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## STATE OF ALABAMA

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Mr. Randy Epperson, Plant Manager  
Mueller Company  
956 Industrial Boulevard  
Albertville, AL 35950-8730

Dear Mr. Epperson:

On behalf of the State of Alabama, I would like to congratulate you and the employees of Mueller Co.'s Albertville facility on attaining the Occupational Safety & Health Administration's (OSHA) prestigious "Star" certification, the highest level of recognition OSHA offers through its Voluntary Protection Program.

Mueller Co.'s Albertville facility is one of 36 VPP sites in Alabama and one of only six foundries in the United States that have earned this designation, a remarkable achievement for Mueller Co., the City of Albertville and the State of Alabama.

OSHA's Voluntary Protection Programs recognize and partner with businesses and worksites that show excellence in occupational safety and health. "Star" certification signifies the implementation of effective health and safety management systems and injury and illness rates below national averages.

Mueller Co.'s fire hydrants protect our families, homes, and businesses. Because of your dedication to quality and service, Albertville, Alabama has earned the coveted title of *Fire Hydrant Capital of the World*. I am delighted that you are being recognized for producing these indispensable products safely and for protecting the health and safety of your employees.

Again, congratulations on this prestigious honor and best wishes for continued success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert Bentley".

Robert Bentley  
Governor