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Emergency Manager's Weekly Report

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“Success is sweet and sweeter if long delayed and gotten through many struggles and defeats.”

Amos Bronson Alcott



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- Reuters
- USAToday
- Time
- Drudge Report
- Central Florida News 13
- Orlando Sentinel
- LA Times
- Government Executive
- BBC
- Homeland 1
- Federal Computer Weekly
- Firehouse Magazine
- Emergency Management Magazine
- Sign on San Diego
- Homeland Security Today
- ReliefWeb
- Big Medicine
- Huffington Post
- IRIN
- ProPublica
- Homeland Security Today
- Washington Post
- NY Times
- Washington Times
- Yahoo News
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- Emergency Management Daily
- PreventionWeb

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Executive Summary

This section of the EM Weekly Report will contain news articles, reports and resources that are of particular interest to emergency management professionals:

A Peek into the Future of Emergency Management Solutions

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Bryan Koon Brings Extensive Private-Sector Experience to Florida

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/disaster/Bryan-Coon-Major-Player-Jan-2012.html>

FEMA Seeks Applicants for National Advisory Council

<http://www.fema.gov/news/newsrelease.fema?id=60831>

Opportunity Knocking: Coordinate With Nontraditional Organizations

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/disaster/Coordinate-Nontraditional-Response-Organizations-Opinion.html>

Quileute Is Moving to Higher Ground

<http://indiancountrytodaymedianetwork.com/2012/02/28/quileute-is-moving-to-higher-ground-100321>

Disaster Message Board lets Facebook users mark themselves safe during emergencies

<http://www.theverge.com/2012/2/28/2831269/facebook-japan-disaster-message-board>

How crippling would a cyberattack on the nation's power grid be?

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VIDEO: FLAMETHROWING NAVY RAILGUN BLASTS TERRIFYING PROJECTILES THROUGH SUPERHEATED AIR

http://www.popsci.com/technology/article/2012-02/video-flamethrowing-navy-railgun-blasts-terrifying-projectiles-through-superheated-air?utm_medium=referral&utm_source=pulsenews

State of the Coast Guard Address Outlines Challenges Ahead

<http://www.hstoday.us/industry-news/general/single-article/state-of-the-coast-guard-address-outlines-challenges-ahead/3716524789c1dc844343024a2c3bac44.html>

Information Sharing Successes, Continued Federal Support for Fusion Centers Highlighted at Hearing

<http://www.hstoday.us/industry-news/general/single-article/information-sharing-successes-continued-federal-support-for-fusion-centers-highlighted-at-hearing/ec656f92f2cd0fbcdfd6e6d9c269809c.html>

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Suspect in Ohio school shooting chose victims 'randomly,' authorities say, as adult charges are expected
<http://www.foxnews.com/us/2012/02/28/suspected-gunman-in-ohio-school-shooting-rampage-to-remain-in-custody/>

Bioterror is not the biggest threat from bird flu
<http://www.newscientist.com/article/mg21328533.700-bioterror-is-not-the-biggest-threat-from-bird-flu.html>

Study Details Post-Fukushima Radiation Fallout in US
<http://www.hstoday.us/industry-news/general/single-article/study-details-post-fukushima-radiation-fallout-in-us/0b2b6b7f771d3d08c8f87ec6cddb635.html>

Military Sent 9/11 Remains to a Landfill, Report Says
http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052970204653604577251530514010396.html?mod=whats_now&utm_medium=referral&utm_source=pulsenews

A Bold Plan to Reshape the Central Valley Flood Plain (California)
http://www.nytimes.com/2012/03/02/us/in-california-a-bold-plan-to-reshape-the-central-valley-flood-plain.html?_r=1&hpw

Public Safety Broadband Network Wins in Tax Cut Deal
<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/safety/Public-Safety-Broadband-Network-Wins-in-Tax-Cut-Deal.html>

Cities merge police agencies in light of budget realities
<http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/story/2012-02-06/police-merger-services/53228874/1>

'The Future of Email' ... Looks a Lot like Twitter
<http://www.theatlantic.com/technology/archive/2012/02/the-next-step-for-email/253401/>

Firefighting: There's an app for that
<http://www.dailyrecord.com/article/20120227/NJNEWS/302270011/Firefighting-There-s-an-app-that>

U.N. IAEA: Iran rapidly expanding nuclear work
<http://www.usatoday.com/news/world/story/2012-02-24/iran-nuclear-iaea/53233616/1>

Japan: Tokyo Bay to get tsunami upgrade
<http://www.preventionweb.net/english/professional/news/v.php?id=25337&pid:50>

State control of rebuild scary, says mayor (New Zealand)
http://www.nzherald.co.nz/local-government/news/article.cfm?c_id=250&objectid=10788704

Panel Says Crisis Showed Facilities' Terrorism Risks (Japan)
http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052970203833004577250961804673938.html?mod=whats_now&utm_medium=referral&utm_source=pulsenews

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Anonymous hackers: Police arrest 25 in four countries
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-latin-america-17195893>

Their Dominican dreams dashed, Haiti quake survivors return home
http://www.cnn.com/2012/02/28/world/americas/dominican-republic-haitians/index.html?hpt=hp_t3

Publish lethal flu virus work, says WHO
<http://www.newscientist.com/article/mg21328535.300-publish-lethal-flu-virus-work-says-who.html>

3 Via train engineers killed in Ontario derailment (Canada)
<http://www.ctv.ca/CTVNews/TopStories/20120226/VIA-train-derailed-120226/>

Bird Flu, Swine Flu ... and Now Bat Flu?
<http://news.yahoo.com/bird-flu-swine-flu-now-bat-flu-002002118.html>

Is U.S. Committing Superpower Suicide Against China?
<http://news.yahoo.com/blogs/around-the-world-abc-news/u-committing-superpower-suicide-against-china-013525522.html>

What It Means to Be a Rising Public Intellectual in China
<http://www.theatlantic.com/international/archive/2012/02/a-rising-chinese-thinker-pitches-the-eastern-model-to-the-west/253610/>

Taking a human rights approach to climate change
<http://www.irinnews.org/report.aspx?reportid=94950>

Navy installing its largest solar film
<http://www.govexec.com/technology/2012/02/video-navy-installing-its-largest-solar-film/41344/>

Health Response to the Earthquake in Haiti, January 2011
<http://new.paho.org/disasters/dmdocuments/HealthResponseHaitiEarthq.pdf>

Various Challenges Likely to Slow Implementation of a Public Safety Broadband Network
<http://gao.gov/products/GAO-12-343>

Homeland Security Grant Program, Supplemental Resource: Children in Disasters Guidance
http://www.fema.gov/pdf/government/grant/2012/fy12_hsgp_children.pdf

CDEMA - We Ready! Earthquake Jingle- Video
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ydgy9afrErk&feature=youtu.be>

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Guidelines for Developing Emergency Simulations and Drills

http://new.paho.org/disasters/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=1637&Itemid=807

A study of humanitarian financing for older people and people living with disabilities

<http://www.helpage.org/what-we-do/emergencies/a-study-of-humanitarian-financing-for-older-people-and-people-with-disabilities/>

USGS Measures Fallout from Fukushima in US NADP Precipitation Samples

<http://bqs.usgs.gov/fukushima/>

New ADA Standards for Accessible Design Become Effective in March

<http://wirelessrerc.org/news/new-ada-standards-for-accessible-design-become-effective-in-march>

Carbon Monoxide Safety Tips- Video

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JpFjtLiITTk>

NFPA E-ACCESS (PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES) NEWSLETTER

[http://www.nfpa.org/itemDetail.asp?categoryID=1621&itemID=43589&URL=News&Publications/E-newsletters/e-ACCESS\(peoplewithdisabilities\)&order_src=C320&cookie%5Ftest=1](http://www.nfpa.org/itemDetail.asp?categoryID=1621&itemID=43589&URL=News&Publications/E-newsletters/e-ACCESS(peoplewithdisabilities)&order_src=C320&cookie%5Ftest=1)

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS ADVISORY: WAIVER ISSUED TO HAZARD MITIGATION ASSISTANCE FOR SAFE ROOMS POLICY (Page 23)

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U.S. News Reports

Emergency Management

East Coast quake a 'teachable moment'

<http://www.usatoday.com/tech/science/environment/story/2012-02-17/east-coast-quake-preparedness/53211956/1>

A Peek into the Future of Emergency Management Solutions

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Bryan Koon Brings Extensive Private-Sector Experience to Florida

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/disaster/Bryan-Coon-Major-Player-Jan-2012.html>

Wyoming House advances doomsday bill

http://trib.com/news/state-and-regional/govt-and-politics/wyoming-house-advances-doomsday-bill/article_af6e1b2b-0ca4-553f-85e9-92c0f58c00bd.html

FEMA Seeks Applicants for National Advisory Council

<http://www.fema.gov/news/newsrelease.fema?id=60831>

Opportunity Knocking: Coordinate With Nontraditional Organizations

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/disaster/Coordinate-Nontraditional-Response-Organizations-Opinion.html>

Mark Cooper and Wal-Mart Help Foster Resilient Communities

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/disaster/Mark-Cooper-Wal-Mart-Help-Foster-Resilient-Communities.html>

Quileute Is Moving to Higher Ground

<http://indiancountrytodaymedianetwork.com/2012/02/28/quileute-is-moving-to-higher-ground-100321>

Disaster Message Board lets Facebook users mark themselves safe during emergencies

<http://www.theverge.com/2012/2/28/2831269/facebook-japan-disaster-message-board>

Central La.'s emergency-response readiness gets a workout

<http://www.thetowntalk.com/article/20120229/NEWS01/202290336/-1/rss01>

In storm's wake, a few thoughts about those small town mayors

http://outfront.blogs.cnn.com/2012/02/29/in-storms-wake-a-few-thoughts-about-those-small-town-mayors/?hpt=hp_bn1

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Homeland Security, Defense and National Security

How crippling would a cyberattack on the nation's power grid be?

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US Navy Launches Next-Generation Military Satellite

<http://news.yahoo.com/us-navy-launches-next-generation-military-satellite-222004789.html>

THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY'S FAVORITE POPSCI POSTS

<http://www.popsci.com/technology/article/2012-02/departement-homeland-security-reading-post?cmpid=fb>

VIDEO: FLAMETHROWING NAVY RAILGUN BLASTS TERRIFYING PROJECTILES THROUGH SUPERHEATED AIR

http://www.popsci.com/technology/article/2012-02/video-flamethrowing-navy-railgun-blasts-terrifying-projectiles-through-superheated-air?utm_medium=referral&utm_source=pulsenews

State of the Coast Guard Address Outlines Challenges Ahead

<http://www.hstoday.us/industry-news/general/single-article/state-of-the-coast-guard-address-outlines-challenges-ahead/3716524789c1dc844343024a2c3bac44.html>

Mobile app to help report suspicious activity (West Virginia)

<http://www.register-herald.com/local/x843246647/Mobile-app-to-help-report-suspicious-activity>

'Don't mess with Texas,' proclaims new Rio Grande gunboat fleet

http://usnews.msnbc.msn.com/_news/2012/02/28/10532164-dont-mess-with-texas-proclaims-new-rio-grande-gunboat-fleet

New rules on when FBI retains custody of detainees

<http://www.usatoday.com/news/washington/story/2012-02-28/detainee-custody-fbi/53292718/1>

Congress Wants a Bigger Navy — Unlike the Navy

<http://www.wired.com/dangerroom/2012/03/congress-navy/>

Internet Outage at Pentagon

http://www.myfoxdc.com/dpps/news/internet-outage-at-pentagon-dpgonc-20120301-to_18314337#ixzz1nuwRVHy0

Information Sharing Successes, Continued Federal Support for Fusion Centers Highlighted at Hearing

<http://www.hstoday.us/industry-news/general/single-article/information-sharing-successes-continued-federal-support-for-fusion-centers-highlighted-at-hearing/ec656f92f2cd0fbcdfd6e6d9c269809c.html>

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Campus Safety and Security

Greenhouse Fire at U. of Maryland Causes \$6M Damage

<http://www.campussafetymagazine.com/Channel/University-Security/News/2011/11/30/Greenhouse-Fire-at-U-of-Maryland-Causes-6M-Damage.aspx>

Suspect in Ohio school shooting chose victims 'randomly,' authorities say, as adult charges are expected

<http://www.foxnews.com/us/2012/02/28/suspected-gunman-in-ohio-school-shooting-rampage-to-remain-in-custody/>

Why does America lead the world in school shootings?

http://globalpublicsquare.blogs.cnn.com/2012/02/28/why-does-america-lead-the-world-in-school-shootings/?hpt=hp_t3

Students in Washington state town evacuated over threat

<http://news.yahoo.com/students-washington-state-town-evacuated-over-threat-011358565.html>

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Functional Needs

Nothing to report

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Hazard Research and News

A Perfect Firestorm Threatens West Coast

<http://news.discovery.com/earth/sobering-predictions-for-fire-danger-in-the-american-west-120223.html>

Bioterror is not the biggest threat from bird flu

<http://www.newscientist.com/article/mg21328533.700-bioterror-is-not-the-biggest-threat-from-bird-flu.html>

Study Details Post-Fukushima Radiation Fallout in US

<http://www.hstoday.us/industry-news/general/single-article/study-details-post-fukushima-radiation-fallout-in-us/0b2b6b7f771d3d08c8f87ec6cddb635.html>

Gulf oil spill trial delayed for settlement talks

<http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/story/2012-02-26/bp-oil-spill-trial/53258036/1>

THE VIRUS STATION: A FIELD LAB FOR FINDING A DEADLY DISEASE

http://www.popsoci.com/science/article/2012-02/virus-station-flied-lab-finding-deadly-disease?utm_medium=referral&utm_source=pulsenews

Military Sent 9/11 Remains to a Landfill, Report Says

http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052970204653604577251530514010396.html?mod=whats_now&utm_medium=referral&utm_source=pulsenews

Comparing the Joplin, Branson Tornadoes

<http://webcache.googleusercontent.com/search?q=cache%3Ahttp%3A%2F%2Fnews.yahoo.com%2Fcomparing-joplin-branson-tornadoes-162900749.html>

A Bold Plan to Reshape the Central Valley Flood Plain (California)

http://www.nytimes.com/2012/03/02/us/in-california-a-bold-plan-to-reshape-the-central-valley-flood-plain.html?_r=1&hpw

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Public Safety Communications, Interoperability, 3-1-1 and 9-1-1 News

Public Safety Broadband Network Wins in Tax Cut Deal

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/safety/Public-Safety-Broadband-Network-Wins-in-Tax-Cut-Deal.html>

LAFD's 9-1-1 Dispatch Center Made Historical Move (California)

http://lafd.blogspot.com/2012/02/lafds-9-1-1-dispatch-center-made.html?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+LAFD+%28LAFD+News+%26+Information%29

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Other

Cities merge police agencies in light of budget realities

<http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/story/2012-02-06/police-merger-services/53228874/1>

San Francisco firefighters cling to wooden ladders (California)

<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-sf-ladders-20120224,0,1816491.story>

'The Future of Email' ... Looks a Lot like Twitter

<http://www.theatlantic.com/technology/archive/2012/02/the-next-step-for-email/253401/>

W.Va. official: Cross-training cops to fight fires would help save money

<http://www.firerescue1.com/labor-issues/articles/1242259-W-Va-official-Cross-training-cops-to-fight-fires-would-help-save-money/>

Firefighting: There's an app for that

<http://www.dailyrecord.com/article/20120227/NJNEWS/302270011/Firefighting-There-s-an-app-that>

3 Firefighters Arrested on Robbery Charges (California)

<http://www.nbcsandiego.com/news/local/Firefighters-Arrested-Robbery-San-Diego-140782313.html>

Major Tribal Self-Governance Bill Stuck in Political Quagmire

<http://indiancountrytodaymedianetwork.com/2012/02/27/major-tribal-self-governance-bill-stuck-in-political-quagmire-100136>

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International News Stories

Civil Preparedness, Security and Humanitarian Affairs

BANGLADESH: Dhaka ill-prepared for quakes

<http://www.irinnews.org/report.aspx?reportid=94920>

U.N. IAEA: Iran rapidly expanding nuclear work

<http://www.usatoday.com/news/world/story/2012-02-24/iran-nuclear-iaea/53233616/1>

Pakistan Spy Chief's Term Set to Expire Amidst Shaky Relations with U.S.

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/afghanistan-pakistan/pakistan-spy-chiefs-term-set-to-expire-amidst-shaky-relations-with-u-s/>

Japan wants to replace TEPCO board: report

<http://news.yahoo.com/japan-wants-replace-tepco-board-report-201435342.html>

Japan: Tokyo Bay to get tsunami upgrade

<http://www.preventionweb.net/english/professional/news/v.php?id=25337&pid:50>

U.S. helps Laos prepare for 'natural' disaster

<http://www.preventionweb.net/english/professional/news/v.php?id=25327&pid:50>

UK Plans Big Olympic Security Test in London

<http://abcnews.go.com/Sports/wireStory/uk-calls-military-reserves-olympic-duty-15749975>

State control of rebuild scary, says mayor (New Zealand)

http://www.nzherald.co.nz/local-government/news/article.cfm?c_id=250&objectid=10788704

Panel Says Crisis Showed Facilities' Terrorism Risks (Japan)

http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052970203833004577250961804673938.html?mod=whats_now&utm_medium=referral&utm_source=pulsenews

Attacking Iran's nuke sites may only slow progress

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2012/feb/27/attacking-nuke-sites-may-only-slow-progress/#.T004tTvGWC4.facebook>

Call to rebuild proves irresistible for Haitian diaspora

<http://www.trust.org/alertnet/news/feature-call-to-rebuild-proves-irresistible-for-haitian-diaspora/>

Anonymous hackers: Police arrest 25 in four countries

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-latin-america-17195893>

Their Dominican dreams dashed, Haiti quake survivors return home

http://www.cnn.com/2012/02/28/world/americas/dominican-republic-haitians/index.html?hpt=hp_t3

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Ridley Scott, Japan TV team up on quake documentary
<http://news.yahoo.com/ridley-scott-japan-tv-team-quake-documentary-005037040.html>

Children tell their story of Fukushima
<http://www.newscientist.com/blogs/culturelab/2012/02/children-tell-the-story-of-fukushima.html>

Aidmatrix Introduces New Integrated Supply Chain Platforms for Humanitarian Relief: SCM4Good™, SCM4Giving™, SCM4Hunger™
<http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs032/1100390432649/archive/1109406540580.html>

Fukushima and mental health
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INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS ADVISORY: WAIVER ISSUED TO HAZARD MITIGATION ASSISTANCE FOR SAFE ROOMS POLICY

February 24, 2012

On February 7, 2012, the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Deputy Associate Administrator for Mitigation signed a waiver of two provisions to its Hazard Mitigation Assistance policy. This waiver is specific to safe rooms that will now allow costs associated with land acquisition to be considered an eligible project cost. This waiver applies to Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) projects with disasters declared on or after April 30, 2009, and all disasters for which the application period was open on April 30, 2009. The waiver also applies to Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) projects for which the application period opened after April 30, 2009.

The waiver revises two provisions of FEMA's current, prevailing "Hazard Mitigation Assistance for Safe Rooms" policy, issued April 30, 2009, (Mitigation Interim Policy, MRR-2-09-1) <http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/hma/mrr-2-09-1.shtm>, which updated the previous memorandum (MRR-2-07-1) issued March 7, 2008, to identify revised design criteria eligible to support PDM and HMGP safe room activities. Mitigation Interim Policy MRR-2-09-1 describes FEMA's policy on the use of PDM and HMGP funds for safe rooms. The policy ensures a national consistency in the use of PDM and HMGP funds for the construction or retrofit of residential, non-residential or community safe rooms. These activities are for the mitigation purpose of immediate life

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safety resulting from structural and building envelope protection against extreme wind hazards for a limited at-risk population.

FEMA is waiving two provisions of Mitigation Interim Policy MRR-2-09-1 which allows costs associated with land acquisition to be an eligible project cost and will eliminate the requirement for FEMA to review draft operations and maintenance plans prior to project approval. In addition, the waiver also clarifies eligible costs associated with fire suppression sprinklers and HVAC systems to explicitly state that those expenses are eligible for federal funding.

Specifically, this waives elements of sections VII D and VII E of policy MRR-2-09-1:

- Under Section VII D, this waiver allows costs associated with the acquisition of land for community safe rooms as an eligible project cost. If an eligible applicant already owns the land upon which the safe room will be built, the value of the land can be used as part of the non-federal match for the grant. Under Section VII E, for funding of community and non-residential safe room projects, this waiver allows applicants to include a statement of assurance with their application acknowledging that the safe room will be operated and maintained in a manner that will achieve the proposed hazard mitigation. FEMA will review the final operations and maintenance plan during project closeout.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact FEMA's Intergovernmental Affairs Division at (202) 646-3444 or at FEMA-IGA@fema.dhs.gov.