



July 3, 2019

Dear Tribal Leader:

I am pleased to announce that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is initiating outreach and consultation for specific provisions of the Disaster Recovery Reform Act (DRRA). At various points during implementation of this important law, FEMA will seek comments from federally-recognized Indian tribes to further DRRA implementation.

Signed into law by the President on October 5, 2018, the DRRA provides FEMA the opportunity to implement comprehensive emergency management reforms. These reforms acknowledge a shared responsibility for disaster response and recovery, aim to reduce the complexity of FEMA, and build preparedness and readiness capacity for the next catastrophic event. As a result, the DRRA promotes greater investment in mitigation that reduces risk before a disaster, enhances capacity to manage disaster recovery, and offers additional resources to disaster survivors.

FEMA is committed to its responsibility under Executive Order 13175, *Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments*, to engage in consultation and collaboration with tribal officials on DRRA provisions with tribal implications. FEMA has identified a list of DRRA provisions for tribal consultation, which are summarized in the attached Fact Sheet. The Fact Sheet and consultation opportunities will be announced and posted on the FEMA website at www.fema.gov/tribal-consultation. FEMA will consult and coordinate with tribes on these DRRA provisions in several ways, which may include face-to-face meetings, conference calls, and FEMA Adobe Connect webinars. You can also submit questions and comments to tribalconsultation@fema.dhs.gov. Additional information on the DRRA can be found on the FEMA website at www.fema.gov/drra.

During this consultation, FEMA's National Tribal Affairs Advisor Denise "Bambi" Kraus and Regional Tribal Liaisons will work together to provide tribes with opportunities to provide input and feedback to FEMA on these DRRA provisions. Contact information for all FEMA tribal liaisons is available at www.fema.gov/tribal-contacts.

We look forward to consulting with you and receiving your valuable input regarding the DRRA.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "PTG", is written over a light blue circular stamp. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Pete T. Gaynor
Acting Administrator

Attachment:

Fact Sheet: Tribal Consultation on the Disaster Recovery Reform Act of 2018