Honorable David McClain, Ph.D.
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Dear Dr. McClain:

FY 2009 National Incident Management System Compliance Metrics

Homeland Security Presidential Directive 5, "Management of Domestic Incidents," required that states and local jurisdictions adopt the National Incident Management System (NIMS). Over the past four years State and county agencies have made significant progress in implementing the NIMS system. The implementation of NIMS across the nation creates a baseline capability that, once established, will be the foundation for our prevention, preparedness, response, and recovery strategies. NIMS compliance began in September 2004, leading to states and jurisdictions being required to complete NIMS Compliance and Metrics to continue to be eligible for Federal preparedness assistance through grants, contracts, and other activities.

By September 1, 2009, the University of Hawaii will be required to comply with the specific performance-based metrics as shown in the attached NIMS 2009 Compliance Objectives. Also, a copy of the FY 2008 NIMS Compliance Metrics is attached for your information and reference.

To also support the University of Hawaii with NIMS Compliance, a copy of the Five-Year NIMS Training Plan is provided for your information with ongoing development of NiMS training and assistance for personnel qualification. The FY 2009 objectives include implementation of ICS 400: Advanced ICS training. State Civil Defense will continue to coordinate ICS training opportunities for the University of Hawaii’s response networks.

The University of Hawaii NIMS Point of Contact (POC) is required to complete the self-assessment by updating progress related to NIMS Compliance and Implementation within the NIMS Compliance Assistance Support Tool (NIMSCAST). A copy of this letter has been furnished to your NIMS POC to allow sufficient time to review and submit the University of Hawaii’s FY 2009 NIMS Compliance. If a new POC is designated, an approval by the State
Administrator will be necessary prior to updating the NIMSCAST tool. The assessment tool is available at http://www.fema.gov/nimscast/.

If you should have any questions regarding the FY 2009 NIMS implementation or compliance, please have your staff contact Ms. Dolores Cook, State Civil Defense, at 733-4320 x219, or email dcook@scd.hawaiil.gov.

Sincerely,

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Major General, HING
Director of Civil Defense

Attachments: NIMS 2009 Implementation Objectives
Five-Year NIMS Training Plan
FY 2008 NIMS Compliance Metrics

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