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National Dam Safety Awareness Day is May 31

National Dam Safety Awareness Day

Dam Safety is a Shared Responsibility

National Dam Safety Awareness Day occurs each year on **May 31** and serves to promote individual and community responsibility and best practices for dam safety, and what steps people can take to either prevent future catastrophic dam failures or lessen the impact if a failure was to occur.

National Dam Safety Awareness Day commemorates the failure of the South Fork Dam in Johnstown, Pennsylvania on May 31, 1889. The Johnstown disaster was the worst dam failure in the history of the United States with more than 2,200 lives lost.

For more information on National Dam Safety Awareness Day, visit fema.gov/dam-safety.

2016 National Preparedness Report Now Available

FEMA and its partners released the 2016 National Preparedness Report (NPR) on May 31. The NPR is an annual status report summarizing the nation's progress toward reaching the National Preparedness Goal of a secure and resilient nation. To achieve the National Preparedness Goal, the nation must continue to build on the significant progress to date and address identified areas for improvement.

The NPR presents a national perspective, highlighting the contributions to preparedness made by the whole community—namely, federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial governments, the private and nonprofit sectors, faith-based organizations, communities, and individuals. Findings are derived from quantitative and qualitative data submitted by 241 urban areas, states, territories, tribes, and Federal departments and agencies. The NPR uses over 450 distinct data sources to report on the state of national preparedness at the local, state, tribal, territorial, and federal levels. The report also integrates data from the annual Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment process and State Preparedness Reports from the 56 states and territories.

For a comprehensive summary of the report, fact sheets and a copy of the full report, visit <https://www.fema.gov/national-preparedness-report>.

Deadlines



National Dam Safety Awareness Day



Atlantic Hurricane Season Begins



Federal Mitigation Investment Strategy National Engagement Period Ends



Deadline: Pre-Disaster Mitigation and Flood Mitigation Assistance Grants Applications



Emergency Alert System Test



Application Deadline for Master Exercise Practitioner Program

Tribal Consultation Hazard Mitigation Planning Comment Period Ends

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National Preparedness Symposium Highlights Multi-Level Government Best Practices in Training and Exercises

From May 24-26, FEMA's Emergency Management Institute hosted the National Preparedness Symposium, Building National Capabilities through Requirements-based Investments. More than 220 federal, state, local, tribal and territorial emergency management representatives were in attendance, including representation from the ten FEMA Regions.

The symposium provided a forum for sharing programs, case studies and best practices in training and exercises from all levels of government. During the symposium, participants identified tools, resources, processes, and methods for determining capability gaps in their jurisdiction that can be filled through training and validated by exercises. In addition, attendees identified the tools for planning, executing, and evaluating training and exercise programs to close identified gaps.

For more information, contact National Training Liaison, Dan Lubman, at 301-447-1364 or send an email to daniel.lubman@fema.dhs.gov. The symposium is held each year. The next symposium will be held in Anniston, Alabama, at FEMA's Center for Domestic Preparedness, May 9 - 12, 2017.

FEMA Congratulates National Emergency Management Advanced Academy Graduates

FEMA congratulates 29 students who graduated from the National Emergency Management Advanced Academy on May 20, 2016, at the Emergency Management Institute on the campus of

professionals from federal, state, and local government, along with the first two graduates from a tribal community representing the Alutiiq Tribe of Old Harbor, Alaska.

FEMA's National Emergency Management Advanced Academy is designed for mid-level managers seeking to advance their skills, and provides the strategic level training and education essential for emergency management professionals to effectively design and lead cutting-edge programs. Students learn skills critical to performing mid-manager responsibilities such as: program management and oversight, effective communication at all levels, integrated collaboration, and strategic thinking. The Advanced Academy provides students the opportunity to demonstrate their critical thinking ability through a guided research project.

The Advanced Academy is the second of a three-level Academy series in the Emergency Management Professional Program (EMPP). The EMPP curriculum is designed to guide and educate emergency management professionals as they progress through their careers, providing a lifetime of learning for emergency management professionals. The EMPP includes three separate, but closely threaded training programs; building from the Basic Academy; to the National Emergency Management Advanced Academy, and culminating in the National Emergency Management Executive Academy.

The Basic Academy is a program that offers the tools to develop comprehensive foundational skills needed in emergency management. The Advanced Academy is a program to develop the next generation of emergency managers who are trained in advanced concepts and issues, management, strategic/critical thinking, and problem solving. The Executive Academy is a program designed to challenge and enhance the talents of the nation's emergency management senior executives through critical thinking, visionary strategic planning, challenging conventional concepts, and negotiation and conflict resolution applied to complex, real-world problems. Emergency management professionals should visit www.training.fema.gov/empp for more information about which academy best suits their needs.

Reminder of Upcoming Deadlines

Federal Mitigation Investment Strategy National Engagement Period Ends June 7

On May 10, the federal government launched a 30-day, national engagement period to receive stakeholder input on designing and implementing a new Federal Mitigation Investment Strategy (FMIS). The purpose of FMIS is to identify, prioritize and guide federal investments in disaster resilience and hazard mitigation-related activities, and to make recommendations to the President and Congress on how the nation should prioritize future disaster resilience investments. The national engagement period will conclude **June 7, 2016 at 5:00 pm EDT**.

In response to Hurricane Sandy, the federal government found that no coordinated federal investment strategy exists for resilience and mitigation. FMIS provides an opportunity to be more intentional about setting resilience and mitigation investment priorities. It will increase the ability of federal departments and agencies to plan and justify budgets and resources. Learn more about the FMIS effort, the MitFLG and the National Mitigation Framework by visiting <http://www.fema.gov/national-mitigation-framework/>. To provide input and influence FMIS design and implementation, submit the FMIS Stakeholder Input Template to FEMA-FMIS@fema.dhs.gov by June 7, 2016.

Emergency Alert System Test Scheduled for June 15

FEMA, in coordination with state, local, tribal, and territorial emergency managers and state broadcasters' associations, will conduct a test of the Emergency Alert System (EAS) in nine states on **Wednesday, June 15, 2016 at 4:20 p.m. EDT**. Broadcasters from the following locations are voluntarily participating in the test: California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Wyoming and Washington. The EAS test might also be seen and heard in states and tribal areas that border the participating states, as well as in Canada and Mexico. The EAS test is made available to radio, broadcast and cable television systems and is scheduled to last

The test will verify the delivery and broadcast, and assess the readiness for distribution of a national-level test message. The next national test is scheduled for September 28, 2016. Results from this test will support preparations and improvements leading up to the national test. More information on the Integrated Public Alert and Warning System and Wireless Emergency Alerts is available at www.fema.gov/ipaws or www.ready.gov/alerts.

Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grant Applications Due June 15

FEMA announced the Notice of Funding Opportunities (NOFO) for the FY 2016 Pre-Disaster Mitigation and Flood Mitigation Assistance grant programs. These two grant programs assist state, local, tribal and territorial governments in strengthening our nation's ability to reduce the potential cost of natural disasters to communities and their citizens. The NOFO for each program is posted on Grants.gov and contains the key program priorities and application requirements. Applications are due by 3:00 p.m. EDT on **June 15, 2016**.

Emergency Management Institute's Master Exercise Practitioner Program Application Period Ends July 1

The Master Exercise Practitioner Program application period is open until **July 1, 2016**. Participants in the program are assigned to an exercise planning team where they are challenged to: demonstrate their expertise at all levels of exercise design and conduct; apply best practices and lessons learned from their organizations and experience; and use the concepts from the curriculum for their exercise planning team assignments. Contact fema-emi-iemb@fema.dhs.gov for more information.

FEMA Tribal Consultation Period on Hazard Mitigation Planning Continues Until July 8

FEMA is updating its policy that guides how Agency officials interpret regulatory requirements in their review and approval of tribal mitigation plans. FEMA is seeking feedback from tribal governments regarding this updated policy, "Tribal Mitigation Plan Review Guide." Tribal officials' suggestions and comments will inform further development of the Tribal Mitigation Plan Review Guide.

Tribal officials can submit comments on the Tribal Mitigation Plan Review Guide: Key Concepts document until **July 8, 2016**, either by e-mail to tribalconsultation@fema.dhs.gov or by mail to ATTN: Tyler Corson-Rikert, Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration (FIMA), DHS/FEMA, 400 C Street SW, Suite 313, Washington, DC 20472-3020. Visit FEMA's Tribal Affairs web page for more information on the tribal consultation period for this policy.

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