

Selected Items from
FEMA
State Mitigation Plan
Review Guide

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FEMA's Guiding Principles

1. Foster Cooperative Relationships

- Plan review and approval not sole focal point of communication

2. Emphasis on the Planning Process

- While the plan provides documentation of state mitigation planning processes, continuous coordination among state agencies and communities is the key to achieving mitigation goals and long-term resilience

3. Focus on Reducing Risk

- State risk assessments must consider changing environmental or climate conditions that may affect and influence the long-term vulnerability from hazards in the state

4. Improve Mitigation Capabilities

- FEMA will work with the states to provide technical assistance beyond plan review and approval

FEMA Review and Consultation on State's Mitigation Program

- To be completed at least annually
- To include review of Hazard Mitigation Assistance grant programs

Coordination and Integration of Planning

- The Standard plan must describe how other state and Federal agencies and other stakeholders were involved in the process. At a minimum, the plan must describe how the state coordinated with other agencies and stakeholders responsible for the following sectors:
 - a. Emergency management
 - b. Economic development
 - c. Land use and development
 - d. Housing
 - e. Health and social services
 - f. Infrastructure
 - g. Natural and cultural resources
- The Enhanced plan must demonstrate integration with other state and/or regional planning initiatives, including at a minimum the same seven sectors

Changes in Development

The plan must provide a summary of the changes in development that have occurred or are projected to occur in hazard prone areas based on the state, local, and tribal, as applicable, risk assessments, specifically:

- a. Changes in land use and the built environment
- b. Changes in population demographics that may affect vulnerability to hazard events
- c. Changes to the vulnerability of state-owned or operated buildings, infrastructure, and critical facilities

Local and Tribal Mitigation Actions

- The plan must generally describe and analyze the effectiveness of local and tribal, as applicable, mitigation policies, programs, and capabilities
- The plan must identify the challenges and opportunities facing local and tribal, as applicable, entities in implementing mitigation actions

Tracking and Reviewing Progress

- The plan must describe the system for tracking the implementation of the mitigation activities and projects identified in the mitigation strategy
- The system must include the following:
 - A schedule
 - Agency/office responsible for coordination
 - Role of the agencies/offices identified in the mitigation strategy as responsible for implementation of actions
- The plan must describe a system for reviewing progress on achieving the goals of the mitigation strategy that includes the criteria and process for evaluating progress