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MEMORANDUM FOR: FEMA Regional Administrators  
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ATTENTION: Regional Recovery Division Directors  
Regional Mitigation Division Directors

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SUBJECT: Disaster Recovery Reform Act Section 1206: Building Code and  
Floodplain Management Ordinance Administration and Enforcement  
Policy Issuance

The purpose of this memorandum is to announce the issuance of the attached FEMA Policy #204-079-01, *Building Code and Floodplain Management Administration and Enforcement*, implementing section 1206 of the Disaster Recovery Reform Act (DRRA) on building code and floodplain management administration and enforcement.

On October 5, 2018, Congress passed the DRRA to reduce the complexity of FEMA and build the nation’s capacity for the next catastrophic event. DRRA section 1206 amended sections 402 and 406 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to “provide assistance to state and local governments for building code and floodplain administration and enforcement, including inspections for substantial damage compliance”<sup>1</sup> and provide “base and overtime wages for extra hires to facilitate the implementation and enforcement of adopted building codes for a period of not more than 180 days after the major disaster is declared.”<sup>2</sup>

FEMA is implementing DRRA section 1206 through the Public Assistance (PA) Program and through the Risk Management Directorate’s Production and Technical Services Contract. The attached policy defines the framework and requirements for consistent and appropriate implementation through the PA Program with an effective date of November 1, 2020.

<sup>1</sup> Section 402 of the *Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act*, P.L. 93-288, as amended.

<sup>2</sup> Section 406 of the *Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act*, P.L. 93-288, as amended.

The intent of the PA Policy is to provide communities with the resources needed to effectively administer and enforce state and locally adopted building codes and floodplain management ordinances for a period of no longer than 180 days after the date of a major disaster declaration.

For any questions, please have your staff contact David Grecco, Branch Chief for the Public Assistance Regulations and Policy Branch, at [david.grecco@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:david.grecco@fema.dhs.gov).

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