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Operating Engineers Local 150
Apprenticeship & Skill Improvement Program
C/o Michael Rorex
19800 W. South Arsenal Road
Wilmington, IL 60481

Dear Michael Rorex,

Thank you for allowing the Starved Rock Associates for Vocational and Technical Education, SRAVTE, Job Shadow program to tour the Operating Engineers Local 150 Apprenticeship and Skill Improvement training facility. This was the first year that students were allowed to attend the Job Shadowing program along with high school teachers / counselors. They were all impressed at the training center. Your staff, Mike Drew, Martin Turek, and Mark Kara were very informative explaining Local 150's Apprenticeship programs requirements and training methods. The students and teachers / counselors will return to the classroom and be able to relate how the Union apprenticeship programs are a essential part for training the construction workforce.

The Illinois Valley Labor / Management Committee comprised of the Illinois Valley Building Trades and the Illinois Valley Contractors Association thank you and your staff for a professional presentation of the Operating Engineers Local 150 Apprenticeship program.

With Union Apprenticeship programs continued perseverance in training the next generation of the skilled Union Building Trades workforce our principles will remain for decades to come.

In Solidarity,

Jim Conness

Illinois Valley Building Trades

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