March 30, 2023

MEMORANDUM FOR: Regional Administrators
Regional Recovery Division Directors

FROM: Melissa K. Forbes
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The purpose of this memorandum is to issue FEMA Policy # 104-22-0002: Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic: Public Assistance Programmatic Deadlines (Interim) Version 2. This policy establishes Public Assistance (PA) eligibility and programmatic deadlines to ensure consistent and appropriate implementation across all COVID-19 emergency and major disaster declarations. This includes the establishment of May 11, 2023, as the end of the incident period, the emergency work completion deadline, and the applicable end date for all COVID-19 policies and declarations. Costs incurred for work related to COVID-19 after that date will not be eligible for PA funding. However, in recognition that costs may be incurred for demobilization, disposition, and disposal activities after the end of the emergency work completion deadline, FEMA is providing a limited 90-day extension (August 9, 2023) to complete demobilization, disposition, and disposal activities.

This interim policy supersedes Version 1 of the COVID-19 Pandemic: Public Assistance Programmatic Deadlines released on June 15, 2022 and is applicable to all COVID-19 emergency and major disaster declarations. Pursuant to the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (Stafford Act), the President issued a nationwide emergency declaration on March 13, 2020, and major disaster declarations for the COVID-19 pandemic.

On February 10, 2023, FEMA issued a memorandum establishing and posted notice to the Federal Register establishing May 11, 2023, as the end of the incident period and the emergency work completion deadline for PA for all COVID-19 emergency and major disaster declarations. This will be concurrent with the expiration of the national emergency and public health emergency declarations.

If you have any questions, please have your staff contact Robert Pesapane, Acting Director, Public Assistance Division, at Robert.Pesapane@fema.dhs.gov.

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