

law and regulation, whether the Agency's internal control systems and other financial systems and processes comply with applicable law and regulation.

(11) Develop and implement administrative standards and cost principles for the Agency's assistance programs in conformity with rules, circulars, and other directives that are issued by the General Accounting Office, the Office of Management and Budget, and the Department of the Treasury.

(12) Develop and maintain procedures for approving requisitions for disbursing funds, reports of current accounts rendered by disbursing officers, and other financial and accounting documents involving FEMA, the General Accounting Office, the Department of the Treasury, and the Office of Management and Budget.

(13) Certify to the General Accounting Office any charge against any officer or agent entrusted with public property, arising from any loss and accruing by this person's fault, to the Government as to the property so entrusted to this person.

(14) Approve all expenditures and receipt all vouchers and other documents necessary to carry out FEMA's appropriations and programs.

(15) Certify that all required documents, information and approvals respecting fiscal transactions are present; verify or cause to be verified the accuracy of the financial computations, the consistency of the information included in the various documents; and determine, or cause to be determined, that the financial transactions of the Agency are in strict accordance with the law, regulations and decisions.

(16) Authorize officers and employees to certify vouchers.

(17) Receive and credit amounts received to the applicable appropriation of FEMA or to the miscellaneous receipts account.

(18) Request cashier designation and resolution from the Department of the Treasury, and designate cashiers to serve in FEMA.

(19) Approve invitational travel for the Office of Financial Management.

(20) Have access to records and documents as required by 31 U.S.C. 902(b) (1)(A), (1)(B), and (1)(C). Access to

records and documents is subject to the limitations in 31 U.S.C. 902(b)(2).

§ 2.20 Office of Regional Operations.

(a) *Mission.* The Office of Regional Operations coordinates FEMA's policies, programs, and administrative and management guidance with Regional Directors and ensures that regional implementation is consistent with the Director's goals.

(b) *Functions.* The principal functions of the Office of Regional Operations are:

(1) Liaison between the Regional Directors and the Director, Associate Directors, Administrators, and Office Directors;

(2) Advising the Director, Associate Directors, Administrators, and Office Directors on regional matters; and

(3) Providing guidance to Regional Directors on policy, programs, operations, and administrative matters.

(c) *Delegated authorities.* The Director of the Office of Regional Operations is authorized to exercise the duties and powers of the Director in the Director's capacity as agency head in support of the functions listed in paragraph (b) of this section.

§ 2.21 Ombudsman. [Reserved]

§ 2.22 Regional Offices.

(a) *Mission.* The Regional Offices implement FEMA's policies and programs at the regional level.

(b) *Functions.* The principal functions of the Regional Offices are:

(1) Liaison, within the regions, with other Federal agencies, State and local governments, voluntary and other private organizations, and the public;

(2) Recommendations to the Director on implementation of policy and improvement of the administration of FEMA's programs;

(3) Administration of Comprehensive Cooperative Agreements, grants, and other financial assistance to State and local governments;

(4) Response to disasters and emergencies declared under the Stafford Act, through Regional Response Teams;

(5) Recovery activities under the Stafford Act;

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(6) Implementation of floodplain management aspects of the National Flood Insurance Program;

(7) Management of training and field exercises; and

(8) Technical assistance to Federal agencies, State and local governments, and voluntary and other private organizations regarding emergency response planning, preparedness, mitigation, response, and recovery.

(c) *Delegated authorities.* In general, Regional Directors are authorized, within their respective regions, to exercise the duties and powers of the Administrators and Associate Directors as set forth in §§2.32 through 2.44. However, the authorities of the Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act of 1977, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 7701 *et seq.*, are not delegated to Regional Directors (except for the authority of 42 U.S.C. 7704(b)(2)(A)(i), which is delegated). In addition, the authorities of the Federal Insurance Administrator as set forth in §2.31 are not delegated to the Regional Directors.

ADMINISTRATIONS

§2.31 Federal Insurance Administration.

(a) *Mission.* The Federal Insurance Administration markets, issues, and services insurance policies under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and the Federal Crime Insurance Program (FCIP), with assistance from private insurance companies and servicing contractors.

(b) *Functions.* The principal functions of the Federal Insurance Administration are:

(1) Establishment of regulations, policy guidelines, standard contracts of insurance, and insurance rates for the NFIP and FCIP;

(2) Establishment of policy, plans, and procedures for evaluation, payment, and review of insurance claims;

(3) Oversight of servicing contracts for the NFIP and FCIP and the issuance and servicing of flood insurance policies by Write-Your-Own (WYO) carriers;

(4) Studies of the costs and feasibility of proposed extensions of the National Flood Insurance Program or of the proposed establishment of Federal insur-

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ance programs for other natural hazards; and

(5) Administration of the National Flood Insurance Fund and National Insurance Development Fund.

(c) *Delegated authorities.* The Federal Insurance Administrator is authorized to exercise the duties and powers of the Director as set forth in section 1–104 of E.O. 12127 insofar as it pertains to the marketing, issuance, and servicing of insurance under the NFIP and FCIP.

§2.32 United States Fire Administration.

(a) *Mission.* The United States Fire Administration works to reduce deaths, injuries, and property loss caused by fires in the United States.

(b) *Functions.* The principal functions of the United States Fire Administration are:

(1) Education of the public about fire problems and high fire risk behaviors;

(2) Providing training and technical assistance to fire and emergency services providers in incident response, mitigation and management;

(3) Collection and analysis of fire incident information;

(4) Investigation of technologies, equipment, and strategies for fire and emergency services providers;

(5) Coordination with State and local fire and emergency agencies concerning arson investigation and mitigation, use of building and fire codes, fire protection and multi-agency cooperation; and

(6) Management and operation of the National Emergency Training Center, Emmitsburg, Maryland.

(c) *Delegated authorities.* The United States Fire Administrator is authorized to exercise the duties and powers of the Director as set forth in section 1–103 of E.O. 12127.

DIRECTORATES

§2.41 Mitigation Directorate.

(a) *Mission.* The Mitigation Directorate administers programs to reduce or eliminate loss of life and property from natural and technological hazards.

(b) *Functions.* The principal functions of the Mitigation Directorate are: