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CABINET AFFAIRS STAFFING MEMORANDUM

Date: 1/20/88 Number: 490,722 Due By: -----

Subject: Presidential Decision -- National System for Emergency
Coordination

	Action	FYI		Action	FYI
ALL CABINET MEMBERS	☐	☐	CEQ	☐	☒
Vice President	☐	☒	OSTP	☐	☒
State	☐	☒		☐	☐
Treasury	☐	☒		☐	☐
Defense	☐	☒		☐	☐
Justice	☐	☒		☐	☐
Interior	☐	☒		☐	☐
Agriculture	☐	☒		☐	☐
Commerce	☐	☒	Powell	☐	☒
Labor	☐	☒	Cribb	☐	☒
HHS	☐	☒	Bauer	☐	☒
HUD	☐	☒	Dawson (For WH Staffing)	☒	☐
Transportation	☐	☒		☐	☐
Energy	☐	☒		☐	☐
Education	☐	☒		☐	☐
Chief of Staff	☐	☒		☐	☐
OMB	☐	☒		☐	☐
UN	☐	☐		☐	☐
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CEA	☐	☒		☐	☐
CIA	☐	☒	Executive Secretary for:		
EPA	☐	☒	DPC	☐	☒
GSA	☐	☒	EPC	☐	☒
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SBA	☐	☒		☐	☐
VA	☐	☒		☐	☐

REMARKS:

The attached memorandum from Edwin Meese III is to inform you of the President's decision on the National System for Emergency Coordination.

RETURN TO:

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

19 January 1988

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DOMESTIC POLICY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: National System for Emergency Coordination

Pursuant to Domestic Policy Council meetings on this subject, the President has approved a National System for Emergency Coordination. The system's purpose, principles, activation and operational responsibilities are outlined in the attachment to this memorandum. Department and agency heads are encouraged to ensure that organizations and staff members are prepared to carry out their respective operational responsibilities.


Edwin Meese III
Chairman Pro Tempore

NATIONAL SYSTEM FOR EMERGENCY COORDINATION

Purpose: The National System for Emergency Coordination is a mechanism for ensuring that the Federal Government provides timely, effective, and coordinated assistance to States and local governments in extreme catastrophic technological, natural or other domestic disasters of national significance. Responsibilities currently assigned to Federal departments and agencies by statute or other authority, and existing emergency management systems and capabilities are an integral part of this response system and will be used when possible.

Principles:

(a) The primary responsibility for public health and safety in the event of a domestic emergency resides with the States. For certain extreme emergencies (i.e., those requiring coordinated action by a number of agencies or immediate relief to a widespread area) Federal responses are mandated by statute, or may otherwise be appropriate.

(b) The Federal Government may provide support in life saving and life protecting operations when requested by State or local governments, or when otherwise appropriate. Assistance may be provided directly to a local government in cooperation with the State government.

(c) Federal assistance will ordinarily be provided by Federal regional offices and field elements, such as disaster field offices, located nearest to the crisis site.

(d) The Federal Government's response to major domestic crises will be consistent with current emergency plans, and existing domestic and national security crisis information and management systems will be used.

System Activation: When an extreme emergency occurs, the Executive Office of the President (EOP) official responsible for Cabinet affairs will consult with the National Security Council and appropriate Executive Branch departments and agencies to develop specific action plans for consideration by the President,

the Cabinet and other officials as necessary. Only the President may activate the system. If he does, the Cabinet Affairs Office will be responsible for apprising the President of developments and decisions that may be needed.

Operational Responsibilities:

(a) Federal departments and agencies shall respond to potential crises in their respective areas of cognizance.

(b) Federal interagency functional groups.

(1) Federal interagency functional groups will be established to support and coordinate relief operations in extreme emergencies, consistent with those currently called for in existing emergency plans such as the Plan for Federal Response to a Catastrophic Earthquake. These groups will assess problems, propose solutions, and facilitate resolution of specific emergency functional needs.

(2) Lead agencies have been designated for each functional group on the basis of recognized leadership roles, resources, inherent authorities, and/or relevant expertise.

(3) To the extent possible under existing authorities, interagency functional groups will also, in their respective areas of cognizance: conduct risk assessments; identify and prioritize contingencies for which emergency plans are needed; provide external liaison and situation assessments; and test Federal emergency response structures and plans.

(4) Interagency functional groups will be established to facilitate communications, economic affairs, energy, human services, legal and law enforcement, transportation and other functions needed to mitigate the crisis. Leadership and membership are to be based on statutes, Executive Orders, interagency agreements, and logical extensions of normal responsibilities.

(c) The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will be prepared to consult with and assist Federal departments and agencies in planning for and responding to all types of emergencies, as listed below.

(d) National Coordinator.

(1) The President may designate a National Coordinator as his representative to coordinate Federal support operations during extreme emergencies.

(2) The National Coordinator would ordinarily be a senior official of a department or agency having assigned responsibilities for the following specified types of emergencies:

Natural disasters.....	FEMA
Health or medical.....	DHHS
Terrorism..... (less airborne hijacking)	DOJ
Energy.....	DOE
Nuclear weapon, reactor, facility accident.....	DOE or DOD ("owner")
Accident at licensed nuclear power plant.....	NRC
Environmental..... (less some water related incidents but including chemical plant accidents)	EPA
Transportation..... (including airborne hijacking and some water related environmental incidents)	DOT
Economic disruption.....	TREAS
Telecommunications.....	OSTP/NCS

(3) Based on the nature of the crisis, the National Coordinator would determine which interagency functional groups should be activated.

(e) Federal Coordinating Officer.

(1) One or more Federal Coordinating Officers (FCO) may be appointed as the President's on-scene representative(s) when necessary. The FCO would ordinarily be a senior field official of the same Federal department or agency as the National Coordinator, and would be responsible for coordinating the Federal response at the emergency site(s).

(2) FCOs would report to the National Coordinator.

(3) Based on the nature of the crisis, the FCO(s) would determine appropriate regional functional groups to be activated.

(f) State Coordination.

(1) If the President activates the system, the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency will notify the Governors of affected States and territories about the Federal Government's plan of action.

(2) The National Coordinator or an FCO may ask the Governor of a State requesting Federal assistance to appoint a State Coordinating Officer to coordinate State and local government response efforts with those of the Federal Government.

(3) States would be expected to interact with FCOs to indicate their need for Federal assistance, and to coordinate the use of Federal assistance.

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