



FEMA
National Advisory Council

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Craig Fugate
Administrator

FROM: James Featherstone 
Chairman
National Advisory Council

SUBJECT: Recommendation on Tribal Governments

The purpose of this memorandum is to convey the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) National Advisory Council's (NAC) feedback on tribal government issues.

On Thursday, August 5, 2010, the Council met in public session in Denver, CO. During this meeting, the National Advisory Council's Response and Recovery Subcommittee provided the following recommendations with regard to tribal governments and disaster assistance. On August 5, 2010, the full council voted unanimously to send these recommendations to the Administrator.

Recommendations:

1. The Council recommends that the Administrator support amending legislation that will place tribal governments at same level as State governments.
2. The Council recommends that the Administrator continue to support the removal of impediments to working with tribal governments. Specifically, tribal governments should have the ability to directly request Federal disaster assistance.

Again, the Council appreciated the opportunity to provide feedback.