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NIMS Compliance Assistance Support Tool (NIMSCAST) Update

The purpose of this *NIMS Alert* is to announce the release of the National Incident Management System (NIMS) Compliance Assistance Support Tool (NIMSCAST).version 4.00.12.

Homeland Security Presidential Directive-5 requires that all Federal Departments and agencies make adoption of NIMS by State, tribal, and local organizations a condition to receive Federal Preparedness assistance. To that end, FEMA's National Integration Center developed NIMSCAST as a free self-assessment instrument for Federal, State, tribal, and local governments to evaluate and report on their respective implementation of NIMS.

Users will see a NIMSCAST with familiar navigation but improved functionality. Included in the new release is the ability to rollover prior year's Corrective Action Plan information and the restored capability to send e-mails to user accounts through NIMSCAST. *NIMS Guide 01-11* is available for more-specific information on NIMSCAST version 4.00.12.

Additionally, the NIMSCAST homepage (www.fema.gov/nimscast) will soon feature an updated *NIMSCAST User Guide*. This guide includes improved step-by-step instructions, additional guidance on using available reports, and a glossary.

This release of NIMSCAST represents the first step toward its integration into FEMA's Preparedness Compliance Assessment System Tool (PrepCAST). FEMA is developing the PrepCAST as its online portal that will link users to reporting tools, of which NIMSCAST is the cornerstone. The 2012 State Preparedness Report (SPR) Survey, presently under draft, will be accessible via PrepCAST in the future. Additionally, FEMA plans to continue to expand PrepCAST to incorporate additional collections in the future. The first version of PrepCAST scheduled for release in the Fall 2011.

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