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Subpart A—Introduction

§ 203.11 Purpose.

This regulation prescribes administrative policies, guidance, and operating procedures for natural disaster activities of the Corps of Engineers.

§ 203.12 Authority.

Flood and coastal storm emergencies (33 U.S.C. 701n (69 Stat. 186) (Pub. L. 84-99)). An emergency fund is authorized to be expended at the discretion of the Chief of Engineers for: flood emergency preparation; flood fighting and rescue operations; repair or restoration of flood control works threatened, damaged, or destroyed by flood; emergency protection of federally authorized hurricane or shore protection projects damaged or destroyed by wind, wave, or water of other than an ordinary nature. The law, as amended, includes provision of emergency supplies of clean water when a contaminated source threatens the public health and welfare of a locality and activities necessary to protect life and improved property from a threat resulting from a major flood or coastal storm. The law, as amended, authorizes the Secretary of the Army to construct wells and to transport water within areas he determines to be drought-distressed.

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§ 203.13 Non-Federal interests responsibilities.

Non-Federal interests, which include State, County and local governments, are required to make full use of their own resources before Federal assistance is furnished. The National Guard, as part of the State's resources, must be fully utilized as part of the non-Federal response when it is under State control. Non-Federal responsibilities include the following:

(a) *Disaster preparedness.* Normal maintenance of flood control projects in preparation for possible disasters is a non-Federal responsibility. Local maintenance includes procurement and stockpiling of sandbags and/or other materials or equipment which might be needed during flood situations. Preparedness includes training personnel