

# NIMS Implementation

## Tips of the Week



### NEW NIMSCAST Features

#### **Corrective Action Plans (CAPs) Updates**

1. Capability to view the CAPs form while answering metric questions in a non-affirmative manner,
2. Capability to collect CAPs for Tier 2 metrics (the CAP is still not required to complete an assessment, however).

#### **Enhanced E-mail Capabilities**

1. Ability to attach documents to intra-NIMSCAST e-mails;
2. Ability to target e-mails to subsets of the user hierarchy based on accounts that have not rolled up and/or have CAPs; and
3. NIMSCAST will generate a reminder e-mail signifying that a CAP's compliance date has passed. The e-mail will contain the CAP as well as the necessary instructions on how to update it.

#### **Reporting Enhancements**

1. Summary Assessment Report summarizes an account's compliance metrics assessment; this report can be used as a State or Territory's submission for the State Preparedness Report,
2. Ability to control the depth level of aggregate (roll-up) reports.

#### **General Changes**

1. Capability for users to restore assessment values from a previously-saved snapshot of the data, including a pre-migration snapshot. NIMSCAST will automatically generate a snapshot before a migration is performed, allowing the account to be restored in the event that a migration is performed in error;
2. When using "Save and Continue" and "Skip" features on the metrics question input form, NIMSCAST will no longer show questions that do not apply to the account type (to the primary benefit of State Agency and Federal accounts);
3. Improved handling of update to Tier 1 responses;
4. NIMSCAST will load the CAP form on first view for metrics not completed and marked non-compliant. Previously, seemingly-complete (but non-compliant) responses needed to be saved before NIMSCAST would display the CAP form, allowing metrics questions to be deemed fully complete.
  - If a non-compliant response is edited to become a compliant response, the system will automatically mark the CAP as complete and notify the user of the action completed. Users retains the ability to mark the CAP as complete or incomplete based on their discretion; and
5. Ability for users to "return" to the previous metric after saving it.

FEMA's Incident Management Systems Division will continue to update NIMSCAST based on user feedback.



Previous *Tips of the Week* include:

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- "Rolling Up" Metrics in NIMSCAST
- How to submit a Rollup in NIMSCAST
- NIMSCAST Reporting and Rollup