

FEMA's Year 2000 Resource Guide for American Indian Tribes and Alaska Natives

Description of Program and Services:

FEMA is providing guidance, training, and exercise assistance to State, Tribal and local governments to help them prepare for all types of emergencies – including the Y2K conversion. A number of Y2K-related activities have been held including a series of regional planning workshops.

FEMA is the lead agency for the Emergency Services Sector working group of the President's Council on Y2K Conversion. The group's mission is to work with the nation's emergency services providers to develop coordinated Y2K outreach plans and communications to all elements of the Emergency Services Sector; monitor the Sector's Y2K compliance progress; and prepare for any potential Y2K related disruptions.

The Regional Y2K Workshops were designed to help the nation's emergency management community prepare for potential Y2K transition issues. The workshops provided a forum for Federal, State, Tribal and local emergency managers to discuss Y2K readiness issues, potential consequences of Y2K disruptions and the coordination of necessary responses among Federal, State, Tribal and local responders. FEMA is also working with the other Federal Departments and Agencies in developing Senior-level table-top exercises that will be conducted later in the year.

FEMA published a Y2K Planning Guide for State, Tribal and local emergency managers entitled, "Contingency and Consequence Management Planning for Year 2000 Conversion." This guide can help emergency managers prepare to minimize the potential impacts of Y2K problems on public safety and health in their community and can help form an effective basis for Y2K contingency planning for State, local and tribal governments.

FEMA's Emergency Management Institute has developed Y2K-specific course material and will produce a series of satellite television broadcasts with Y2K information via FEMA's Emergency Education Network (EENET). Information regarding the Planning Guide, Y2K course materials, videos and training guides, are available from FEMA free of charge, on the Y2K section of FEMA's web page at www.fema.gov/y2k or by calling 1-800-480-2520.

FEMA will continue to reach out to its State, Tribal and local emergency management partners to increase awareness and assist them in contingency planning and preparedness to assess and monitor their readiness to operate normally during the Year 2000 conversion. FEMA has a Tribal Policy Hotline established exclusively for handling Tribal issues, including Y2K. The phone number for FEMA's Tribal Policy Hotline is 202-646-2776.

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