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Dear Ronnie,

On behalf of the Region IV staff, I wish you the best in your retirement. I want to personally recognize your 33 years of exceptionally dedicated public service to the state of Louisiana. In your many years of service, you have enhanced the state of Louisiana's relationship with the NRC and Region IV.

I especially want to thank you for your support and assistance during hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Your efforts were instrumental in ensuring the adequate security and safety of radioactive materials under extremely challenging conditions.

Our thoughts are with you and your family, and we wish you happiness and good luck in your retirement.

Sincerely,

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Regional Administrator

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