTION SITE SAFETY

I want to extend my sincere appreciation and congratulate you for your commendable attention to safety at your Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Midwest (NAVFAC Midwest) construction project. Your absolute commitment and adherence to safety is exemplified by your admirable safety record. A safe work environment doesn't "just happen". It takes a dedicated effort by your staff to emphasize safe work practices and procedures every day.

Your commitment to deliver a safe product has permitted me to complete a most rewarding tour at Great Lakes, Illinois, as Commanding Officer of a very busy NAVFAC Midwest without the distractions of property damage and personal injury investigations. Of particular note, our contracting partners have completed over 1000 days and 2,468,061 man-hours of construction work without a single lost workday injury.

Thanks again for our safe worksites and your commitment to safety. I know that you share my views on the value of each human life. A serious accident involving a member of your workforce would be a terrible loss. I appreciate all you have done in re-emphasizing our shared goals of providing and enforcing safe working conditions on our Midwest jobsites. Safety has been my number one priority; I appreciate that your accomplishments demonstrate it has been yours as well.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R. J. Gibbs".

R. J. GIBBS

Captain, Civil Engineer Corps
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Commanding Officer