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Memorandum

FROM: Nancy Grimm, RN, Esq. *NBG*
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TO: Long Term Care Providers, Hospitals and Assisted Living Facilities

DATE: August 23, 2011

RE: Reporting of Environmental Hazards

This memorandum serves as a reminder to contact the your local emergency management representative and the Office of Health Care Quality (OHCQ) with any emergency situations that may be occurring with your nursing homes, hospitals or assisted living facilities as a result of today's earthquake. Types of issues could include, but are not limited to, the failure of cooling systems, power outages, water outages, structural damages or other conditions that could impact the health, safety, and/or well being of your residents or the operation of your facility. Should you experience a problem during business hours, you may call 410-402-8015. The number to call after normal business hours is 877-463-3464.

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