

Dear NIMS Stakeholder,

In October 2007, FEMA's National Integration Center (NIC) Incident Management Systems Division (IMSD) (formerly the NIMS Integration Center) will release the *Fiscal Year (FY) 2008 NIMS Implementation Activities and Compliance Metrics*.

In developing the *FY 2008 NIMS Implementation Activities* for States, Territories and local jurisdictions, IMSD incorporated required actions from FYs 2005-2007 as well as new activities for FY 2008. Additionally, the draft activities reflect the revisions made to the NIMS document in 2007. Prior to finalizing these draft activities, IMSD is seeking input from NIMS stakeholders nationwide in a formal comment period from August 10-24, 2007. Once stakeholder comments are incorporated and the activities are finalized, the associated metrics will be derived.

As they were in FY 2007, the *FY 2008 NIMS Implementation Activities* are separated into two tiers:

- **Tier 1 activities:** considered critical for NIMS implementation. States, Territories, and local jurisdictions must respond to the metrics associated with the "Tier 1" activities affirmatively to demonstrate compliance in FY 2008. If a State, Territory, or local jurisdictions cannot successfully implement a Tier 1 activity (i.e. not responding affirmatively to the associated metrics), a Corrective Action Plan must be submitted.
- **Tier 2 activities:** introduce concepts that *may* become Tier 1 in future fiscal years.

The attached packet includes draft activities for both States and Territories, and local jurisdictions, as well as associated guidance material. For your convenience, the document can also be accessed at http://www.fema.gov/emergency/nims/whats_new.shtm.

To ensure consistency during the comment process, the attached comment form will be utilized as the preferred method for submitting comments. Completed forms can be sent to NIMScomments@hsi.dhs.gov. You may also submit your comments (which must include the page and line numbers) directly to that e-mail address.

I thank you, in advance, for your participation, as NIMS implementation is essential to ensure that the Nation can effectively and efficiently prepare for, prevent, respond to, recover from, and mitigate the effects of any type of incident.

Sincerely,

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