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TO: The Honorable Timothy M. Kaine
Members of the General Assembly

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SUBJECT: §44-146.18 – Status of State and Local Emergency Operations Plans

Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) assists the local governments with the review and maintenance of the local emergency operations plans (EOP). Currently, 140 local governments are responsible for an emergency management program and 103 jurisdictions, or approximately 74 percent have current plans.

The following are the results of VDEM EOP reviews in 2008:

- 12 reviews completed.
- Five plans are currently under review by VDEM.
- Seven EOPs were adopted by their local governing boards, of which four incorporated comments received from the VDEM review.

The total number of adopted plans slightly decreased from last year, but the difference can be explained partially by the manpower issues in smaller jurisdictions and turnover of local emergency coordinators. Given either situation, routine plan review and maintenance could be a difficult task.

VDEM will continue to provide technical support to local governments by reviewing draft EOPs, and attending plan committee meetings. VDEM recently completed an EOP template based on an Emergency Support Function (ESF) format. Over the next several months VDEM will provide training to the localities in the planning process and the use of the template.

If you have questions, please contact me.

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