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Belle/Colony Mine  
American Coloid Company  
Belle Fourche, SD 57717

Dear Management Team:

Congratulations on receiving the 2005 Sentinels of Safety award from the National Mining Association and the Department of Labor, Mine Safety and Health Administration. This award is a true testament of your commitment to safety. Thank you for your efforts to provide a safe and secure working environment for your employees.

Again, congratulations on receiving this award. Keep up the good work.

Kindest regards,

Senator John Thune

*Congratulations, keep up the great work!*