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Gentlemen:

The purpose of this letter is to nominate Mr. James E. Richardson of my staff for membership on the Cranes and Derricks Negotiated Rulemaking Advisory Committee to propose revised and updated standards for cranes and derricks used in construction (29 CFR 1926.550).

The Navy Crane Center, a component of the Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC), is authorized by the Secretary of the Navy with the charter of establishing a safe and effective weight-handling program at Navy shore activities.

The Navy is the owner of more than 700 mobile cranes, portal cranes, floating cranes, and derricks, many of which are used in construction activities. In addition, NAVFAC is the designated Navy agency responsible for the construction of all Naval and Marine Corps facilities worldwide. Of prime importance to us is the safety of both Navy and contractor weight-handling operations. The Navy Crane Center has been effective in significantly reducing Navy weight-handling accidents, including a 40 percent reduction in the past two years.

Mr. Richardson is the principle author of NAVFAC P-307, the Navy's safety manual for the maintenance, inspection, certification, and operation of Navy-owned cranes. He is a member of the ASME B30 Standards Committee and three B30 subcommittees. He has 26 years of direct experience in weight handling procurement, design, and safety criteria development. He is a registered professional engineer.

I believe Mr. Richardson will be a proactive and valued contributor to the development of effective standards for the safety of cranes and derricks used in the construction industry. Mr. Richardson can be reached at 610-595-0505, fax 610-595-0748, or email at [richardsonje@ncc.navfac.navy.mil](mailto:richardsonje@ncc.navfac.navy.mil). I can be reached at the same phone number or by email at [bevinsse@ncc.navfac.navy.mil](mailto:bevinsse@ncc.navfac.navy.mil).

Sincerely,



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