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FEMA CLARIFIES LEVEE POLICY

WASHINGTON – In a continued effort to ensure that communities get the flood fighting assistance they need, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has amended its February 2009 policy on “Rehabilitation Assistance for Levees and Other Flood Control Works.” This clarification allows FEMA to provide financial assistance to state and local governments for eligible work associated with debris removal and flood fighting activities. This action is retroactive to February 25, 2009, when the revised policy went into effect.

The intent of the February 2009 policy was to provide guidance on what types of facilities and activities related to levees and flood control works are eligible for FEMA assistance in emergencies and disasters. Questions were raised regarding the revised policy since it was issued.

FEMA will continue to work with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to address these questions, and will issue a further revised version of the policy once this process is finalized. The final policy will be coordinated with the USACE, the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and other stakeholders.

While this process is still ongoing, today’s announcement ensures that during this process there will be no gap in flood fighting and repair assistance to impacted communities.

FEMA’s mission is to support our citizens and first responders to ensure that as a nation we work together to build, sustain, and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate all hazards.

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