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***MEMORANDUM***

**TO:** The Members of the General Assembly of Virginia

**FROM:** Michael M. Cline

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael M. Cline".

**SUBJECT:** **Annual Report on Disaster Drill**

Legislation (§44-146.17:2 – Annual statewide drill) requiring an annual statewide disaster drill was enacted this past April. We will include it in our '05 work program and will report in November of '05. A major exercise such as this costs \$20,000 to \$100,000 and requires several months of preparation to implement properly. We were unable to accomplish it this year since our budget and schedules were already set. By substituting this exercise for other similar elements already in our programs, we will be able to comply with the requirement beginning next year.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

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Cc: The Honorable Mark R. Warner  
The Honorable John Marshall