



FEMA

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Dear Tribal Leader:

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is committed to engaging in government-to-government consultation with tribal officials on actions that affect Tribal Nations. This is described in [FEMA's Tribal Consultation Policy](#) and is in accordance with [Executive Order 13175](#) and President Biden's "[Memorandum on Tribal Consultation and Strengthening Nation-to-Nation Relationships](#)." FEMA's goals in the [2022-2026 FEMA National Tribal Strategy](#) also emphasize our commitment to honor tribal sovereignty and build and maintain strong relationships with tribal governments.

Consistent with these commitments, FEMA invites Tribal Nations to attend a tribal consultation during the 2023 [National Congress of American Indians \(NCAI\) Annual Convention and Marketplace](#) on the update of FEMA's tribal mitigation planning policy. The consultation is scheduled to take place on Thursday, November 16, 2023, 3:15 – 4:45 p.m. CT, at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center, (Room 252), New Orleans, LA.

This policy, currently entitled [Tribal Mitigation Plan Review Guide](#) (2017), interprets and explains the Mitigation Planning regulation at [44 Code of Federal Regulation \(CFR\) Part 201](#), and describes the requirements for developing and updating tribal mitigation plans. Mitigation Planning helps tribes understand risks from natural hazards and develop long-term strategies to reduce the impacts of hazards on people, property, and the environment. A FEMA-approved mitigation plan is also a condition for receiving certain types of non-emergency funding.

Details and updates will be posted on the [FEMA Tribal Consultation web page](#). Tribal Nations can send their comments and questions to [fema-tribal@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:fema-tribal@fema.dhs.gov). Please include the subject line "Tribal Mitigation Planning Guidance – Written Comments." Comments are due by December 15, 2023.

We hope you will join us and share comments and feedback as we work to support Tribal Nations before, during and after disasters.

Sincerely,

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