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Review and Update of the National Incident Management System: IdeaScale Campaign

The purpose of this *NIMS Alert* is to announce that FEMA's National Integration Center (NIC) is currently soliciting public feedback and engagement via IdeaScale for the review and update of National Incident Management System (NIMS) doctrine.

IdeaScale provides a forum for all stakeholders to like or dislike current ideas and offer substantive feedback regarding major issues or concerns. Inputs on this website will help shape public engagement topics moving forward and will be incorporated, as appropriate, into updated drafts of the NIMS.

The NIC conducts the review and update of NIMS doctrine to incorporate new presidential directives, legislative changes, lessons learned, and best practices. This process maintains the doctrine's currency and ensures consistency with current policy, incorporates emergency management best practices, and identifies conceptual changes based on a review of NIMS-related literature.

The NIC has organized potential areas of change within the NIMS into the following themes:

- NIMS relationship to the National Preparedness System and its other components
- Inclusion of "whole community" concepts in the NIMS
- Expansion of the concept of national mutual aid
- Comprehensive discussion of support, coordination, collaboration, and command and management with regard to tactical and non-tactical operations
- Inclusion of language discussing the use of decision support tools and technology into the NIMS
- Expansion of the use and interoperability of Emergency Communications

You can visit FEMA's [NIMS Review and Update IdeaScale Campaign](http://www.fema.ideascale.com) here: www.fema.ideascale.com. Please submit your feedback and comments within 30 days of the publication of proposed changes on IdeaScale.

Additional questions can be directed to FEMA's National Integration Center via email: FEMA-NIMS@fema.dhs.gov or via telephone: 202.646.3850.

Maintaining NIMS doctrine is integral to the implementation of the National Preparedness System and achievement of the National Preparedness Goal. For more information on national preparedness efforts, visit FEMA's [National Preparedness](http://www.fema.gov/ppd8) website: www.fema.gov/ppd8.

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