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TRAINING

- ESF 11** Emergency Support Function (ESF) 11 Desk Officer Training was conducted in the following Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Regions:
- FEMA Region IX, San Francisco, CA on Feb 13.
 - FEMA Region VI, Baton Rouge, LA on Feb 15.

EXERCISES

- ESF 11** The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region VI represented the USDA at FEMA Region VI's Training and Exercise Planning Workshop (TEPW) on Feb 1 and addressed questions regarding the FEMA Region VI's Food Security Exercise and the APHIS FMD exercise.
- ESF 11** The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region VI attended FEMA Region VI's Food Security Exercise mid-Term Planning Conference and coordinated USDA's input with APHIS Veterinary Services (VS), USDA Food Safety and Inspection Services (FSIS), and USDA Office of the Inspector General (OIG) to begin working on the Master Scenario Events List (MSEL) and exercise architecture/venue. Denton, TX on Feb 6.
- ESF 11** The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region X reviewed county level injects and Warm Start document (E+24 hrs.) for 2012 Evergreen Earthquake Exercise on Feb 7.
- ESF 11** The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region I participated in the FEMA Regional Interagency Steering Committee (RISC)/Regional Response Team 1 (RRT1) Workshop and Table Top Exercise (TTX) Planning Conference on Feb 10.
- ESF 11** The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region I participated in the FEMA Region I National Level Exercise 2012 (NLE 2012) TTX Initial Planning Conference on Feb 13.

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- ESF 11** The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region I participated in the FEMA Region I's NLE 2012 Capstone Exercise Workgroup on Feb 23.
- ESF 11** The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region X participated in an Action Request Form (ARF) Mission Assignment (MA) workshop for Federal and State Partners for the Evergreen Quake Exercise Series, Bothell, WA, on Feb 23.
- ESF 11** The acting ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region VIII attended the Utah Catastrophic Earthquake Exercise Series Planning meeting in Lakewood, CO on Feb 28.
- ESF 11** The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region VII served as controller/evaluator for the PPO Emergency Response Incident Command System (ICS) exercise Bismarck, ND on Feb 28-29.
- ESF 11** The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region I participated in the FEMA Region I NLE 2012 Mid-Planning Conference on Feb 29.
- ESF 11** The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region IX participated in the Nevada FMD TTX, Carson City, NV on Feb 29-Mar 1.

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- ESF 11** The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region V provided Regional Desk Officers information regarding Super Bowl XLVI and Regional Response Coordination Center information, on Feb 1.
- ESF 11** USDA State Emergency Boards – ESF-11 Coordinators provide an update to Board members on ESF-11 preparedness activities in the following States:
- Oklahoma City, OK on Feb 1
 - Davis, CA on Feb 6
 - Baton Rouge, LA on Feb 14

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-  The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region V participated in conference call with Human Health Services/Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response regarding Medical Countermeasures on Feb 1.
-  The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region IV attended the Southern Agriculture and Animal Disaster Response Alliance (SAADRA) meeting in Atlanta on Jan 30-Feb 1.
-  ESF-11 participated in monthly Tribal Assistance Coordination Group Conference meeting Feb 2.
-  The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region I participated in the FEMA NDRF Kickoff Meeting on Feb 2.
-  The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA R VII participates in the Missouri River Flood Task Force (including 8 states and 29 tribes) and serves on the tribal outreach and agriculture workgroups. Specific questions addressed this month included Tribal lands, burial sites, and artifacts impacted by flooding (DOI, USDA, BIA, FEMA, and state), farmland nutrient deficiency due to flooding (USDA and state), and disaster food assistance (USDA and state). Kansas City, MO on Feb 6.
-  The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region I participated in the FEMA Region I's Annual ESF Preparedness Meeting on Feb 6.
-  The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region V conducted conference calls with FSA, RD and NRCS in preparation for training panel at Region V RISC, February 1 & 6.
-  The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region I participated in the Maine State Emergency Board Meeting on Feb 7.
-  The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region V led a panel of FSA, RD, and NRCS staff which provided training to Region V RISC participants on Feb 7.

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-  The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region V participated in the Region V RISC meeting on Feb 7-8.
-  The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region I participated in the NASAAEP Monthly Call on Feb 8.
-  The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region V participated in Region V ESFLG meeting concerning G8/NATO Summit and Medical Counter Measures (MCM) on Feb 8.
-  The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region V met with Region V IND planner on Feb 8.
-  The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region IX participated in CARES (California Animal Response Emergency Services) Workgroup meeting Mather, CA on Feb 8.
-  The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region V provided Region V ESF-11 Desk Officers information regarding flood projections for FEMA Region V on Feb 9.
-  ESF-11 Headquarters personnel participated in an interview regarding developing the IOP for Response on Feb 10.
-  The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region IV participated in the FEMA Region IV's Private Sector Pilot Project Planning Session 3 on Feb 13.
-  The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region V conducted call with Illinois State Board of Education and FNS regarding food security issues related to the NATO/G8 Summits, on Feb 13.
-  The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region X worked with USDA and APHIS tribal liaisons and program contacts to assemble slides describing APHIS tribal projects for the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (ATNI) meeting, WA State Feb 13-16.

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-  The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region VI conducted a Hurricane Plan synchronization meeting and ESF-11 Workshop Baton Rouge, LA Feb 14.
-  The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region III participated in a teleconferenced with Virginia Department of Emergency Management and EPA regarding ESF-10 disaster and support needs on Feb 14.
-  The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region IX participated in the Animal Multi-Agency Coordination Systems Training Team Review, Healdsburg, CA on Feb 14-17.
-  The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region V took part in the NATO/G8 Consequence Management subcommittee meetings, on Feb 14 and 23.
-  The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region X met with Joint Regional Medical Plans Chief, NORAD-NORTHCOM to review DOD-APHIS MOU on Feb 15.
-  The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region V participated in the Region V State/AC conference calls and presented on NATO/G8 Summits, on Feb 15.
-  The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA R IX participated in the FEMA National Disaster Recovery Framework Rollout, San Francisco, CA on Feb 16.
-  The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region III participated in FEMA Region I's Environmental Response/Health and Safety Core Capability meeting on Feb 16 to address measureable items for delivering the CC.
-  The Acting ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region VIII worked with APHIS and FEMA Mission Assignment Managers to finalize South Dakota Mission Assignments from winter flooding 2011, Feb 17.

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-  The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region IV participated in the FEMA Region IV's Individual Assistance conference call on Feb 21.
-  ESF-11 Headquarter Staff, to include partner agency's (FNS, FSIS, and DOI) participated in the following Interagency Operation Plan workshop for the Response Core Capabilities (CC): (Feb 21 – Mar 5)
 - Operational Communications
 - Mass Search & Rescue
 - Mass Care
 - Public Information
 - Critical Transportation
 - Infrastructure
 - Public Health and Medical
 - Fatality Management
 - Operational Coordination
 - Situational Assessment
 - Public and Private Services Resources
 - Planning
-  The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region X participated in the FEMA Region X's Mass Care Partners meeting, Bothell, WA on Feb 23.
-  The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region X participated in the Environmental Protection Agency's – Northwestern Regional Radiation Workgroup and presented a briefing on animal decontamination, Richland, WA on Feb 29.
-  Headquarter and Regional ESF-11 Staff to include partner agency's (FNS, FSIS, and DOI) reviewed and provided input to the following FEMA documents: National Response Framework (NRF) Base Plan; Mitigation Framework; Interagency Operation Plan (IOP) for Response; National Preparedness Report; Federal Space Weather Plan; Eight Support Annex's to the NRF; and ESF-11 Annex.

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ESF 11 D-SNAP Policy Guidance and Toolkit Review: FNS is going through an internal review of the updated and revised Disaster-Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (D-SNAP) Policy Guidance and Toolkit for 2012. The Guidance is designed to work as a portfolio that will work together, with three separate sections containing updated policy guidance, a toolkit, and lessons learned for FNS employees and Agency partners who provided D-SNAP assistance.

ESF 11 Senate ESF-6 Briefing: FNS and Animal Care participated in a briefing on the functions and coordination among partnering agencies of Emergency Support Function 6 – Mass Care before the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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ESF 11 FEMA Monthly Preparedness Call: FNS participated in a monthly call via webinar on emergency preparedness. Speakers included representatives from Safe Kids, St. Clair County, Michigan, and FEMA Individual Assistance who provided information on emergency preparedness outreach efforts and FEMA materials available to the public that promote preparedness among numerous audiences, including those with access and functional needs and Indian Tribal Organizations.

ESF 11 The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region IV is participating on FEMA Improvised Nuclear Detonation workgroup.

ESF 11 The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region I serving on RISC Steering Committee Workgroup

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ESF 11 The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region I assisting Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency on the Animal Sheltering Workgroup.

ESF 11 The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region I assisting Maine Emergency Management Agency on the Animal Sheltering Workgroup.

ESF 11 The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region I serving on the NLE 2012 Exercise Planning Committee.

ESF 11 The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region I participating on the New England Dairy Exercise Planning Committee.

ESF 11 The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region II is working with FEMA regarding Puerto Rico's catastrophic planning for earthquake and tsunami.

ESF 11 The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region II is working with the Animal MACS training course work group.

ESF 11 The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region III is serving on the Strategic National Risk Assessment Working Group. Phase 3 is scheduled for the first week of March.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ESF 11 WA Department of Ag and WA Homeland Security FMD Tabletop Exercise, Moses Lake, WA on Mar 1.

ESF 11 FEMA Region VI Food Security Exercise Final Planning Conference Denton, TX on Mar 6.

ESF 11 The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region V will observe the Braidwood Nuclear Power Plant exercise, reed township, IL, Mar 7.

ESF 11 Cascadia Mass Care workgroup Mather, CA on Mar 7-8.