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FEMA

March 26, 2024

Mr. A.J. Schall Jr.
Director
Delaware Emergency Management Agency
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Dear Mr. Schall Jr.:

We have reviewed your Annual Letter of Certification (ALC) and attached documents submitted on January 26, 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)
- Public Education and Information
- Radiological Emergency Response Training
- 24-Hour Staffing
- Emergency Facilities and Equipment
- Responsibility for the Planning Effort
- Alert and Notification

Our review also indicates that the below activity was not accomplished in accordance with periodic requirements contained in the REP Program Manual during calendar year 2023:

- Drills: ChristianaCare Wilmington Hospital did not complete their required annual Medical Services drill. Our records indicate that the last Medical Services drill at Wilmington Hospital was completed on October 12, 2022. In accordance with the NUREG-0654/FEMA-REP-1, Rev. 2, Medical Services drills are conducted annually at each medical facility designated in the emergency plan and are evaluated by FEMA biennially.

The information provided in the ALC, 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 State of Delaware. Please provide a written response to this letter indicating when Medical Services drills will be conducted at the designated medical facilities.

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

Sincerely,

Lilian Hutchinson
Federal Preparedness Coordinator
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