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THE ADMINISTRATOR

Captain Mark Bathrick
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Dear Captain Bathrick:

Congratulations! Your application to renew your facility's membership in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's National Environmental Performance Track program has been accepted for an additional three-year term. Your continued participation in Performance Track advances the program's mission to improve environmental performance, promote collaborative relationships, and encourage innovation.

As you know, Performance Track rewards facilities that voluntarily exceed regulatory requirements, implement environmental management systems, work closely with their communities, and set three-year goals to continuously improve environmental performance. Moreover, Performance Track members demonstrate in their daily business operations that economic prosperity and environmental protection can go hand in hand. Your participation in this voluntary partnership advances our shared goal of making America's air cleaner, its water purer, and its land better protected for future generations.

This was the first renewal process since the program was launched in 2000, and more than 75 percent of eligible members applied – a strong indicator that members like you value your participation in this voluntary program. Your facility has made significant environmental progress during the past three years, and EPA applauds your voluntary pledge to make environmental improvements for the next three years. Clearly, true environmental protection is a team effort, and every small action taken by your facility contributes both to its business success and to broader goals of improving the quality of life in the workplace and the community in which you live.

I am delighted that you have chosen to remain a member of the National Environmental Performance Track. I look forward to continuing to work with you and all the Performance Track members to achieve our shared goals.

Sincerely,

Michael O. Leavitt