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May 8, 2024

Mr. Shawn G. Talmadge.
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Dear Mr. Talmadge.:

We have reviewed your Annual Letter of Certification (ALC) and attached documents submitted on January 31, 2024, as well as supplemental information received on March 4 and April 12, 2024, against the evaluation criteria contained in the Radiological Emergency Preparedness (REP) Program Manual Part IV, L, dated December 2019.

Our review of your annual certification submission indicates that appropriate activities were accomplished during calendar year 2023 and are in compliance with the periodic requirements contained in the REP Program Manual in the following areas:

- Update of Plans/Procedures and Letters of Agreement (LOAs)
- Radiological Emergency Response Training
- 24-Hour Staffing
- Emergency Facilities and Equipment
- Responsibility for the Planning Effort
- Alert and Notification

Further action is required for the areas listed below:

- Public Education and Information: The ALC does not indicate that copies of ingestion materials ready for distribution were included in the annual dissemination of public information, as required.
- Drills: The ALC states that neither ingestion pathway and post-plume phase drills (per NUREG-0654/FEMA-REP-1, Rev. 2, evaluation criterion N.4.e), nor laboratory drills (per NUREG-0654/FEMA-REP-1, Rev. 2, evaluation criterion N.4.c), were conducted during calendar year 2023. Virginia's ALC submission for calendar year 2022 indicates the same, marking two consecutive years that ingestion pathway/post-plume phase drills and laboratory drills have not been conducted in the Commonwealth.

The information provided, except where noted above, assures that the requisite activities were completed during 2023 to protect the public in the event of a radiological emergency affecting the

citizens of the Commonwealth of Virginia. Please provide a written response to this letter by May 31, 2024, indicating the Commonwealth's plan for completing the areas requiring action as identified above.

If you have any questions, please contact Thomas Scardino at (215) 931-5546.

Sincerely,

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