

# FEMA Statement on recent Puerto Rico Earthquakes

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Acting FEMA Administrator Pete Gaynor has been in constant communication and coordination with Puerto Rico Governor Wanda Vazquez. The agency received her request for an emergency declaration from the 6.5 magnitude earthquake that occurred earlier today, and that request is under consideration.

FEMA personnel in Puerto Rico are working closely with Puerto Rico Emergency Management Bureau and we have deployed two Incident Management Assistance Teams to the island. Additionally, FEMA's Response Operations Cell in Washington, D.C. and Regional Response Coordination Center in New York activated to assist with any additional resource needs.

FEMA remains committed to supporting the government of Puerto Rico with its ongoing recovery efforts from Hurricanes Irma and Maria and to helping people before, during and after disasters.

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