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Risk MAP

MITIGATION PLANS: The Heart and Soul of Flood Risk Management Programs

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Approved State Mitigation Plans ensure eligibility for the following FEMA funds

- Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)
- Pre-Disaster Mitigation Competitive (PDM-C)
- Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA)
- Repetitive Flood Claims (RFC)
- Severe Repetitive Loss Pilot Program (SRL)
 - ✓ *At issue is that State Plans must uphold requirements to ensure that flood risk evaluation leads to realistic strategies essential for resilient communities. There should be consequences if these plans have minimal risk assessments and fail to address Flood Awareness and Readiness. Increased Agency Collaboration is a must.*



- **Local Mitigation Plans**

- The flood mitigation strategy should be based on local and State vulnerability analyses and risk assessments.
- Local plans depend on State strategies to coordinate with local mitigation flood planning efforts.
- Local planning depends on how States will provide funding or technical assistance.
 - ✓ *At issue is that Local Plans should have the linkages with the State strategies to develop realistic goals essential for resilient local communities. There is a need for these plans to relate to Land Use Plans, the national Risk MAP program, and be encouraged to include new flood data developed from Risk Map products.*

- **Tribal Mitigation Plans also need to apply the same rules.**

WHY planning needs support and inclusion in the “Corporate View” for the development of Resilient communities:

- The recent 2013 partial government “shutdown”, demonstrated that approved State plans needed “up-front” consideration if it was necessary to respond to a disaster declaration during that period. For States to receive assistance, they must have an approved State plan. Interagency support is necessary to have increased operational planning to promote public safety.
- The success of Flood Preparedness depends on including Mitigation Planning as a vital component of all types of plans. Funding as well as closer linkages are needed to support the nation’s flood programs. Communication up and down throughout all Inter-agencies is necessary as well as outreach to ensure future environmental and economic stability. Mitigation Planning is a mandate not just a means to Federal funding but to Increased Community Resiliency.
 - **Comments or questions**



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