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Newsletter Ideas?

*Do you want to spread the word about an upcoming event or recent success story? Let us know what you'd like to see in future issues! Articles can be up to 500 words and may include pictures. **Email:** RXNewsletter@starr-team.com.*

FEMA Releases National Resilience Guidance

FEMA recently announced the release of the National Resilience Guidance (NRG), which will help everyone understand and fulfill their critical roles related to increasing national resilience.

To complement the NRG, FEMA created the Resilience Resources Gateway; the gateway provides additional resources, including a resource library and other materials, that can be used to strengthen community and national resilience.

FEMA will host a webinar to provide an overview of the NRG and the available supplemental resilience resources on **October 9, 2024, at 12 pm PT**.

For more information about the NRG, including accessing the document itself, registering for webinars, and viewing supplemental resources, please visit <https://www.fema.gov/emergency-managers/national-preparedness/plan/resilience-guidance>.

FEMA Requests Public Comment on Updated National Disaster Recovery Framework

FEMA is requesting public comments on its National Disaster Recovery Framework, which explains the federal government's roles and responsibilities for organizing and deploying disaster recovery assistance. It also enhances effective collaboration among federal agencies and state, local, territorial governments and Tribal Nations, while informing nongovernmental partners.

The public comment period ends on **October 23, 2024**.

The National Disaster Recovery Framework draft document is available for review at https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/documents/fema_national-disaster-recovery-framework-draft.pdf.

For more information, please visit <https://www.fema.gov/event/national-disaster-recovery-framework-public-comment-period>.

FEMA Risk MAP Systems Plans Planned Outage for Infrastructure Improvement

FEMA's Risk Mapping, Assessment and Planning (MAP) program applications will be offline and unavailable for four days from **12 am on Thursday, Oct. 24, through 11:59 pm on Sunday, Oct. 27, 2024.**

FEMA is planning this outage to enhance the system's performance, scalability, and reliability, ensuring better service delivery in the future. Nearly 40 FEMA Risk Mapping, Assessment and Planning (MAP) applications will be unavailable.

During this period, users of these applications and services will be unable to access flood risk data, view historic and effective flood mapping products, access flood maps, submit data to revise existing Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs), and use key applications with other capabilities.

For more information, please visit <https://www.fema.gov/fact-sheet/fema-risk-map-systems-plans-planned-outage-infrastructure-improvement>.

EPA Launches CRAFT Website

This month, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) launched a new website, the Climate Resilience and Adaptation Funding Toolbox (CRAFT). CRAFT is a user-friendly resource for technical assistance providers working with federal funding applicants and recipients to develop, apply for, and implement climate-resilient investments. The website provides simple, easy-to-understand resources that can help users consider climate adaptation and resilience before, during and after applying for EPA funding opportunities. The website features links to [Funding Program Overviews](#) to explore funding opportunities; [Climate Risk Assessment Resources](#) to evaluate climate risks to projects; [Communications Materials](#) to facilitate discussions about adaptation, resilience, and climate justice; and [Meaningful Engagement Support](#) resources to guide interactions with stakeholders and communities.

The link to the new website is <https://www.epa.gov/resilient-investments>.

NORFMA 2024 Annual Conference Recap



The 2024 Northwest Regional Floodplain Management Association (NORFMA) Conference brought together over 200 floodplain managers and practitioners in Pasco, WA, this September with the theme of “Roll on, Columbia River.” Attendees from throughout Region 10 and British Columbia networked and collaborated on a number of pertinent floodplain management topics, including permitting and map revisions for river restoration projects, the Columbia River Treaty, resilience initiatives, compliance, mapping, sediment considerations, project and program showcases, the Federal Flood Risk Management Standard, and the CRS Redesign. Nick Zentner, a storied geology professor from Central Washington University, delivered an engaging keynote presentation on the ice age floods. The conference’s field trip followed the ice age theme with a visit to the Wallula Gap and a mammoth excavation site.

NORFMA was honored to present the Lifetime Achievement Award to Darryl Hatheway of AECOM, the Outstanding Individual in Floodplain Management award to Dennis Dixon of Pierce County, and the Outstanding Team in Floodplain Management Award to AtkinsRéalis. We look forward to the 2025 conference in Seaside, Oregon!

For more information on other NORFMA events, please visit NORFMA’s website at <https://norfma.org/>.

Ask the Help Desk:

The Region 10 Service Center is here to help local community officials and stakeholders with technical, training, mitigation, and mapping questions. **Email:** RegionXHelpDesk@starr-team.com.

Online Training Calendar

(All times Pacific)

Course	Date/Time	Continuing Education Credits (CECs)
STARR II: Technical Bulletins	October 10, 10 am	1
CRS: Introduction to the CRS	October 15, 10 am	1
CRS: CRS and Higher Regulatory Standards	October 16, 10 am	1
STARR II: Preparing for a CAC/CAV	October 17, 10 am	1
STARR II: Substantial Damage and DRRRA 1206	October 31, 10 am	1.5
STARR II: Coastal Construction Info	November 14, 10 am	1
CRS: Preparing a Verification Visit	November 19, 10 am	1
CRS: Developing a Flood Insurance Assessment	November 20, 10 am	1
STARR II: Permitting Floodplain Development	November 21, 10 am	1
STARR II: Inspecting Floodplain Development	November 21, 11:30 am	1.5

 To register for online courses, visit STARR II's training site: j.mp/starronlinetraining, or email RXTraining@starr-team.com.

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