



FEMA

February 4, 2011

MEMORANDUM FOR: Janet Napolitano
Secretary

FROM:  W. Craig Fugate
Administrator

SUBJECT: Renewal of Charter for the National Advisory Council

Purpose

This memorandum requests that you approve the renewal of the charter for the National Advisory Council (NAC), a statutory advisory committee established in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) (5 U.S.C. App.). FACA requires that charters for advisory committees be renewed every two years. The charter for the NAC expires February 11, 2011.

Background

Title 6, United States Code (U.S.C.), Section 318 required the establishment of the NAC to advise the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency on all aspects of emergency management. The Program Office recommends changing the "Special Needs" position title to "functional accessibility" in order to reflect the community's preferred terminology. The Office of Chief Counsel concurs with this recommendation. FEMA also sought and incorporated input from the DHS Committee Management Office and DHS Office of the General Counsel.

Discussion

This advisory body, originally chartered in February 2007 and renewed in February 2009, has been meeting since October 2007. The NAC has made formal recommendations and provided constructive input on the National Response Framework; the National Incident Management System; FEMA's Stafford Act; Regional Disability Coordinators; FEMA's Strategic Plan; Post-Disaster Housing issues; Urban Search & Rescue; National Disaster Recovery Framework; and the National Exercise Program.

Recommendation

I recommend that you approve renewal of the NAC's charter. The charter is attached for your review.

Attachment

Approve  _____
Disapprove _____

Date 3-3-11 _____
Date _____