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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:

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(1) Identifying and assessing the risks posed by natural and technological hazards, except that, on issues of technological risk assessment, FEMA will defer to the Agency having primary responsibility in the specific area, notably the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) regarding accidents at commercial nuclear power plants, and the United States Army regarding chemical weapons;

(2) Developing mitigation policies and strategies for implementing programs designed to reduce or eliminate loss of life and property from natural and technological hazards;

(3) Coordinating with other Federal agencies and the scientific community on matters that will enhance FEMA'S ability to reduce or eliminate loss of life and property from natural and technological hazards;

(4) Transferring information on the risks posed by natural and technological hazards to other Federal agencies and State and local government officials, and the public;

(5) Promoting a multi-hazard approach to mitigation at State and local levels;

(6) Coordinating with national associations whose membership, expertise, and standard-setting capabilities enhance the reduction of risks associated with natural and technological hazards;

(7) Providing for the dissemination of information and delivery of technical assistance to build mitigation capabilities and promote mitigation activities;

(8) Carrying out hazard mitigation activities of the Stafford Act, including the processing of applications for hazard mitigation grants, disbursement of funds under section 404 of the Stafford Act, and administrative responsibilities in support of these activities;

(9) Management of Comprehensive Cooperative Agreements with the States, through which the Mitigation programs are implemented in the regions; and

(10) Establishment of Agency Geographic Information Systems (GIS) requirements and an Agency-wide GIS policy.

(c) *Delegated authorities.* The Associate Director for Mitigation is author-

ized to exercise the duties and powers of the Director as set forth in:

(1) 33 U.S.C. 467h, 709b, insofar as it pertains to the Dam Inspection Program;

(2) Section 1-104 of E.O. 12127 insofar as it pertains to:

(i) Determining the eligibility of communities to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program;

(ii) Identification of flood-prone areas;

(iii) Determination of inclusion or non-inclusion of properties within the Coastal Barrier Resources System established by 16 U.S.C. 3503 or within an otherwise protected area;

(iv) Determination of projected flood elevations for State and local governments to use in adopting flood plain management laws, regulations or ordinances;

(v) Establishment of criteria for land management and use, flood control, flood zoning, and flood damage protection; and

(vi) Purchase of properties insured under the National Flood Insurance Program that have been damaged substantially beyond repair by flood;

(3) E.O. 11988;

(4) The following sections of E.O. 12148, as amended:

(i) Section 4-203, insofar as it pertains to hurricane preparedness, as set forth in section 201 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5131;

(ii) Section 4-203, insofar as it pertains to hazard mitigation set forth in sections 404, 406, 409, and 411 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5170, 5172, 5176, and 5178;

(iii) Section 4-204, pertaining to earthquake hazards reduction as set forth in the Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act of 1977, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 7701-7706; and

(5) E.O. 12699.

§ 2.42 Preparedness, Training, and Exercises Directorate.

(a) *Mission.* The Preparedness, Training, and Exercises Directorate supports the emergency preparedness, training, and exercises capabilities of Federal, State and local governments.