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Dear Dr. Tsang:

With this letter, it is my pleasure to formally notify you that you and your paper, "Geohydromechanical processes in the excavation damaged zone in crystalline rock, rock salt, and indurated and plastic clays – in the context of radioactive waste disposal," published in *The International Journal of Rock Mechanics and Mining Science*, 2005, have been selected to receive the **Applied Rock Mechanics Award** from the American Rock Mechanics Association. I believe you have already been notified verbally of this award by the 2005 Awards Committee Chair, Dr. Karl Zipf.

ARMA seeks to recognize the highest quality U.S. publications and work in rock mechanics with awards in four categories, namely,

- 1) Rock Mechanics Research Award,
- 2) Applied Rock Mechanics Award,
- 3) Ph.D. Thesis in Rock Mechanics, and
- 4) Outstanding Contributions in Rock Mechanics Award to an individual for years of productive work in the field.

More information and the history of these awards can be found www.armarocks.org.

The award will be presented at the upcoming 40th U.S. Symposium on Rock Mechanics to be held June 27 through June 29 in Anchorage, Alaska. The award is an engraved plaque and will be presented at the symposium banquet on Tuesday evening, June 28. A brief description will be presented of the work that you did to deserve the award.

I look forward to meeting you at the conference and would ask that you make arrangements to be there. This can be done via the web at www.alaskarocks.org.

Again, congratulations on winning the 2005 Applied Rock Mechanics Award.

Sincerely yours,



Peter Smeallie
Executive Director