

Hazard Mitigation Plan



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Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) 2022 Updates (Effective 2023)

• First Item

As of April 19th, 2022, FEMA has released updated state and local mitigation planning policies: State Mitigation Planning Policy Guide (FP 302-094-2) and Local Mitigation Planning Guide (FP-206-21-0002).

These policy guides are representative of the Stafford Act and Title 44 CFR Part 201-Mitigation Planning requirements and offer insight on the interpretation of the regulation. These updated policy guides will not be effective until April 19th, 2023, meaning that plans not already approved by the effective date will have to meet the requirements in the updated policies (even if it is in the process of being approved). This Safety Snippet will provide an overview of the updates.

Why is a HMP required?

In order for local governments or special districts to be eligible for Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) funding, Public Assistance funding, and other relevant FMEA programs funding, an approved mitigation plan is required. HMP's provide local and state governments the framework to identify potential hazards associated with a community, assess risks and vulnerabilities, and to develop mitigation strategies, including identification of resource funding programs.

High Level Policy Updates

The updated policies include references to new FEMA grant programs, including the following:

- *Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities*
- *Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Post-Fire*
- *High-Hazard Potential Dam Grant Program*

Additionally, updates include the following:

- *Strengthened connection with the Fire Management Assistance Grant Program*
- *Alignment with national initiatives and programs such as the National Mitigation Investment Strategy*
- *Alignment with FEMA priorities such as climate adaptation, equity, resilience, and building codes*

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2022 Hazard Mitigation Plan updates are discussed within this Safety Snippet.

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Standard State Updates

The state policy:

- Requires that state plans consider equity and climate change impacts.
- Outlines participants in the state planning process, including community lifelines, climate change experts, state agencies, and others that support underserved communities.
- Requires states to describe building code adoption and enforcement, land use, National Flood Insurance Programs (NFIP) administration and flood risk mapping in the capability assessment.
- Includes existing mitigation plan requirements for the High Hazard Potential Dams (HHPD) grant program to include all dam risks. Additionally, it removes the optional Repetitive Loss Strategy.
- Includes existing mitigation plan requirements for the Fire Management Assistance Grants program.

Enhanced State Updates

The state policy:

- Introduces more advanced lead times and pre-submission coordination for new enhanced states. Provides a more detailed plan submission and review process.
- Requires states that wish to become enhanced to first show they can meet Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) grant performance requirements.
- Requires that states demonstrate local jurisdictions have approved mitigation plans as part of the state's commitment to mitigation. The states must show how it supports the update and adoption of these plans before expiration.
- Strongly encourages enhanced states to adopt and enforce building codes that advance mitigation and resilience.

Local Mitigation Planning Policy Guide

The local policy applies to local governments that develop, update, maintain and implement their own mitigation plans. The 2022 updates are listed below.

- Defines who local governments must include in the planning process (e.g., representatives from community lifelines, the public, and community-based organizations that support underserved communities).
- Requires local governments to include the effects of climate change and other future conditions in the risk assessment.
- Recognizes the important role of adopting and enforcing building codes and land use and development ordinances in the local government's ability to improve mitigation capabilities.
- Facilitates stronger alignment with other FEMA mitigation programs such as the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), Community Rating System and flood risk mapping program.
- Explains the need to right-size the scope of a plan update, consider both current and future risks, and complete the planning process with plan adoption.
- Includes existing mitigation plan requirements for the High Hazard Potential Dams (HHPD) grant program to include all dam risk. Removes the optional Repetitive Loss Strategy.
- Reorganized requirements for ease of use.

References:

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