

Governor Kaine recently signed Executive Order No. 60 promulgating the completely new and revised Commonwealth of Virginia Emergency Operations Plan (COVEOP). This all-hazards plan establishes the authorized operational matrix and template for partnering state agencies, local governments and cooperating nongovernmental organizations. The COVEOP addresses several new operational aspects and initiatives including the Pet Evacuation and Sheltering legislation passed by the 2007 General Assembly and signed into law by Governor Kaine, the Virginia Evacuation Coordination Team for Operational Response structure, and other important elements to ensure the coordination, implementation and management of a wide array of resources for appropriate and timely response and recovery operations for any disaster that may occur in any community of the Commonwealth. (The COVEOP is posted on the Virginia Department of Emergency website at [www.vaemergency.gov / library/plans/index](http://www.vaemergency.gov/library/plans/index)):  
<http://www.vaemergency.com/library/plans/index.cfm>