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Shawn Howell, Section Chief  
Arkansas Department of Health  
Office of Preparedness & Emergency Response Systems  
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Dear Mr. Howell:

The Department of Homeland Security's, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Region 6 has received and reviewed Arkansas's 2023 Annual Letter of Certification (ALC) for its Radiological Emergency Preparedness (REP) program. The ALC details the state's REP activities for the past year.

FEMA Region 6 staff confirmed that the ALC meets all reporting requirements outlined in the Radiological Emergency Preparedness Program Manual (January 2019), NUREG-0654/FEMA REP-I, and 44 CFR 350. The ALC will be kept on file at the FEMA Region 6 office as verification of Arkansas's successful completion of the reported activities. FEMA headquarters has also been notified and provided a copy of the ALC.

The ALC plays a vital role in FEMA's assessment of offsite radiological emergency plans and preparedness. It provides FEMA with the necessary information to make informed decisions.

The FEMA Region 6 REP staff is available to answer any questions you may have regarding ALC reporting. Please contact Linda Gee at (940) 367-8772 for further assistance.

Sincerely,

Oscar Martinez  
Radiological Assistance Committee Chair

cc: Thomas Warnock, FEMA HQ/THD  
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