

Developing Best Practices

The bill provides \$2,200,000 to develop and implement best practices of all-hazards preparedness and response specific to the unique geographical features and remoteness of the Pacific Area.

Impact of Climate on Future Disasters

The bill provides \$5,000,000 for the State of North Carolina to perform a risk assessment and mitigation strategy demonstration of the potential impacts of sea level rise in that state associated with long-term climate change, as discussed in the House report. FEMA is directed to use the study results to assess the long-term fiscal implications of climate change as it affects the frequency and impacts of natural disasters, and to disseminate information from the study to other states to inform their climate change mitigation efforts.

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Flood Control and Hazard Mitigation Demonstration Program

The bill provides \$2,425,000 to conduct demonstration flood control and hazard mitigation projects with interagency stakeholders, including FEMA, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and State and local agencies, as discussed in the House report. Funds are provided to demonstrate a wide range of project solutions across FEMA's multiple disaster preparedness and mitigation programs, including: retrofitting and hardening of existing flood walls and levees; pump refurbishment; land acquisition; transportation infrastructure modifications; and other flood damage reduction projects within the Upper Cumberland and Big Sandy Watershed, Kentucky.

Budget Submissions

The bill continues a provision directing FEMA to submit its fiscal year 2010 budget request by office. Each office and FEMA region shall provide: (1) budget detail by object classification; (2) the number of full-time equivalents on board; (3) the number of full-time equivalent vacancies; and (4) the appropriation account(s) used to support the office and the programs managed by the office.

FEMA is directed to notify the Committees within 15 days if any office receives or transfers more than 10 percent of the total amount allocated to each office. FEMA is expected, as part of the fiscal year 2010 budget request, to contain budget detail for the programs specified in the House report.

First Responder Readiness

FEMA is directed to submit a report, as specified in the House report, regarding the availability of training and an analysis of response capabilities of the U.S. territories.