



**FEMA**

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W. Nim Kidd, MPA, CEM, TEM  
Chief -Texas Division of Emergency Management  
Vice Chancellor for Disaster and Emergency Services  
Texas A&M University System

Dear Chief Kidd:

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Region 6 received the Texas 2020 Annual Letter of Certification (ALC) of Radiological Emergency Preparedness (REP) program activities. These items summarize REP activities in Texas, as documented by the detail examples provided by your office, for the State of Texas.

The FEMA Region 6 staff reviewed the contents of the ALC against criteria provided in our guidance documents, *Radiological Emergency Preparedness Program Manual*, dated January 2016 concerning ALC reporting requirements. The 2020 ALC Corrective Action Plan identified 2 Medical Services Drills, 4 Open Planning Issues that were not corrected, a Plume Exercise, and training that were postponed due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and a timeline for completion in calendar year 2021.

Based upon compliance with *NUREG-0654/FEMA REP-1*, *44 CFR 350*, and the *Radiological Emergency Preparedness Program Manual*, your ALC will remain on file in the DHS/FEMA Region 6 office as verification that the outlined activities have been successfully accomplished. We have also notified our headquarters office of your ALC submission and provided them a copy of your cover letter and proposed training attachment.

I want to emphasize the importance of the ALC, since this information is part of what FEMA uses in making reasonable assurance findings and determinations on offsite radiological emergency plans and preparedness. The FEMA Region 6 REP staff is willing to assist you with any questions you have regarding these reporting requirements. Please contact Elsa Lopez at (940) 367-5588, should you need further assistance.

Sincerely,

Oscar Martinez  
Regional Assistance Committee Chair

Cc: Thomas Warnock – FEMA HQ/THD  
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