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TRAINING

- ESF 11** ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region IX conducted Desk Officer Training in Phoenix, AZ Jan 10.
- ESF 11** The Emergency Support Function (ESF) 11 Coordinator in the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region IX contributed to the development and delivery of the Animal Care Multi-Agency Coordinator Pilot Course (inspired in response to Hurricane Irene activities) at the National Animal Rescue and Sheltering Coalition (NARSC) Meeting conducted in Glendale, AZ Jan 11-12.

EXERCISES

- ESF 11** Alternate National Response Coordination Center (NRCC) Test and Validation Exercise: On Jan 4, ESF-11 Headquarters Staff participated in an Alternate National Response and Coordination Center (NRCC) Test and Validation Exercise at the FEMA Headquarter Building in Washington, DC. The test was conducted to ensure a national disaster response could still be provided, while the NRCC undergoes renovations March – July 2012.
- ESF 11** ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region VI completed USDA sequence of events for Food Security Exercise scenario and coordinated response with APHIS Veterinary Services (VS), FSIS, and USDA Office of the Inspector General (OIG). The exercise will be conducted in May, 2012.
- ESF 11** ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region V, along with FSIS personnel participated in the US-Canada Food Table Top Exercise (TTX) on Jan 9-12.

EXERCISES

- ESF 11** ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region VII represented the USDA at the National Level Exercise (NLE) 2012 Amber Waves Mid-Planning Conference in Kansas City, MO Jan 11-12.
- ESF 11** ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region I participated in the FEMA Region I NLE 2012 Initial Planning Conference on Jan 17.
- ESF 11** ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region I evaluated a Drill at the Seabrook Nuclear Power Plant on Jan 24.
- ESF 11** ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region VI coordinated input from the Department in preparation for the FEMA Region VI Annual Training and Exercise Program Workshop (TEPW) in Denton, TX Jan 31 – Feb 1.
- ESF 11** The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region I participated in the New England Dairy Exercise Concept and Objectives Meeting on Jan 31.
- ESF 11** NRCC ESF-11 Headquarter Staff participated in recall drill conducted by FEMA Headquarters to validate contact information and availability to provide staffing at the NRCC for the month of Feb 2012.
- ESF 11** The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region IV is participating in the FEMA Region IV's Devolution TTX in preparation for NLE12.

CURRENT PROJECTS

- ESF 11** ESF-11 Headquarters' Staff participating on the National Response Framework (NRF) working group to revise the NRF.

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- ESF 11** ESF-11 Headquarters' Staff participating on Pets Sub-Group to ensure animal issues are addressed in the new NRF.
- ESF 11** ESF-11 Headquarters' Staff is developing Federal Interagency Operation Plan for Response to ensure USDA's response activities are integrated with Whole Community.
- ESF 11** ESF-11 Headquarters' Staff (FSIS) participating on Mitigation Framework Working group to ensure ESF-11 equities are represented.
- ESF 11** ESF-7 Hurricane Checklist Review: FNS reviewed and provided comments to FEMA on the Emergency Support Function (ESF)-7's (Logistics Management and Resource Support) Hurricane Checklist.
- ESF 11** ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region VII maintains participation in the Missouri River Flood Task Force (including 8 states and 29 tribes) weekly calls and serving on the tribal outreach and agriculture workgroups. Kansas City, MO Jan 5.
- ESF 11** ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region VI represented ESF-11 at the Region VI Damage Assessment Workshop - providing FNS damage assessment process information and potential assistance to state partner agencies with damage assessments under FEMA mission assignment. Denton, TX Jan 19.

- ESF 11** ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region VII served on FEMA ESF-6's and preparedness subcommittees in Kansas City, MO Jan 9.

CURRENT PROJECTS

- ESF 11** ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region I is assisting Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency on the Animal Sheltering Workgroup.
- ESF 11** ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region I serving on RISC Steering Committee Workgroup.
- ESF 11** ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region I is assisting Maine Emergency Management Agency on the Animal Sheltering Workgroup.
- ESF 11** ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region I serving on the NLE 2012 Exercise Planning Committee.
- ESF 11** ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region II is working with FEMA regarding Puerto Rico's catastrophic planning for earthquakes and tsunamis.
- ESF 11** ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region IV is participating in FEMA Region IV's Florida Food Contamination Exercise Planning Group. The exercise is schedule for May 7, 2012.
- ESF 11** The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region IV is participating on VSPL Priority 12B Emergency Management Outreach and Input Working Group.

PREPARDNESS MEETINGS

- ESF 11** ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region I will attend the FEMA Region I's NDRF Kickoff Meeting on Feb 2.

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ESF 11 ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region V participated in the NATO/G8 Consequence Management Sub-Committee conference call on January 3 & meeting on Jan 31, 2011.

ESF 11 ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region V participated in the IN SEB meeting, Jan 4.

ESF 11 ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA R VII serves on the Federal Executive Board Diversity Education and Cultural Awareness (DECA) Committee, attended the January meeting, and assisted in planning for Native American Heritage Month in Kansas City, KS Jan 5.

ESF 11 The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region V participated in the Food Defense webinar on Foreign-Animal-Disease on Jan 6.

ESF 11 ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region X attended the Cascadia Subduction Zone Earthquake Information Analysis Brief with FEMA, Federal partners and State emergency management in Bothell, WA Jan 10.

ESF 11 ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA R VII attended the RISC Meeting and National Disaster Recovery Framework roll-out in Kansas City, KS Jan 10.

ESF 11 ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region III participated in FEMA Region III's Federal and State Individual Assistance call Jan 11.

ESF 11 ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region III met with the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture on Jan 12.

ESF 11 ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region X served on the Joint Planning Committee of the WA Food/Feed Emergency Response Team in Kent, WA Jan 26.

ESF 11 ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region X attended the ESF-8 Partners Meeting in Seattle, WA Jan 27.

ESF 11 ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region VII attended Multi-State Partnership / Southern Agriculture and Animal Disaster response Alliance meeting in Atlanta, GA Jan 29-Feb 2.

ESF 11 ESF-11 Slides for Senate Briefing on FEMA Mass Care: FNS and APHIS Animal Care contributed to PowerPoint presentation that will be used to brief Homeland Security Senate Staff in February on FEMA Mass Care and its supporting partners.

ESF 11 Review of NRF ESF-11 Annex and Support Annexes: ESF-11 reviewed and provided comments to FEMA (via the USDA Office of Homeland Security and Coordination) on the ESF-11 NRF, ESF-11 Annex and Support Annexes as part of the major effort to revise the NRF in accordance with the new National Preparedness Goal.

ESF 11 Interagency Operation Response Plans IOP Response Kick-Off Meeting: ESF-11 Headquarter Staff participated in the Interagency Operations Plan (IOP) Response Kick-off Meeting hosted by FEMA via webcast and conference call.. the IOP is being developed around a no-notice event that would affect 7 million people and require mass care (including provision of disaster feeding) for 1.75 million individuals.

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- ESF 11** Hurricane Irene Response: FNS continues to work with the States affected by Hurricane Irene to deliver USDA Foods as requested by the States and to reimburse States for transportation and storage costs. The distribution will be completed by March 2012.
- ESF 11** FEMA Logistics Distribution Management Strategic Working Group Meeting: FNS participated in a working group meeting to update primary, secondary and tertiary responsibilities of the various agencies to provide a variety of commodities for disaster responses. The meeting provided FEMA with the assurance that its Federal partners can continue to be counted on for support in ordering and delivering commodities for this year.

AWARDS

- ESF 11** FNS ESF-11 Team Meeting and Appreciation: FNS met with its ESF-11 Desk Officers who serve at FEMA's NRCC as a collateral duty during disasters and emergencies that require a national response. During the meeting, participants reflected back on their 2011 training, exercises and responses, with a focus on lessons learned and ways to improve in 2012. Desk Officers were also presented with Certificates of Appreciation that included a Time-Off Award for their dedication to service as part of the FNS ESF-11 team, participating in trainings and activations as desk officers and subject matter experts at FEMA's NRCC for exercises and actual responses in 2011.

UP COMING EVENTS

- ESF 11** FEMA Region VI's Food Security Exercise Mid-Term Planning Conference in Denton, TX Feb 6.
- ESF 11** Environmental Protection Agency Region VII Rapid Response Team Carcass Disposal Subcommittee, ESF-11 co-chairs meeting Feb 7
- ESF 11** FEMA Region IX RISC Feb 7
- ESF 11** ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region V will participate in a FSA-RD-NRCS panel at FEMA Region V's RISC Feb 7.
- ESF 11** ESF-11 Desk Officers training:
 - San Francisco, CA upcoming Feb 13
 - Baton Rouge, LA Feb 14
- ESF 11** FEMA Region IX NDRF roll-out meeting Feb 15.
- ESF 11** ESF-11 Western Region Staff will support PPO Emergency Response ICS Exercise by serving as controller/evaluator Bismarck, ND Feb 28-29.
- ESF 11** Nevada Foot-and-Mouth Disease Exercise Feb 29.
- ESF 11** ESF-11 Regional Staff will participate in the USDA State Emergency Board Meetings
 - Oklahoma City, OK Feb 1
 - San Francisco, CA upcoming Feb 6
 - Baton Rouge, LA upcoming Feb 14
- ESF 11** FEMA Region II RISC meeting in March.