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DISASTER REDUCTION PLANS RELEASED BY THE NATIONAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The National Science and Technology Council’s Subcommittee on Disaster Reduction (SDR) released a series of hazard-specific implementation plans that identify opportunities to reduce the impact of disasters through a greater scientific understanding and technology application.

“The Grand Challenges for Disaster Reduction Implementation Plans outline key science and technology needs, and identify specific actions that have the potential to save lives and reduce property damage and other significant loss,” said Dr. John Marburger, Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy. “The activities of State and Local governments as well as the Federal Government should be informed by these plans as they seek to minimize disruption from natural and technological hazards and ultimately make the Nation more resilient to disasters.”

Developed in support of the *Grand Challenges for Disaster Reduction*, these plans were coordinated among 22 Federal departments and agencies. They list actions that agencies, in collaboration with individuals, organizations and all levels of government, should take in order to meet the Grand Challenges for coastal inundation, drought, earthquakes, floods, heat waves, human and ecosystem health hazards, hurricanes, landslides, technological hazards, tornados, tsunamis, volcanoes, wildfires and winter storms.

A copy of the plans can be found online at: www.sdr.gov.

About The Subcommittee on Disaster Reduction:

The SDR is a subcommittee of the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources (CENR) under the National Science and Technology Council. Chartered in 1988, the SDR is charged with facilitating and promoting disaster mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery. The SDR addresses all types of natural and technological hazards, whether domestic or foreign in origin. To accomplish this mission, the SDR provides a forum for government leaders to leverage

expertise, inform policy makers, promote technology applications, coordinate various activities, and promote excellence in research.

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