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Commissioner

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Mr. Douglas Zimmerman
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Dear Mr. Zimmerman:

It gives me great pleasure to present you with the 1999 DEP Distinguished Service Award. You were nominated for this award by a group of your peers based on your outstanding contributions to the Department of Environmental Protection. This recognition is indeed well deserved.

In your tenure with the Bureaus of Water and Waste Management, you have contributed greatly to many important programs, including the Federal Superfund, State Superfund and Urban Sites Remedial Action programs. Your knowledge of not only the technical but also the procedural, financial and some of the political requirements and realities has been invaluable to this agency. In your role as a supervisor, you have been a steadying influence in many potentially turbulent projects. In fact recently as a result of other staff leaving the Water Bureau, you agreed to do double duty and not only supervise your Discovery and Assessment staff, but also take on those duties in the Urban Sites Program. With the Federal Brownfields Program being part of Superfund, your leadership in both programs has been of great benefit to not only this Department, but also municipalities and others we deal with. Finally, although not directly work related, I would be remiss if I did not recognize your mountain climbing accomplishments, especially your being in the first group to ascend Mt. South Kennedy in Alaska.

Your professionalism and straightforward approach have served the State of Connecticut and its citizens very well. We look forward to working with you for many more years in our efforts to protect Connecticut's environment. Once again, congratulations on your excellent work.

Sincerely,


Arthur J. Rocque, Jr.
Commissioner