



FEMA

May 14, 2012

The Honorable Governor Peter Shumlin
Governor of Vermont
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Montpelier, VT 05609

Dear Governor Shumlin:

As the 2012 Hurricane Season draws near, we want to reinforce our strong partnership with you and your dedicated emergency managers. As you well know, an effective response to any disaster depends on unified and coordinated teamwork. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) remain committed to working with you to further enhance your State's emergency response capabilities.

Secretary Napolitano and I invite you to join us on a video teleconference on Friday, June 1, 2012, at 2:00 pm EST, to discuss ways in which DHS, FEMA and the states can continue our collaborative efforts in ensuring all levels of government and individuals are engaged in preparing for the upcoming hurricane season. In addition, we will discuss our "Pledge to Prepare" campaign which we will emphasize during National Hurricane Preparedness Week, May 27- June 2, 2012.

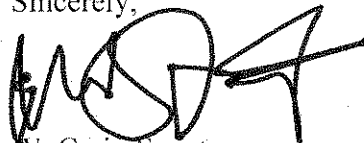
DHS and FEMA are only part of the emergency management team. That team includes federal, state, local, tribal and territorial partners, the private sector, non-profit and faith-based groups, and most importantly the general public.

During the call, the National Hurricane Center (NHC) will provide an overview of the upcoming hurricane season forecast. Additionally, we will take the opportunity to thank NHC Director Bill Read for his decades of public service. Director Read has been forecasting weather for 40 years and has called the National Hurricane Center home for four years. Director Read will be retiring on June 1st.

To confirm your participation in this event, please contact Robyn Ruffo at robyn.ruffo@fema.dhs.gov or 202-212-1751.

Thank you for your support and continued partnership.

Sincerely,


W. Craig Fugate
Administrator

