



FEMA

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Mr. Chad Berginnis
Executive Director
Association of State Floodplain Managers
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Dear Chad:

As my time with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) comes to a close, I wish to extend my gratitude to the Association of State Floodplain Managers (ASFPM) for its partnership with FEMA in building the nation's capacity to prevent, prepare for, respond to, recover from, and mitigate all hazards.

ASFPM has been a critical partner, helping to promote protection of floodplains, mitigate the impacts of disasters, and promote responsible recovery and the value of flood insurance. ASFPM has also provided important feedback to FEMA on our efforts to reform the National Flood Insurance Program and on the development of the Federal Flood Risk Management Standard.

Having worked in emergency management at the federal, state, and local levels, I have seen firsthand the expertise that floodplain managers bring to the table. The increasing frequency and severity of damaging flood events will make their voices, and that of your organization, even more important moving forward.

I would like to extend a particular thank you to Merrie Inderfurth from your staff. Merrie has facilitated a true spirit of collaboration with FEMA, and we appreciate all of her efforts. During this time of transition, FEMA's dedicated and experienced career professionals will continue to work with the ASFPM staff to advance our collaboration.

Thank you again. Wishing you a safe, healthy, and happy 2017.

Sincerely,

W. Craig Fugate
Administrator

Cc: Merrie Inderfurth, Association of State Floodplain Managers
Nicole Mlade, Director, Intergovernmental Affairs, FEMA