



FEMA

March 29, 2023

Mr. Shawn Talmadge
State Coordinator
Virginia Department of Emergency Management
9711 Farrar Court
North Chesterfield, VA 23236

Dear Mr. Talmadge:

We have reviewed your Annual Letter of Certification (ALC) received January 31, 2023, with attached documents, and additional information provided by the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) on February 21, 2023, 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 2022 and are in compliance with the periodic requirements contained in the REP Program Manual in the following areas:

- Radiological Emergency Response Training
- Drills
- 24-Hour Staffing
- Emergency Facilities and Equipment
- Responsibility for the Planning Effort
- Alert and Notification

For the areas listed below further action is required:

- Public Education and Information: The VDEM public-facing website contains outdated information. The "Nuclear Safety" section of VDEM's website contains links for the North Anna Power Station (NAPS) and Surry Power Station (SPS) Emergency Preparedness Guides, which still refer to guide dogs and other service animals as being the only animals permitted in the Evacuation Assembly Centers (EACs).
- Update of Plans/Procedures and Letters of Agreement: The Plan Issue assessed to the VDEM State Emergency Operations Center during the NAPS 2022 biennial exercise, Plan Issue #41-22-1.4-P-01, remains open. The Plan Issue was assessed because the VDEM plan does not contain a contingency to have a predetermined Protective Action Decision during a rapidly escalating incident at a nuclear power plant.

The information provided, except where noted above, assures that the requisite activities were

completed during 2022 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 April 30, 2023, on the status of resolving the open Plan Issue and the incorrect web site data under Public Education and Information.

If you have any questions, please contact the Technological Hazards Branch Chief, Thomas Scardino, at (215) 931-5546.

Sincerely,

Lilian Hutchinson
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