

Federal Emergency Management Agency Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to Establish a Deductible for Public Assistance Program

On January 20, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) issued a notice of **proposed rulemaking** that would establish a disaster deductible, requiring a financial or other commitment from a recipient (a state, tribal, or territorial government, generally) before FEMA would provide assistance under the Public Assistance Program when authorized by a Presidential major disaster declaration. FEMA believes the model will increase stakeholder investment and participation, and is seeking comment on all aspects of the deductible concept. NCAI is in the process of developing comments to the advanced notice of proposed rule which requires meaningful consultation according to FEMA's Tribal Consultation Policy. To submit comments, use docket ID: FEMA-2016-0003 and follow the steps within the [Federal eRulemaking Portal](#), or mail/hand deliver/courier to: Regulatory Affairs Division, Office of Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 8NE, 500 C Street SW, Washington, DC 20472-3100. **The public comment period closes March 21, 2016.**

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