

COUNTY OF YORK

MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 1, 2025

TO: York County Board of Supervisors

FROM: Mark L. Bellamy, Jr., County Administrator



SUBJECT: Preliminary After-Action Review of 2025 Virginia Operational Exercise (VOPEX)

On Tuesday, July 22, officials from Emergency Management and various departments around the County participated in FEMA's preliminary After-Action Review (AAR) of the 2025 Virginia Operational Exercise (VOPEX). This included the full-scale exercise, School Division interview, and Radiological Emergency Response Plan evaluation. York County received successful ratings across all evaluated areas. There were no identified deficiencies or corrective actions.

Although FEMA's official after-action report, expected within 90 days, has not yet been released, preliminary feedback from FEMA evaluators and VDEM controllers has been overwhelmingly positive. They consistently praised the professionalism, engagement, and effectiveness of our personnel and partners. York County was recognized as always performing well, with gratitude extended from Dominion Energy and regional leadership from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Additionally, FEMA's Technical Hazards Branch Chief and VDEM leadership specifically noted the positive, professional, and collaborative attitude displayed by our team.

Sincere appreciation has been extended to the team and staff for their exceptional preparation and execution throughout VOPEX 2025.

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