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### ACTIVATION

**ESF 11** Hurricane Sandy and Nor'easter Storm, October 27, 2012 – November 19, 2012 – Emergency Support Function (ESF) 11 was activated at the Regional Response Coordination Centers (RRCC) in FEMA Regions III, II, I, and at the National Response Coordination Center (NRCC) in Washington, DC to assist the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and States in addressing agricultural and natural resources needs associated with Hurricane Sandy and the subsequent Nor'easter. At the request of FEMA, ESF-11 deployed personnel to the State Emergency Operation Center (SEOC) in Boston, Massachusetts to develop debris management guidance and the SEOC in Albany, New York to provide guidance on USDA Food Nutrition Services (FNS) Programs, and the Joint Field Office in Queens, New York to provide assistance to the state's ESF-11 staff to address agriculture concerns. The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region I continue to address inquiries to FEMA and New England states.

- **FNS Response to Hurricane Sandy:** FNS Headquarters and Regional Offices continue to actively provide FNS support and technical assistance to 13 impacted states in response to Hurricane Sandy. As of November 28, 2012:
  - FNS has approved requests for mass replacements of SNAP benefits in 41 counties, 15 localities, 49 towns, and 79 zip codes in CT, MD, NJ, NY, PA, RI, and VA.
  - FNS has approved Hot Food Waivers for 28 counties in NJ and NY.
  - FNS has approved Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (D-SNAP) for 18 counties in NJ and 1 requested county in NY.

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- FNS has provided 39,089 pounds of USDA Foods for the New Jersey Community Food Bank which will prepare 15,000 meals per day for up to two weeks to help feed disaster survivors. USDA Foods will provide 1/3 of the food for the meals.
- FNS approved a household distribution for 1.1 million pounds of USDA Foods, valued at approximately \$721,178, to households in NY.
- FNS approved a household distribution for New Jersey, which provided food boxes to approximately 20,000 families.
- FNS approved the purchase of infant formula and baby food to supplement the Infant/Toddler Kits provided by FEMA to support food distribution operations in New York City. The products, valued at \$12,000, were estimated to feed 40 infants and children for 1 week.
- FNS has approved various administrative flexibilities in the National School Lunch, School Breakfast, and WIC programs for NJ and NY.
- FNS regional staff were deployed to the impacted areas to monitor the D-SNAP certification process, provide technical support, and ensure that proper integrity safeguards are in place.

**ESF 11** FEMA RIX activated the RRCC for all ESFs for a Level II notification as a result of the Atmospheric River event (known as an ArkStorm by NOAA and formerly known as the "Pineapple Express" storm). Rainfall in Sonoma and Napa Counties reached nearly 50% of their annual rainfall in five (5) days. County emergency Ag declarations in review with State Emergency Boards (SEB) on November 30 – December 2, 2012.

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### TRAINING

**ESF 11** The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region V provided Region V ESF-11 DO cadre with alerts regarding flooding and power outages in OH due to Hurricane Sandy, November 2 & 3, 2012 and participated in FEMA Region V Sandy Briefs for Ohio and FEMA backup status for Maryland, November 1 & 2, 2012.

**ESF 11** ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region VI presented a disaster preparedness module of ReadyAg at the Texoma Area Women in Agriculture Conference in Durant, OK, by invitation from the OK Farm Services Agency Director.

### EXERCISES

**ESF 11** ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region IX served as an Evaluator at Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant Exercise at County EOC in San Luis Obispo Co. CA on November 5-9, 2012.

**ESF 11** The ESF-11 Coordinator's in FEMA Region IV and VI served as an Evaluator for APHIS's Animal Care's Multi-Jurisdictional Tabletop Exercise (TXX) on November 14 -15, 2012. The focus is on federal assistance during Stafford Act activations.

**ESF 11** ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region VI facilitated and evaluated Arkansas's Avian Influenza and Foot-and-Mouth Disease Exercises with Arkansas Livestock & Poultry, APHIS VS, FBI, private industry and other organizations on November 26-27, 2012.

### PREPAREDNESS ACTIVITIES

**ESF 11** ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region VI prepared draft objectives and distributed to workgroup for input for the kickoff coordination meetings in December of the Animal Carcass Workgroup on November 1-30, 2012.

**ESF 11** ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region VII continues to participate in the TAC-G Tribal Conference Call on November 1, 2012.

**ESF 11** ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region VII attended the DECA Meeting in MO on November 1, 2012.

**ESF 11** ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region VII attended fed/state meeting discussing Food Modernization Act roles/responsibilities on November 1, 2012.

**ESF 11** ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region X attended FEMA Regions X's Animals in Emergency Response Planning presentation at WA Dept of Ag RAD Emergency Preparedness training on November 1-2, 2012, Richland, WA.

**ESF 11** ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region X participated in FEMA Regions X's Mass Care Feeding Workshop in conjunction with Cascadia Catastrophic Earthquake Plan on November 6, 2012.

**ESF 11** ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region VIII conducted introductory meetings with APHIS CO State Plant Health Director, APHIS CO Area-Veterinarian-In-Charge and Area Emergency Coordinator, and APHIS Western Region contacts, and FNS contact on November 12 – 30, 2012.

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### PREPAREDNESS ACTIVITIES

- ESF 11** ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region IX participated in USDA/CBP Pest Risk Meeting - 1st detection of mealy bug from Mexico on November 14, 2012.
- ESF 11** ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region IX participated in initial meeting with California Emergency Management Agency and California Department of Food and Agriculture to discuss draft radiological agriculture planning guide on November 15, 2012.
- ESF 11** The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region IV participated in the IND Animals-Pet Issues Conference Call November 13, 2012.
- ESF 11** The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region III, along with VA and WV Departments of Agriculture participated in the Multi-Jurisdictional Resource Coordination Exercise on November 14, 2012.
- ESF 11** ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region X attended the Pac NW Radiation Workgroup mtg – EPA, FBI, CBP, WA Civil Support Team, Fusion Center, Coast Guard, WA/OR/AK Depts of Health RAD Programs, DOE RAP team, Portland, OR Fire Dept, Seattle WA Fire Dept in Murray, WA on November 14, 2012.
- ESF 11** ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region X met with Dr. Jane Rooney, Asst Director of the VS One Health Coordination Office.

### PREPAREDNESS ACTIVITIES

- ESF 11** The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region III participated in the Delaware Shelter Management Working Group meeting, Smyrna, DE on November 27, 2012.
- ESF 11** The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region IV participated in the IND Animals-Pet Issues Conference Call November 28, 2012.
- ESF 11** ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region X contacted Alaska VS VMO to discuss advanced ESF-11 DOT (self-paced version) on November 28, 2012.
- ESF 11** **Disaster Response for Federated States of Micronesia and Republic of Marshall Islands:** On November 30<sup>th</sup>, Office of Emergency Management Director, along with representatives from the Western Regional office, participated in the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) Annual Federal Partners meeting. The meeting's focus was to discuss disaster response and reconstruction responsibilities for the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) and the Republic of Marshall Islands (RMI). Discussion topics included the understanding of roles and responsibilities of each partner in disaster response and the disaster response cycle and triggers for certain actions. This partner meeting was a continuation of the transition of disaster management responsibilities for FSM and RMI from FEMA to the USAID, reflecting the change of FSM and RMI from US-administered trust territories to independent countries.

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### PREPAREDNESS ACTIVITIES

- ESF 11** ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region VII is provided the SEBs with H. Sandy updates.
- ESF 11** ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region VII provided an ESF-11 overview to State of IA Agency and State contacts of USDA.

### CURRENT PROJECTS

- 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 RISC Steering Committee Workgroup.
- ESF 11** The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region I serving on several FEMA Region I Collaborative Planning Teams.
- ESF 11** The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region III and the National Coordinator are serving on the FEMA Consequence Management Subcommittee for the Presidential Inauguration.
- ESF 11** The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region V participated in the Flu at the Zoo II function exercise planning efforts on November 26 & 29, 2012.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- ESF 11** ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region IX participated in FEMA's IND Response WorkGroup Coordination Call on December 4, 2012.

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- ESF 11** ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region X participated in FEMA Region X's coordination call on Zoonotic Diseases with The Center for Disease Control and Prevention on December 5, 2012.
- ESF 11** Hurricane Sandy After Action Review meeting on December 5, 2012.
- ESF 11** The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region I will participate in numerous FEMA Region I Collaborative Planning Team events in December, 2012.
- ESF 11** The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region I will participate in the Hurricane Sandy AAR on December 06, 2012
- ESF 11** The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region III will participate in the PA Department of Agriculture Emergency Management Committee meeting, Harrisburg, PA, December 6, 2012.
- ESF 11** The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region III will participate in FEMA Consequence Management Subcommittee, Presidential Inauguration Planning Workshop December 7, 2012.
- ESF 11** FEMA Region VII ESF-11 Bi-Monthly call, December 10, 2012.

- ESF 11** FEMA Region IX DOI briefing on Hurricane Sandy response December 11, 2012.



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### UPCOMING EVENTS

- ESF 11** FEMA Region VI Animal Carcass WorkGroup Webinar, December 11, 2012.
- ESF 11** FEMA Region VII Regional Interagency Steering Committee (RISC) in FEMA Region VII on December 12, 2012.
- ESF 11** The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region III will attend the Tri-State Pest Risk Assessment Committee meeting, Philadelphia, PA, December 12, 2012.
- ESF 11** FEMA Region IX Initial Planning Conference with AZ and FEMA to discuss statewide exercise on December 13, 2012.
- ESF 11** The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region I will participate in the FEMA Region I RISC Meeting on December 13, 2012.
- ESF 11** The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region II will attend the NJ CART after action meeting in December.
- ESF 11** The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region III will participate in the FEMA Region III, Regional Inter-agency Steering Committee meeting, Philadelphia, PA, January 16-17, 2012.
- ESF 11** The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region IV plans to attend the Florida SART Training January 28, 2013.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- ESF 11** The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region V will participate in seminars to review and vet the Chicago's IND Plan's Operational Checklist on January 8 & 31, 2012.
- ESF 11** The ESF-11 Coordinator in FEMA Region V will participate in the Flu at the Zoo planning meeting on January 31, 2012.

