

# FEMA's National Advisory Council: Status of Recommendations

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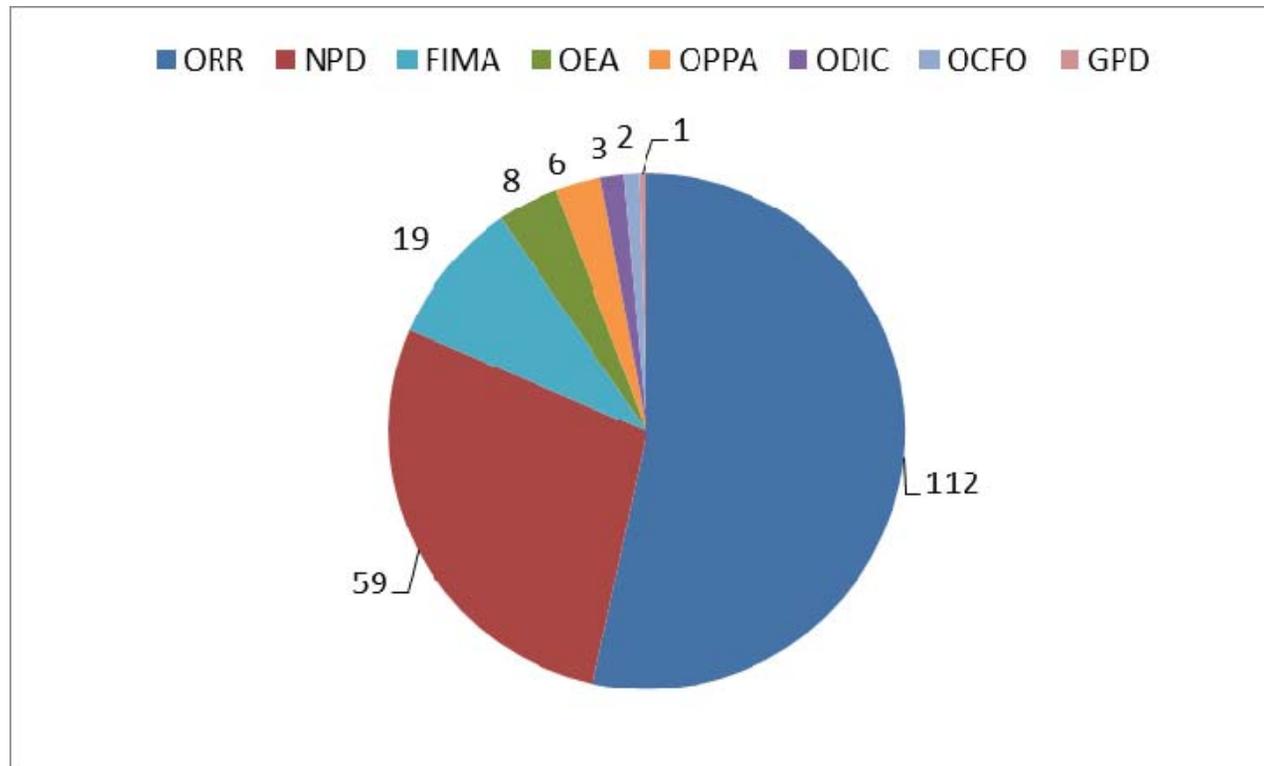
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# Overview

- Request from NAC for status updates on previously submitted recommendations
- 211 recommendations submitted since 2008
- Today focus on recommendations from 2008 and 2009
- Process of submitting and responding to recommendations

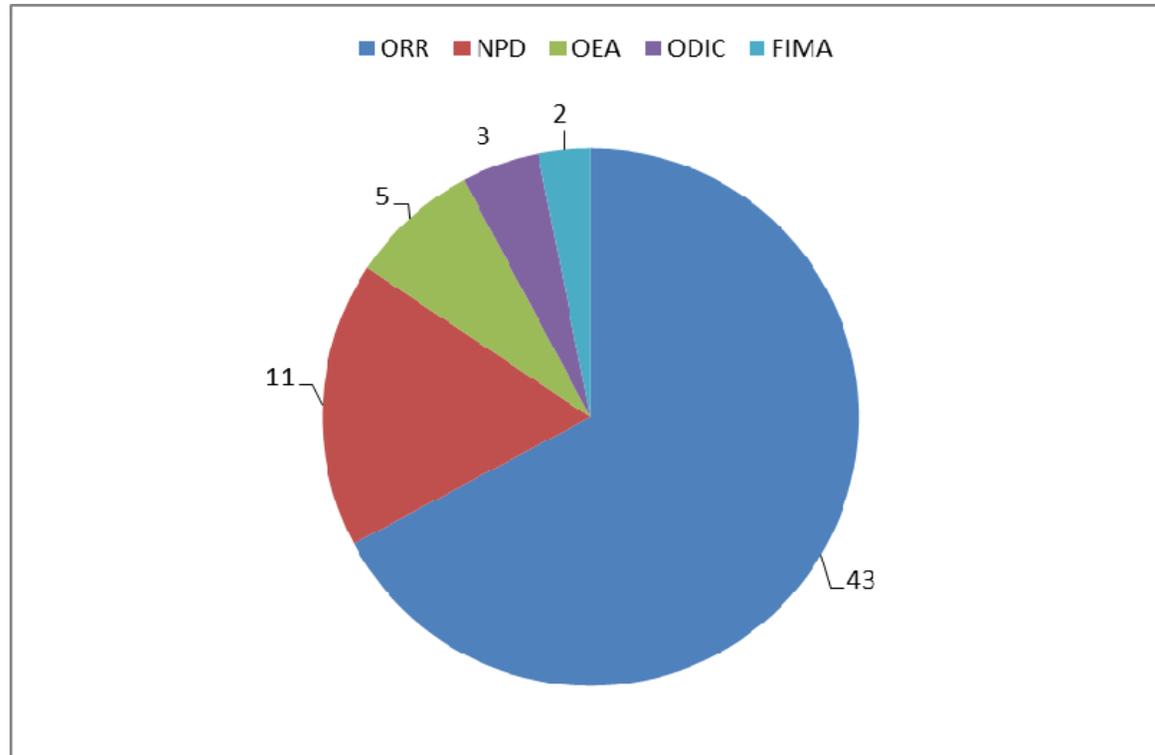


# Recommendations by Program Office -ALL



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# Recommendations by Program Office—2008 and 2009



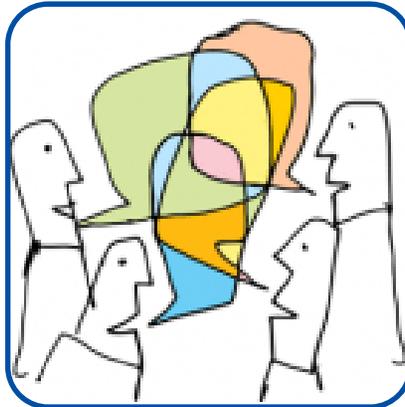
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# The Process of Making Recommendations



## Subcommittee

- Discuss charges
- Gathers info, meets with SMEs
- Drafts recommendation



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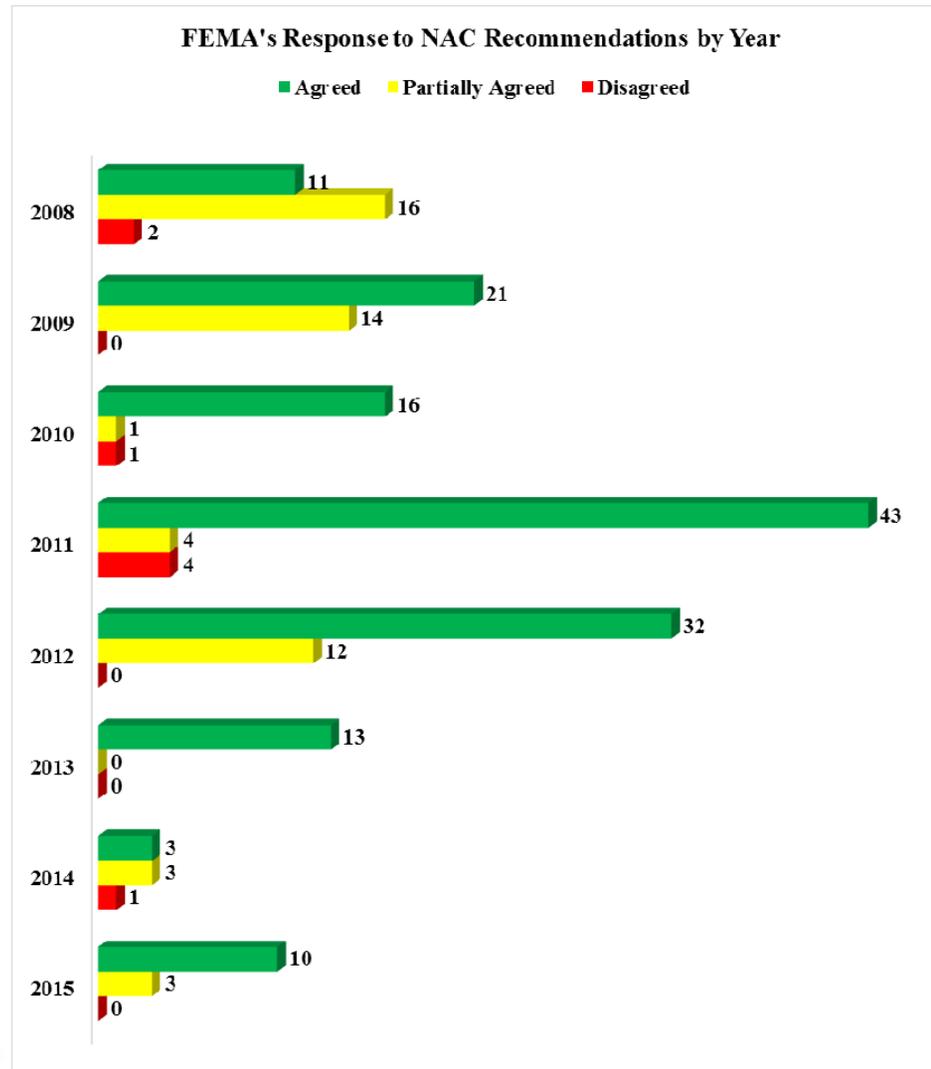
- Discussion and deliberation
- Formal memo to FEMA
- Send back to subcommittee



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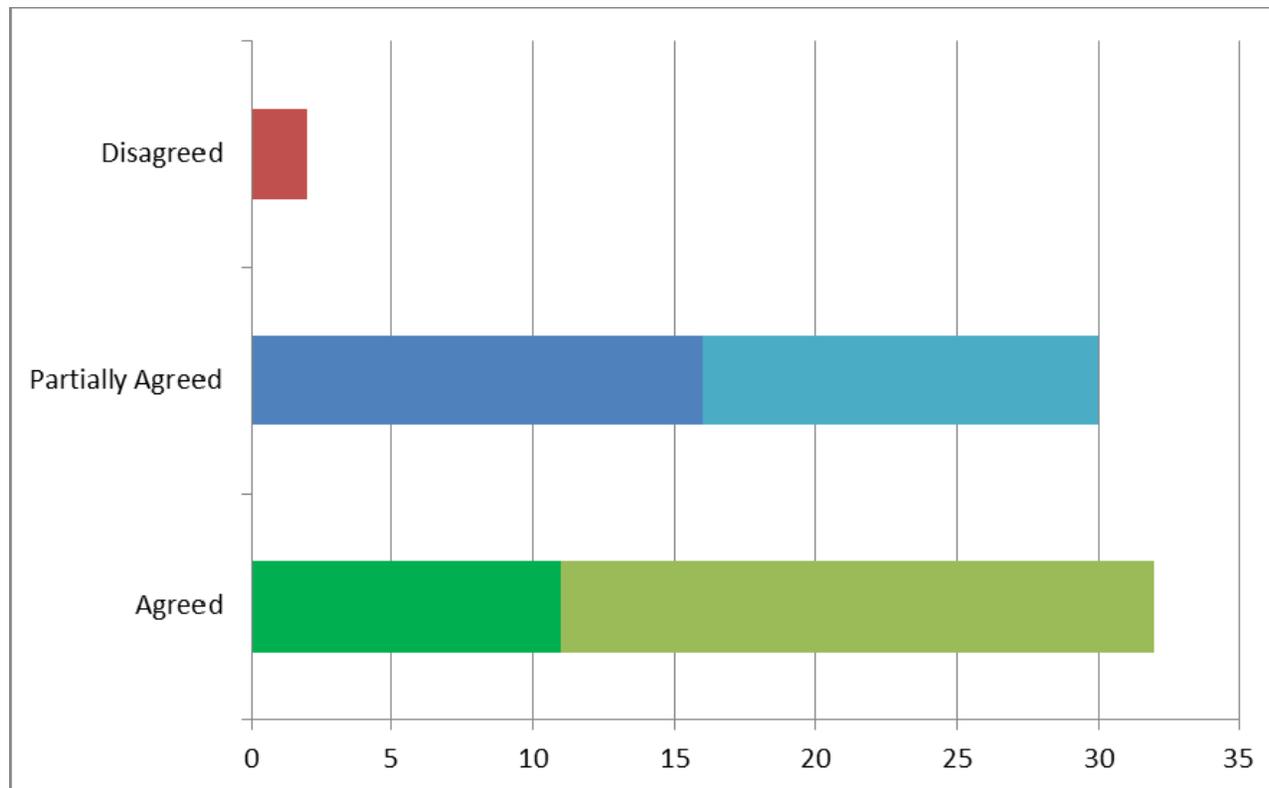
- Formal response memo to NAC Chair
  - Agree
  - Partially Agree
  - Disagree

# FEMA's Response to NAC Recommendations – All Years



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# FEMA's Response to NAC Recommendations 2008-2009

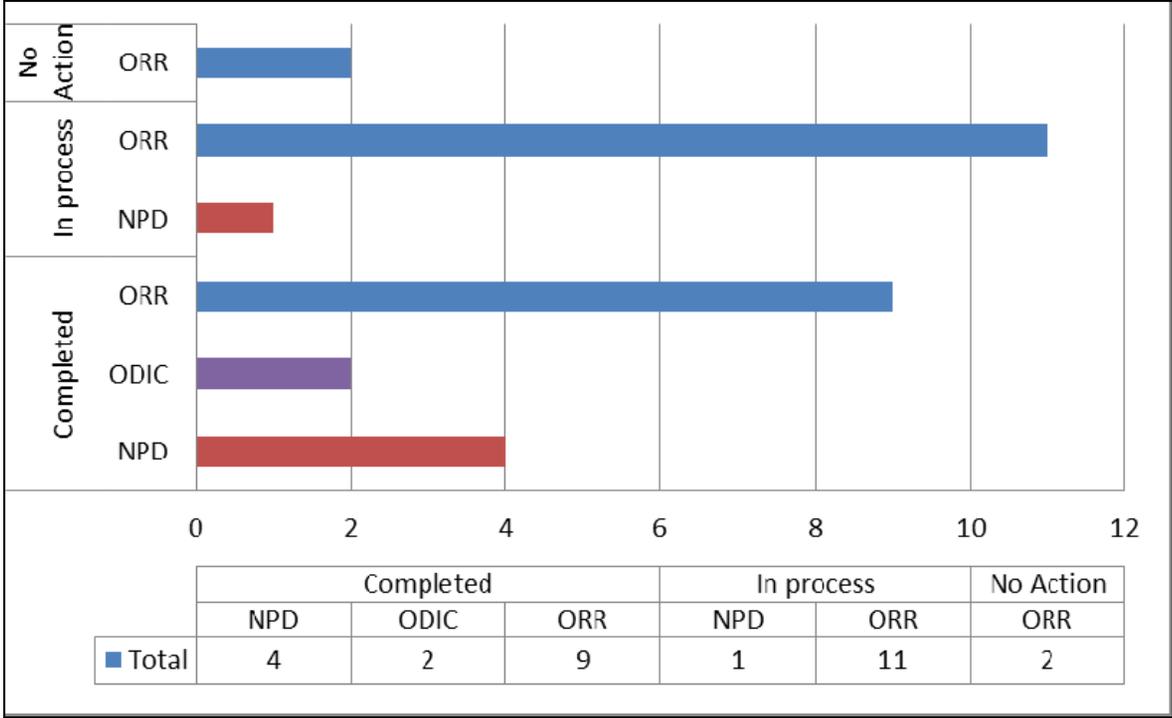


Key	
2008	2009
Green	Light Green
Blue	Light Blue
Red	Light Red



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# Implementation of 2008 Recommendations



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# 2008-25, ORR, Hazard Mitigation

**Recommendation:** This policy document would allow for FEMA Public Assistance reimbursement for elevation or replacement costs of eligible public and private nonprofit facilities to ABFEs, when applicable. **Discussion:** The NAC agrees with this policy initiative.

**Initial Response:** The policy is under review until spring 2009.

**Status Update:** Current PA Program policy funds repair and replacement projects to ABFE levels when the projects are required to elevate based on local floodplain ordinances. Also, PA will fund elevations under its 406 Hazard Mitigation policy if the elevation project is not required but meets the benefit cost criteria of FEMA's policy.



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# 2008-24, Stafford Act Policies, Consolidation of contents of eligible public facilities

**Recommendation:** This policy would allow contents (e.g. equipment, supplies, and furnishings) to be replaced based on total cost, rather than one-for-one replacement.

**Initial Response:** Policy under review.

**Status Update:** In September 2009, FEMA published a new PA policy for replacing equipment, vehicles and supplies addressing the issues identified by the NAC.



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# 2008-20, ORR, Stafford Act Policies and Guidance

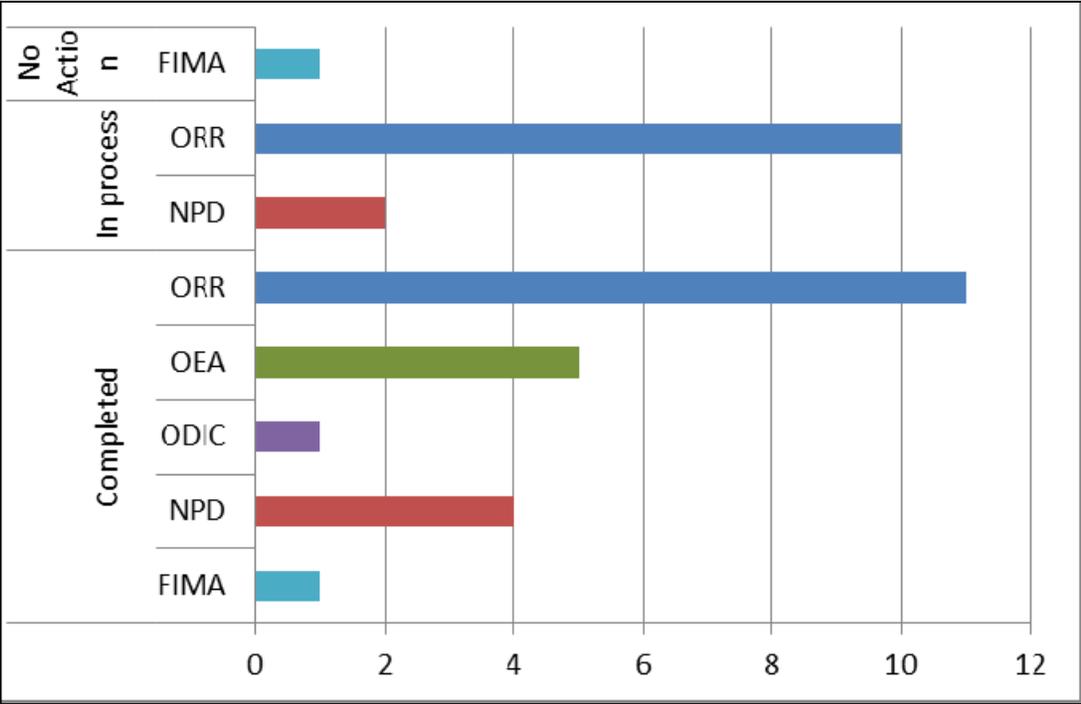
**Recommendation:** PA Issue # 3, “Public Assistance Catastrophic Disaster Staffing – Force Account Reimbursement.”

1. Backfill costs for temporary as well as permanent force account personnel should be eligible in addition to straight and overtime.
2. Clear guidance should be established to prevent supplanting of existing state and local budgets.
3. Universal match was unclear and needs to be defined.
4. Once the 30-day threshold has been met, reimbursement shall be retroactive.
5. References to “catastrophic events” should be eliminated.

**Initial Response:** We consider the NAC's input to be critical to our success. As such, PA and IA and IA Program areas have reviewed the input the NAC's Stafford Act Sub-committee provided and are actively considering the recommendation provided as they work to develop and revise policies in conjunction with aforementioned policy issues.

**Status Update:** The PA Program is publishing a unified policy and guidance document January 1, 2016 which will provide additional clarification on funding for force account labor.

# Implementation of 2009 Recommendations



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# 2009-03, OEA, OEA Public/Private Partnerships

**Recommendation:** FEMA Public Sector Office should take the lead in helping existing efforts become better coordinated, including identifying best practices.

**Status Update:** PSD created the Building Resilience through Public Private Partnerships Conference in 2011 for public and private sectors to share best practices and network. Conference is in its fifth year and has been hugely successful.

**Initial Response:** FEMA's Private Sector Division is very much engaged in helping existing efforts become better coordinated, both at the federal level as well as with our tribal, state and local partners. The Division was established to improve information sharing and coordination between FEMA and the private sector, and part of this effort in 2009 includes closer collaboration with DHS components including the DHS Private Sector Office and the DHS Office of Infrastructure Protection -as well as with other federal agencies that also have private sector partnerships, such as the Centers for Disease Control and the Department of Defense's U.S. Northern Command.

# 2009-34, ORR, NDH Concept of Operations

**Recommendation:** The NAC recommends that the following 5 elements be incorporated into the NDH Concept of Operations:

- Menu of housing options researched, developed, “prototyped”, and contracted;
- Menu of existing and proposed Federal program solutions (rent vouchers, repair program, block grants, etc.);
- Total capabilities of those programs quantified and run against various disaster scenarios;
- Delineate wrap-around social services for relocated populations; and
- Provide a post-disaster housing gap analysis tool for utilization by States

**Initial Response:** We concur with your recommendations, all of which have been referred to the National Disaster Housing Task Force for action. We will keep the NAC informed of our progress.

**Status Update:** The Housing RSF, led by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) with support from FEMA, published an RSF-specific Annex to the Recovery Federal Interagency Operational Plan (FIOP)...

# Recommendation Stats

- Total to date: 211
- Significant accomplishments include:
  - Amendment to Stafford Act in January 2013 providing for Federally recognized tribes to make direct requests to the President for Disaster or Emergency Declarations
  - Creation of the regional FEMA Tribal Affairs Specialist positions and establishment of regional Disability Integration Specialist positions
  - Inclusion of public, private sector, and non-profit organizations in the National Exercise Program
  - Significant input into the review and revision of the National Incident Management System
  - Designation of dedicated staff to address children's needs



# Next Steps

- Continue working with program offices for status updates to recommendations submitted between 2010 and 2015
- Follow up with program offices about recommendations in progress from 2008 and 2009
- Continue to engage with the NAC members about the progress of implementing their recommendations
- Continue to refine and improve the recommendations process

