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Mr. Parr:

Thank you for your letter regarding the United States Animal Health Association’s “Resolution 3: Resource Typing for Animal Emergency Response.” I am pleased to inform you that the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s (FEMA) National Integration Center (NIC) is in the process of developing approximately 20 Animal Emergency Response resource typing documents. Many of the positions and teams in development are based on the team descriptions from the Southern Agriculture and Animal Disaster Response Alliance (SAADRA) and the National Animal Rescue and Sheltering Coalition (NARSC).

As part of the development process, our Project Office is working closely with subject-matter experts and stakeholders from the animal emergency response community from around the country – including members from SAADRA, NARSC, and USAHA – to refine the documents with best practices. Once completed, the drafts will be posted for a National Engagement period, providing the whole community an opportunity to review and provide comments. Please sign up for NIMS Alerts at https://www.fema.gov/email to be notified when the resource typing drafts have been posted.

Once finalized, these documents will be published on FEMA’s Resource Typing Library Tool (https://rtlt.preptoolkit.fema.gov/Public).

We greatly appreciate the USAHA’s interest and participation in the development of these resource types, and your support of the NIC’s mission.

Sincerely,

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