MEMORANDUM FOR: Regional Administrators
Acting Regional Administrators
FEMA Regions I - X

Federal Coordinating Officers

ATTENTION: Disaster Assistance Division Directors

FROM: Elizabeth A. Zimmerman
Assistant Administrator
Disaster Assistance Directorate

SUBJECT: Disaster Assistance Policy DAP9524.3 Rehabilitation Assistance for Levees and Other Flood Control Works

With this memo, I am amending Section VII.C.1 of the February 25, 2009 version of Disaster Assistance Policy (9524.3) Rehabilitation Assistance for Levees and Other Flood Control Works, by deleting “debris removal or flood fighting activities.” This action is effective retroactive to February 25, 2009.

By amending Section VII.C.1 of the February 25, 2009 policy, financial assistance to State and local governments for debris removal and flood fighting activities associated with flood control works may be eligible through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance (PA) Program.

The purpose of the February 25, 2009 policy was to update the August 17, 1999 policy and to clarify the roles and responsibilities of those Federal agencies with authorities and programs that provide assistance for levees and flood control works. Since the issuance of the February 25, 2009 version of the policy, a number of questions have been raised about the policy. FEMA is currently engaged with USACE to address these questions. FEMA will issue a revised version of the policy once all of the issues have been addressed and the policy is fully coordinated with the USACE, the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), and other stakeholders.

If you have any questions, feel free to call me, or contact Tod Wells, Acting Director, Public Assistance Division, at.

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