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Dear Mr. Velasquez

Subject: State of Minnesota Schedule of Corrective Actions

This letter is the proposal for resolution and revised schedule of corrective action for the deficiency resulting from the 2012 Prairie Island Exercise delineated in the letter issued by FEMA Region V on July 27th.

Outstanding Finding and Issue:

The state of Minnesota has been issued a deficiency based on Protective Action Implementation under Criterion 3.d.2 resulting from the Prairie Island Exercise on July 10, 2012. Below is the description of the deficiency, the proposed schedule of corrective actions and a description of the planned re-demonstration.

Criterion 3.d.2

Protective Action Implementation- an implementation process involving identification and resolution of impediments to evacuation. The deficiency resulted from the failure of the Minnesota State Patrol, the Minnesota Department of Transportation and the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) staff to take the plume direction into account, resulting in their making the decision to re-route evacuating traffic into the radioactive plume instead of away from or around the plume.

Corrective Actions Schedule of Findings and Issues for Criterion 3.d.2

The State of Minnesota has scheduled a re-demonstration of criterion 3.d.2 for October 3, 2012 as a result of the deficiency that was issued by FEMA after the July 10, 2012 Full Scale Exercise.

The re-demonstration will begin at 1000 hours on October 3, 2012 and will take place in the State Emergency Operations Center located at our offices in St. Paul Minnesota. The



re-demonstration will include appropriate staff from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, State Patrol and the Office of Communications and the Department of Transportation. The re-demonstration will include a partial activation of the State Emergency Operations Center including the Planning and Assessment Center (PAC).

The following is our initial schedule of corrective actions that will be implemented prior to the re-demonstration.

- The PAC procedures will include communication with Patrol about downwind areas and where the plume may be. This will be completed by September 14th, 2012.
- Our law enforcement and EOC training modules will be updated to include a more detailed section on routing evacuation traffic away from the plume and how to manage traffic impediments to ensure that nobody is routed back into the EPZ or into the area of the projected plume. This will be completed by September 14th, 2012.
- Plans and procedures will be updated so that at a Site Area Emergency (SAE) the PAC will provide information and have a discussion with State Patrol about the downwind sector most likely to be impacted by a plume. This will be completed by September 14th, 2012.
- State Patrol procedures will be updated to include requesting technical assistance from the PAC to evaluate the evacuation routes and make sure no routes cross into the area where the plume is projected to be. This will be completed by September 14th, 2012.
- PIO procedures will be updated to ensure coordination with State Patrol on evacuation routing language to ensure that we are routing people away from the plume area. This will be completed by September 14th, 2012.
- The PAC procedures will be updated to ensure that at the GE the PAC will contact State Patrol and give them information about the plume and validate that the same sector previously identified is still the area of concern for routing evacuation traffic. This will be completed by September 14th, 2012.
- The PAC procedures will be updated so that during subsequent PARs the PAC will contact the State Patrol and identify areas where there may be contamination and the location of the projected plume so that no traffic is routed in that direction. This will be completed by September 14th, 2012.
- SEOC Procedures will be updated for when there are traffic impediments the State Patrol will request help from the PAC in making sure that the re-routing of traffic doesn't go into an evacuated sub area or into the area of the plume. This will be completed by September 14th, 2012.
- The SEOC procedures will be updated to ensure the information about the plume is shared with the counties so the Deputies understand where the plume is projected to be. This will be completed by September 14th, 2012.
- A scenario package and extent of Play agreement will be developed and submitted to FEMA. This will be completed by September 10, 2012.
- Re-training will take place for the agencies and staff involved in the exercise re-demonstration. This will be completed by October 2, 2012.

- A mini drill will be conducted the prior to the re-demonstration to validate the training and procedural changes.

Re-demonstration of Criterion 3.d.2: Impediments to evacuation are identified and resolved.

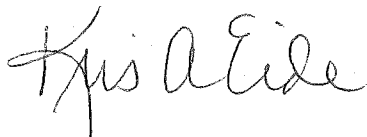
The exercise re-demonstration will take place on October 3, 2012. This exercise is intended to re-demonstrate criterion 3.d.2 – *Impediments to evacuation are identified and resolved*. The re-demonstration will involve a person from the Minnesota State Patrol, MnDot, Joint Information Center (JIC) and the Planning and Assessment Center (PAC).

State of Minnesota Participation Only

The State is responsible for state highways within the EPZ used for evacuation routes and for manning traffic control points on these state highways. The state will re-demonstrate the necessary actions to reroute evacuee traffic as necessary. A controller inject using a map will be used to simulate a traffic impediment on one of the evacuation routes.

The re-demonstration will be conducted as a blend of both Table Top and Functional exercises. It will begin as a table top at the Site Area Emergency classification and continue through the General Emergency classification. The Table Top will use a PowerPoint presentation and a facilitator to guide participants through the events leading up to the traffic impediment including the initial Protective Action Decision. The Table Top portion will conclude at the point where the impediment is given via a controller inject to the Minnesota State Patrol on a map. At this point the re-demonstration will become a functional exercise where the Minnesota State Patrol will demonstrate the necessary actions taken to route evacuee traffic around the impediment, out of the EPZ and away from the projected plume location. The re-demonstration will be terminated once the routing around the impediment is completed. There will not be a news release or news conference in regards to the impediment as those were successfully demonstrated during the exercise.

Sincerely,



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