

NEHRP Advisory Committee Earthquake Hazard Reduction

Overview of Recent FEMA NEHRP Program Changes

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New Activity

- Strategic communication (communicating well with customers/ telling our story)
- Training development (both new courses and update existing materials)
- Man-made and all-hazards support (Risk Management Series)

Reduced Activity

- Support for HAZUS (program support decreasing)
- Revisions of existing publications (updates delayed or postponed)
- FY 07/FY 08 funding ongoing and committed multi-year projects/ no new work

Discontinued Activity

- Lifelines
- Disaster Roundtables
- No discretionary funds to support outside proposals

Program Opportunities

- FY 09 Over Target Request to support Ramp-Up initiatives (\$ and staff - DHS indicates support)
- Increase public support for program to demonstrate value

Program Challenges

- Ongoing staffing shortages (proposed increases in FY 09 in HQ and Regions)
- Funding reductions (FY 08 funding less than 1/3 of authorized)
- Program is covering more items previously overhead (travel and printing)
- Leadership doesn't hear concern from our customers (we will not cut those things that will result in a loud public reaction)
- Maintaining support for organizations, partnerships, and consortia