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ACTIVATION

ESF 11 Hurricane Isaac, August 2012 – Emergency Support Function (ESF) 11 was activated at the Regional Response Coordination Centers in FEMA Regions IV, VI and at the National Response Coordination Center in Washington, DC to address agriculture issues for the states affected by the storm. At the request of FEMA, ESF-11 deployed to the Joint Field Office in Baton Rouge, LA to provide assistance to the state's ESF #11 staff to address agriculture concerns. Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) and the Department of the Interior (DOI) monitored food commodities and natural, cultural, historic properties and assisted in answering FEMA questions. FNS approved the LA Department of Children and Family Services' request to operate a DSNAP program in multiple parishes.

TRAINING

ESF 11 Emergency Support Function -11 (ESF-11) Desk Officer Training : (Participants were from the following agencies: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS); FNS; Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS); DOI; Minnesota Homeland Security and Emergency Management ; and MN Department of Agriculture.

- Minnesota – August 29, 2012
- North Carolina – August 2, 2012
- Oklahoma - August 1, 2012
- Arkansas – August 2, 2012
- Missouri – August 23, 2012
- Oregon – August 20-21, 2012
- FEMA Region VI (Virtual) 19 students, August 2012.

ESF 11 ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region VI presented disaster preparedness to State Distributing Agencies at the FNS Southwest Regional Summit Denton, TX on August 8, 2012.

EXERCISES

ESF 11 The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region II facilitated the NJ County Animal Response Team (CART) Leadership hurricane preparedness tabletop exercise to 25 people from 9 NJ counties July 17, 2012.

EXERCISES

ESF 11 ESF-11 attended the Wide Area Recovery and Resiliency Program (WARRP) Agricultural Waste Disposal Workshop and disseminated information on the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region VII carcass disposal subcommittee (co-chaired by ESF-11) in Denver, CO July 17, 2012.

ESF 11 ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region VIII attended the Final Planning Conference for the National Veterinary Stockpile Exercise in Colorado. Brighton, CO in July 18, 2012.

ESF 11 ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region X attended the Northwest Foreign Animal Disease Diagnostician Refresher Training, presenting ESF-11 refresher in Pullman, WA on July 18-19, 2012.

ESF 11 The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region I participated in the New England Dairy Exercise After Action Review on July 23, 2012.

ESF 11 ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region VI facilitated the financial break-out session for the National Veterinary Stockpile Planning Workshop in Oklahoma City, OK July 24, 2012.

ESF 11 The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region II attended the NY State 9-Mile Point Nuclear Generating Station plume exercise July 24, 2012.

ESF 11 The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region IV participated in NC Ag EOC Activation exercise August 1, 2012.

ESF 11 The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region I participated in planning meetings for the Research to Resilience TTX on August 6 and 14, 2012.

ESF 11 ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region X attended the Columbia Generating Station Plum Exercise. Richland, WA August 28-29, 2012.

ESF 11 Food Research & Action Center (FRAC) Disaster Response Webinar: FNS staff participated in a webinar hosted by the FRAC that was attended by over 100 representatives from FRAC member and partner organizations. FNS gave presentations on the two main disaster nutrition assistance programs: USDA Foods distribution and Disaster SNAP.

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EXERCISE

- ESF 11** ESF-11 Staffing FEMA Region IX and HQ participated in FEMA's HQ's "Thunderbolt" No Notice Exercise to test Southern CA catastrophic earthquake plan and RRCC operability.
- ESF 11** ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region IX participated in EPA Region IX annual Continuing Challenge HAZMAT Conference. Sacramento, CA August 4-7, 2012.
- ESF 11** ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region VII attended the National Level Exercise 2012 Amber Waves Senior Leaders Session and Table Top Exercise. Agriculture issues raised will be further discussed at the Food and Feed workshop in September in Kansas City, MO.

AWARDS

- ESF 11** The Region II ESF-11 Coordinator received a letter of appreciation from FNS MARO's Administrator for dedication, commitment and support of USDA's FNS Mid-Atlantic Regional Office.

PREPAREDNESS ACTIVITIES

- ESF 11** ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region IX met with FEMA Individual Assistance (IA) to update contact list, review PSMA/ARF with mission assignment manager, and plan discussion-based exercise to engage State and Territory partners with animals in disaster scenarios. Oakland, CA on July 2, 2012.
- ESF 11** ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region IX met with new contacts from FNS to review ESF-11 roles and coordination of Food Commodity, DSNAP, and HH Food Delivery Programs. San Francisco, CA July 2, 2012.
- ESF 11** ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region IX met with FEMA IA and ARC to outline IA Conference presentation on "Coordination Animal Issues in Disasters" and exercise scenario, and exchange ESF-6 Annex input to the Cascadia Plan. Oakland, CA on July 9, 2012.

PREPAREDNESS ACTIVITIES

- ESF 11** ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region X met with WA Department of Ag Food Safety Program to review WA Food Emergency Response Plan. Olympia, WA on July 9, 2012.
- ESF 11** The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region I participated in the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency Statewide Animal Shelter Workgroup on July 9 and August 7, 2012.
- ESF 11** ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region X met with FDA Seattle District Office Emergency Coordinator to review roles. Bothell, WA on July 11, 2012.
- ESF 11** The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region IV participated in VS PL EMOI conference call July 11, 2012.
- ESF 11** The Eastern Region ESF-11 Coordinators participated in NASAAEP conference calls July 11 and August 15, 2012.
- ESF 11** The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region III participated in the FEMA Region III's Regional Power Outage hotwash July 12, 2012.
- ESF 11** ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region IX attended CA Pest Risk Assessment meeting to provide input on emergency management concepts and response/recovery coordination when Statutory and Mission Assignment authority overlap. Oakland, CA on July 16, 2012.
- ESF 11** ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region IX met with American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASAPCA) Disaster Response Director to discuss MOU regarding response. Oakland, CA on July 16, 2012.
- ESF 11** The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region III attended the Pennsylvania, South Central Task Force Agriculture Subcommittee Meeting, Harrisburg, PA, July 17, 2012.
- ESF 11** The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region IV took part in the FEMA Region IV's Individual Assistance conference call July 17, 2012.

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PREPAREDNESS ACTIVITIES

- ESF 11** The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region V participated in the Region V Regional Interagency Steering Committee (RISC) meeting in Chicago, July 24 and 25, 2012.
- ESF 11** The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region III took part in the VA State Emergency Board (SEB) meeting on July 26, 2012.
- ESF 11** The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region III participated in the FEMA Consequence Management Subcommittee, Presidential Inauguration planning meeting July 26, 2012.
- ESF 11** The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region III took part in the CDC's Selected Zoonotic Diseases conference call August 1, 2012.
- ESF 11** USDA State Emergency Board Meetings – ESF-11 Coordinators provide an update to Board members on ESF-11 preparedness activities on August 8, 2012.
- ESF 11** The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region I met with State, National Animal Rescue and Shelter Coalition (NARSC) and International Fund of Animal Welfare (IFAW) partners on August 8, 2012.
- ESF 11** The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region IV participated in emergency planning meeting with SC Area Veterinary In-Charge (AVIC), SC VS Area Emergency Coordinator (AEC) and SC State ESF-11 POC August 8, 2012.
- ESF 11** The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region III participated in the PA SEB meeting August 9, 2012.
- ESF 11** The Eastern Region ESF-11 Coordinators took part in VS AEC conference calls July 12 and August 9, 2012.
- ESF 11** ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region X reviewed "Foreign Animal Disease Guide for Local Jurisdictions" draft document for WA Department of Ag on August 9, 2012.

PREPAREDNESS ACTIVITIES

- ESF 11** ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region VII met with Iowa Farm Service Agency and visited National Veterinary Stockpile (NVSL) to discuss facility preparedness. Des Moines and Ames, IA August 9-10, 2012.
- ESF 11** ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region X monitored animal issues with WA Department of Ag, ASPCA, FEMA, during the Kittitas County, WA wildfires on August 13-15, 2012.
- ESF 11** The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region III took part in the WV SEB meeting August 15, 2012.
- ESF 11** The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region IV took part in a FEMA Improvised Nuclear Device workgroup conference call August 16, 2012.
- ESF 11** ESF-11 staff conducted a review of the VS Readiness and Response Document on August 16, 2012.
- ESF 11** The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region I provided training to the Upper Valley Disaster Animal Response Team and New Hampshire Department of Agriculture on August 20, 2012.
- ESF 11** The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region V took part in IN SEB meetings concerning the combined effects of excessive heat, drought, frost, and freeze, July 25 and August 22, 2012.
- ESF 11** The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region V took part in WI SEB meetings about the combined effects of flooding, excessive heat, drought, frost, and freeze, July 18 and August 22, 2012.

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PREPAREDNESS ACTIVITIES

- ESF 11** ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region VI coordinated partner agency input to the FEMA Region VI All-Hazards Plan, Agriculture and Natural Resources Sections. Plan is structured around Core Capabilities and mission areas from the National Planning Goal.
- ESF 11** ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region VII led a bi-monthly conference call for FEMA Region VI ESF-11 on August 20, 2012.
- ESF 11** ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region VII participated in a Tribal National, State and FEMA partnership meeting. Kansas City, MO on August 21-23, 2012.
- ESF 11** ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region IX attended the FEMA IA Conference Sacramento, CA on August 29-30, 2012 and the FEMA Risk Assessment Workshop in Oakland, CA on August 20-31, 2012.
- ESF 11** ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region X met with OR State Veterinarian and OR Emergency Management planners and exercise program regarding animal issues in county plans. Salem, OR August 21, 2012.
- ESF 11** ESF-11 staff participates in USDA-led drought calls with tribes, as well as, the monthly Tribal Assistance Coordination Group (TAC-G) calls with tribes.

CURRENT PROJECTS

- ESF 11** ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region VI appointed to the FEMA RISC Executive Committee to address Drought concerns.
- ESF 11** ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA R VI appointed to the FEMA Regional Interagency Steering Committee (RISC) Executive Committee. Drought issues primary topic of concern at RISC meetings.

CURRENT PROJECTS

- 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 serving on RISC Steering Committee 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 assisting New Hampshire Disaster Animal Response Team merge with Volunteer New Hampshire.
- ESF 11** The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region II is working with NJ Department of Agriculture and FNS MARO regarding the NJ State Distributing Agency's response plan.
- ESF 11** The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region III is serving on the Strategic National Risk Assessment Working Group .
- ESF 11** The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region III is serving on the FEMA All-hazards Planning Working Group.
- ESF 11** The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region III is serving on the FEMA Consequence Management Subcommittee for the Presidential Inauguration.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ESF 11** The ESF11 Coordinator in FEMA Region IV will take part in the FEMA Region IV RISC in Atlanta Nov. 5-6, 2012.
- ESF 11** The ESF11 Coordinator in FEMA Region IV will participate in the Animal Care funded Multi-Jurisdictional Exercise Nov 13-15, 2012 .