NIMS Implementation *Tips of the Week*

Incident Resource Inventory System (IRIS)

The Incident Resource Inventory System (IRIS) is a no-cost, browser-based database management tool, developed within the framework of the NIMS, available to Federal, State/territory, tribal, and local officials to assist in meeting the NIMS compliance requirement for inventorying FEMA-approved typed resources.

The benefits of IRIS include:

- Assisting communities to identify available emergency-oriented resources during day-to-day and disaster operations.

- Systematically assisting communities with inventorying and typing of resources in accordance with NIMS protocols while helping to identify available resources to support emergency response operations.

- Creating typing for Tier 2 assets (or resources not currently included in the FEMA 120) and inventory them. This will assist communities in the management of emergency-oriented resources during both day-to-day emergency operations, as well as in response to a crisis or disaster.

- Providing capability for the exchange of data with adjoining communities or across disciplines.

NIMS Revision affect on ICS-700

As the NIMS documents endures revision, IS/ICS courses will be updated to reflect all changes in key terminology, concepts, and principles. However, at this time, those personnel who have already completed training **do not** have to retake these courses.

For example, as the *IS-700 NIMS: An Introduction* web-based training course will be revised to reflect the changes to the NIMS, emergency management personnel who have already completed ICS-700 training will not be required to re-take the course. However, FEMA's Incident Management Systems Division urges everyone, particularly those who have completed IS-700, to review all changes outlined in the **NIMS Notice of Change** document and the **Quick Reference Guide** upon their release.

Previous *Tips of the Week* include:

June 13
- Institutionalizing ICS
- Discipline-specific ICS Courses

June 6
- Unified Command
- NIMS National Credentialing

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- Certifying NIMS Compliant Training Courses
- Incident Action Planning

May 23
- NIMSCAST Corrective Action Plan Reports
- NIMSCAST User and Account History Tracking and Reporting