



# FEMA Fact Sheet

## National Advisory Council

### Overview

The National Advisory Council (NAC) advises the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) on all aspects of emergency management. The NAC incorporates tribal, state, local governments, private sector, and non-governmental partners' input in the development and revision of FEMA policies and strategies. FEMA's Office of the National Advisory Council serves as the focal point for all NAC coordination.

The NAC was formed, as mandated in the Post-Katrina Emergency Management Reform Act of 2006 (PL 109-295), to ensure effective and ongoing coordination of national preparedness, protection, response, recovery, and mitigation for natural disasters, acts of terrorism and other man-made disasters by:

- Incorporating greater input from tribal, state, and local governments, private sector, and nongovernmental partners.
- Providing a formal avenue for feedback, suggestions, and constructive criticisms from the diverse government, private sector, and non-governmental partners involved in disaster activities.

### Membership

The membership of the NAC may consist of up to 35 members appointed by and serving at the discretion of the FEMA Administrator. NAC members serve for a term of three years, with one-third of the membership's terms ending each year. The NAC's membership is made up of influential, senior leaders from diverse cross-section of professional and geographic areas from tribal, state, and local governments, the private sector, and non-governmental organizations. This diversity provides the FEMA Administrator with the best possible input from the customer and partner community of emergency management and homeland security.

### Accomplishments

Since the NAC's creation in 2007, the NAC's accomplishments include:

- Providing valuable feedback on FEMA's strategic plan, including recommendations on how to implement and measure its success.
- Supplying key input on the development and implementation of the National Response Framework, the National Incident Management System and the National Disaster Housing Strategy.
- Opening lines of communication to help engage the private sector in emergency management and in realizing the vision of the New FEMA.
- Recommending the creation of a Regional Disability Coordinator position within each of the 10 FEMA regions.
- Reviewing and providing input on the regulatory and policy issues relating to the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act.

For additional information please visit the NAC website at <http://www.fema.gov/about/nac/> or contact FEMA Office of External Affairs at 202-646-4600.



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*"FEMA's mission is to support our citizens and first responders to ensure that as a nation we work together to build, sustain, and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate all hazards."*