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National Advisory Council

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MEMORANDUM FOR: W. Craig Fugate
Administrator

FROM: Dr. G. Kemble Bennett
Chairman, National Advisory Council

SUBJECT: Recommendations on the Emergency Operations Center's role in NIMS

At the July 2009 meeting, the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) National Advisory Council's (NAC) NIMS Subcommittee discussed and provided recommendations on the need to explain the Emergency Operations Center's (EOC's) role in the National Incident Management System (NIMS). On July 29, the full Council voted unanimously to send these recommendations to the Administrator.

Recommendation:

There is a need for separate and specific training that explains the Emergency Operations Center's role in NIMS and how it should interface with the Incident Command System (ICS). This training should address the interface with EOC's on all levels (Federal, State, tribal, local), as well as the private sector, including hospitals and healthcare. The training should also speak to how EOC's interface with other EOC's and Joint Information Centers (JIC's).