



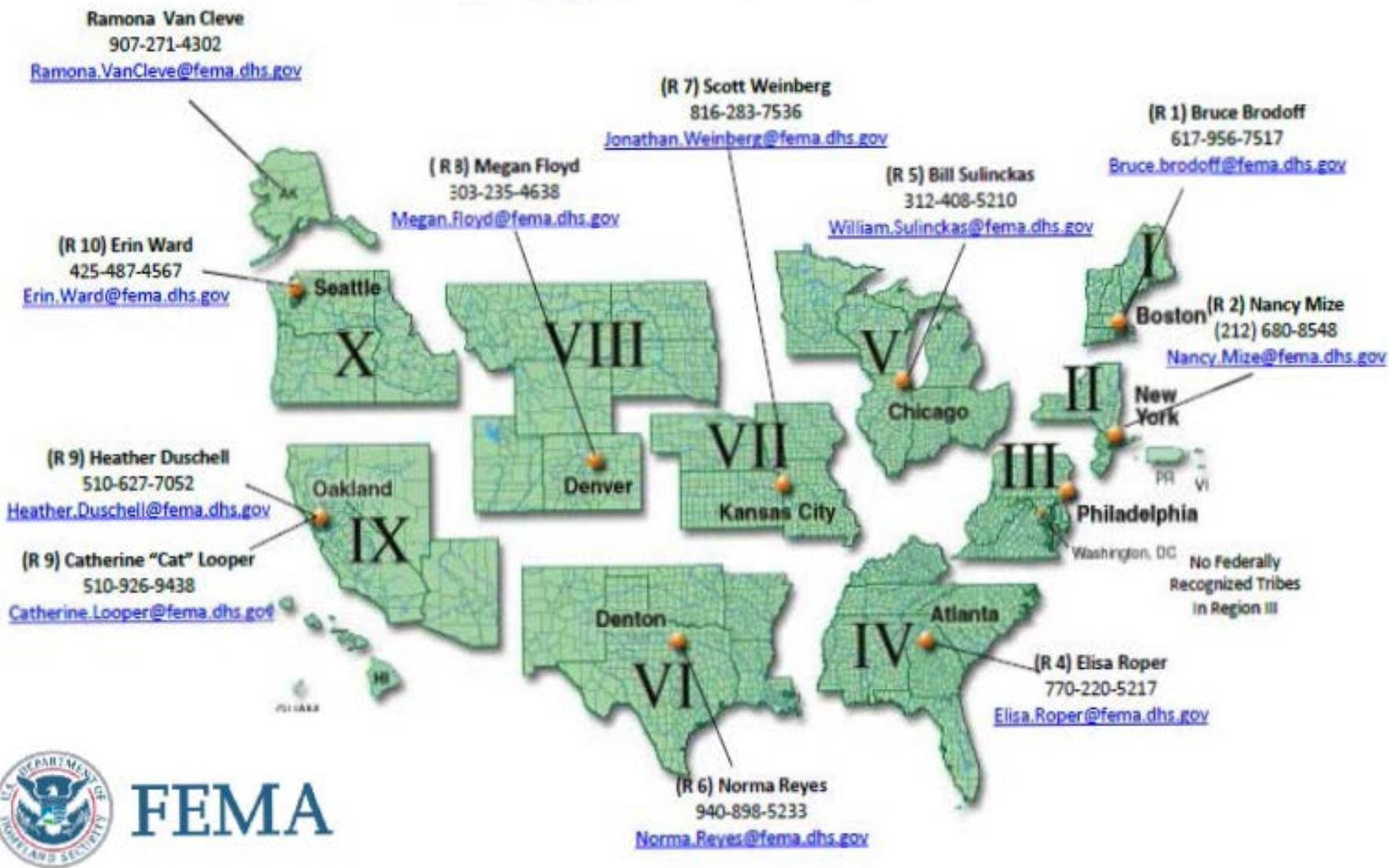
Department of Homeland Security Federal Emergency Management Agency

Tribal Engagement and Outreach



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FEMA Regional Tribal Liaisons



Tribal Consultation Policy

- Tribal Consultation Policy (TCP) was signed on August 12, 2014 by Administrator Craig Fugate
 - The policy establishes a process to guide FEMA officials on how to engage Indian tribes and tribal officials in regular and meaningful consultation and collaboration on actions that have tribal implications.
 - <http://www.fema.gov/fema-tribal-affairs>
- FEMA hosted TCP Webinars:
 - For tribal leaders and FEMA employees.



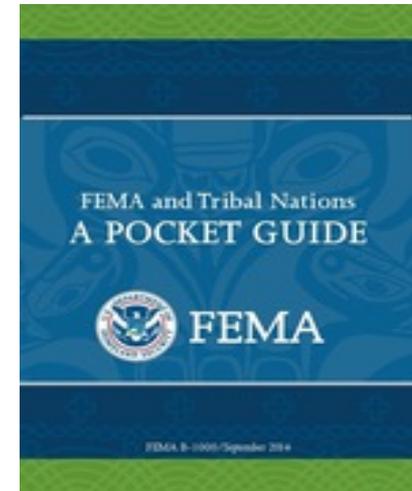
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Tribal Pocket Guide

- Reference guide on FEMA programs and the agency's engagements with tribes.
- The pocket guide answers questions about:
 - How FEMA engages with tribes
 - Explains FEMA's tribal policies; and
 - Provides contact information for FEMA team members working with tribal nations.



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Stafford Act Amendment – Tribal Declarations

- President Obama signed the Sandy Recovery Improvement Act (SRIA) of 2013.
 - Provide federally recognized Indian tribal governments the option to request a Presidential emergency or major disaster declaration independently of a state or to seek assistance, as they have historically, under a declaration for a state.
 - On January 30, 2013 FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate issued a statement on the passage of the Sandy Recovery Improvement Act of 2013.



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Tribal Declarations Implementation

Use of Current Regulations

- Since SRIA's enactment, 9 tribes have requested 10 major disaster declarations.
- 8 tribes received major disaster declarations.
- The Oglala Sioux Tribe of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation received the First Individual Assistance (IA) Declaration directly with a Tribal Government.

Pilot Period

- See next slide for Tribal Declarations Pilot Guidance development.

Regulations

- After the pilot period, FEMA will develop regulations through regular notice and rulemaking procedures.



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Tribal Declarations Pilot Guidance

- April 2013 – March 2014: FEMA developed the first draft of the Tribal Declarations Pilot Guidance.
- April 2014 – (Extended to) August 2014: FEMA provided tribal consultation on the draft guidance:
 - 60 listening sessions
 - Over 500 participants
 - 220 tribes represented; and
 - Received over 1,000 comments



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Tribal Declarations Pilot Guidance

- Revise draft guidance is currently going through an internal Federal agency review.

Next Step

- Publish the revised guidance in the Federal Register for public comment/consultation
- Revise draft; and
- Publish the final guidance.



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Tribal Interaction

- Standing monthly call with National Tribal Associations:
 - NCAI; USET; iTEMA and NTEMC
- Monthly call with Regional Tribal Liaisons (RTLs)
- Regional conferences
- Visits to Indian Country; and
- Annual hurricane preparedness VTC (8 Tribes participated in 2015).



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FEMA Training

- Emergency Management Institute (EMI) in Emmitsburg, Maryland
 - EMI trains more than 2 million students annually.
 - Provides training to Federal, State, local, tribal, volunteer, public, and private sector officials.
 - Training delivery systems include onsite and offsite training.
 - Reimbursable travel costs.
 - National Emergency Management Executive Academy.



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FEMA Training (cont.)

- Bringing more training to Indian Country
- AVCP (Bethel, AK)
- Tribal Transportation Symposium (Fairbanks, AK)
- USET Mashantucket Pequot – May 19th, 2015
 - (84 tribal representatives attended FEMA's Sheltering Workshop)
- NCAI – St Paul, MN – June 28th – July 1st, 2015
- NWTEMC – August 11th, 2015



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FEMA Exercises

- **Montana Operation Safe Delivery Exercise**
 - Hosted by the Blackfeet Nation in Great Falls, MT – September 16, and 17, 2015.
 - First fully sponsored tribal exercise.



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Tribal Grants

- Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program (THSGP)
 - Provide grants to “directly eligible” Federally recognized Tribes.
 - Allowable costs support efforts of Tribes to build and sustain core capabilities across the **prevention**, **protection**, **mitigation**, **response**, and **recovery** mission areas.
 - The total amount of funds distributed under the FY 2015 THSGP was \$10,000,000 as determined by *The Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2015*, (Pub. L. No. 114-4).

<http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html>



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