



FEMA

April 9, 2021

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Attention: Review and Compliance
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Re: Annual Report Regarding the Programmatic Agreement among the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Illinois State Historic Preservation Officer, the Illinois Emergency Management Agency, and Participating Tribes

Dear Ms. Wallace:

Pursuant to paragraph I.B.1(d) of the captioned Programmatic Agreement (PA), FEMA is required to provide the PA's Signatories with an annual written report of activities conducted during each calendar year. Enclosed, find a copy of the report for projects approved in 2020.

Per paragraph I.B.1(e), FEMA is to confer annually and as necessary within 60 days of the issuance of the annual report. Any signatory to the PA who would like to have FEMA call a meeting of the signatories to review the report and/or discuss any issues may contact me to do so.

Of the 532 undertakings funded under the presidentially declared disaster DR-4461-IL in 2020, only 5 undertakings (Approximately 1%) required review by SHPO staff.

These numbers show that the PA saved SHPO staff the effort needed to review over 593 FEMA funded undertakings in 2020 (counting DHS Grant Program Projects). With the PA in place, SHPO staff can focus their expertise on undertakings that have the potential to significantly affect historic resources, rather than spending time on large numbers of routine reviews.

In addition to relieving the SHPO of the burden of routine reviews, the PA also reduces that time needed for FEMA and the Illinois Emergency Management Agency to approve funding for disaster recovery projects. Normal regulatory review under Section 106 of the NHPA takes an average of forty-five days. The PA allows FEMA to make independent compliance decisions on routine projects, allowing review to be completed in two days or less. This reduction in the time required for review translates into faster disbursement of recovery funds, which is in the best interests of the recipients of disaster recovery funding in Illinois.

If you have any questions after reviewing this report or have suggestions for additional allowances, feel free to contact me at 312-408-5549 or duane.castaldi@fema.dhs.gov.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

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*2020 Annual Report Regarding the Programmatic Agreement among
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the Illinois Emergency Management Agency,
and Participating Tribes
Effective through July 2023*

Requirement: Paragraph I.B.1(d) of the captioned programmatic agreement (PA) requires FEMA to provide the Signatories with an annual written report of activities conducted under this PA. The report is to summarize the actions taken to implement the terms of this Agreement, provide statistics on Undertakings reviewed, and recommend any actions or revisions to be considered, including updates to the appendices.

This report includes the following information:

- A summary of projects approved under allowances organized by FEMA program,
- A list of properties determined eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places,
- A summary of archaeological activities conducted under the program,
- FEMA's views regarding the effectiveness of the agreement, and
- Suggestions for additional actions to be considered for adoption as programmatic allowances.

This report includes only projects *approved for funding* by FEMA during the 2020 calendar year under one or more programmatic allowances. It does not include:

- Undertakings approved after full Section 106 consultation,
- Undertakings providing emergency protective measures, which are not subject to Section 106 review,
- Undertakings without the potential to affect historic properties,
- Undertakings reviewed under the FCC nationwide programmatic agreements,
- Undertakings previously reviewed and resubmitted for cost adjustments, and
- Undertakings currently under review for environmental / historic preservation compliance.

Although project counts do not include those undergoing consultation under 36 CFR Part 800, the list of properties determined eligible for listing is drawn from all FEMA undertakings during 2020. The section on archaeological activities covers all FEMA program activities as well.

Project Summary: Total Number of Projects Approved under programmatic allowances.....593
Approved projects summarized below by program.

Public Assistance Grant Program

DR-446I: Severe storms and flooding February 24, 2019 - July 03, 2019, affecting twenty-eight (28) counties.

Projects Meeting Programmatic Allowances	527*
I.A. Ground Disturbing Activities and Site Modification ..	188
I.B. Buildings and Structures	2
I.C. Transportation Facilities	99
I.D. Warning Sirens	5
I.E. Vector Control	0
II.A Ground Disturbing Activities and Site Work	43
II.B Buildings and Structures	22
II.C Transportation Facilities	142
II.D Utilities, Communications Systems and Towers.....	77
II.E Water Resource Management and Controls	29

DHS Grant Programs

Projects Meeting Programmatic Allowances	66*
I.A Ground Disturbing Activities and Site Modification.....	3
I.B Buildings and Structures	13
I.C Transportation Facilities	0
I.D Warning Sirens	0
I.E Vector Control	0
II.A Ground Disturbing Activities and Site Work.....	0
II.B Buildings and Structures	45
II.C Transportation Facilities	0
II.D Utilities, Communications Systems and Towers.....	8
II.E Water Resource Management and Controls	0

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program

No HMGP grants were approved under allowances in 2020.

* Total number of allowances exceeds the number of projects, as multiple allowances applied to various scope items for some undertakings.

Properties Found Eligible for Listing in the National Register:	FEMA is not required to determine eligibility of resources affected by undertakings meeting the programmatic allowances, and such undertakings constitute the majority of projects reviewed each year. For undertakings reviewed in consultation with the SHPO during 2020, no properties were (newly) found eligible for listing.
Undertakings Requiring Archaeological Activities:	No archaeological surveys supporting FEMA-funded projects approved in 2020 were undertaken.
FEMA's Views Regarding the Effectiveness of the Agreement:	FEMA is satisfied with the agreement and finds that it has increased effectiveness and efficiency of reviews for undertakings funded by both disaster and grant programs.
Suggested Additions to Programmatic Allowances:	FEMA currently has no suggestions for changes to the Programmatic Allowances.
