

# Federal Partners in Mitigation and Resilience Working Group

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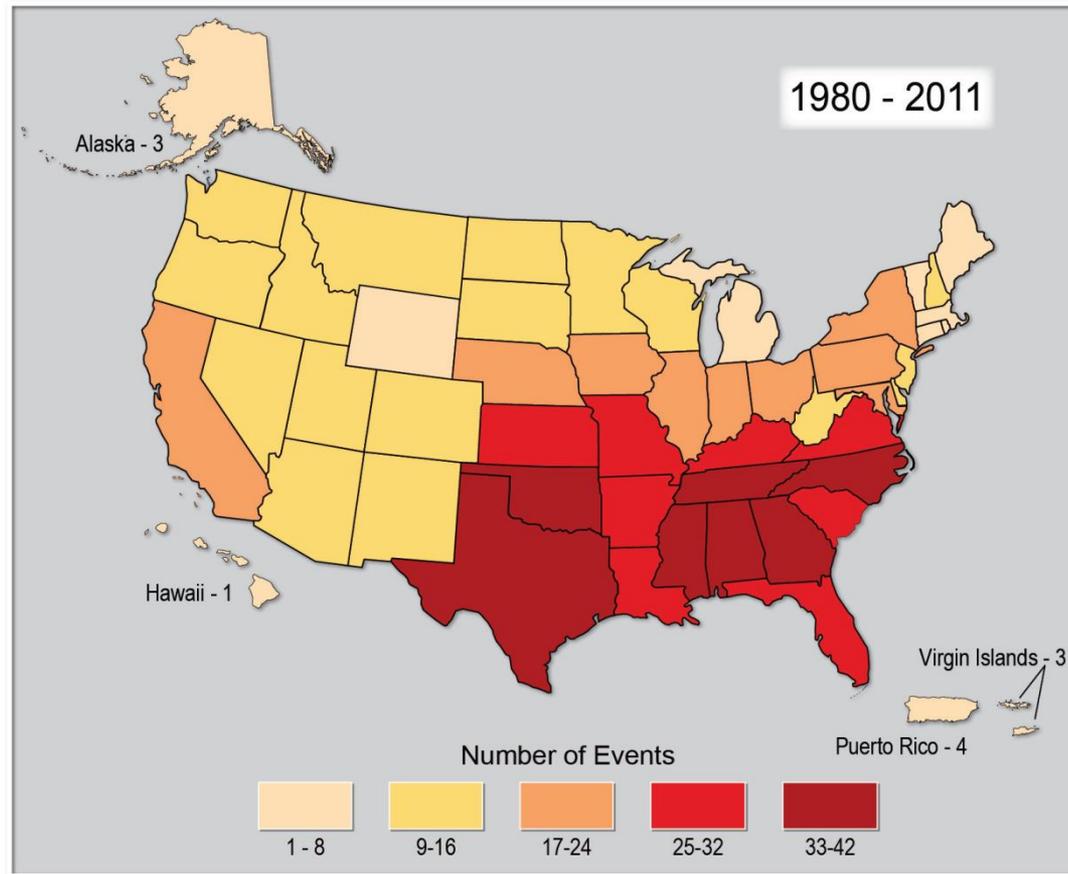
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# Weather and Climate Related Disasters

Billion Dollar Weather/Climate Disasters



**PROBLEM**



Federal Agencies were **working individually** on projects which **prevented the maximization of benefits** from collaboration and sharing of resources.

- ▶ Challenge of mitigation work with limited resources at individual agencies
- ▶ Being better prepared for state hazard mitigation team meetings
- ▶ Networking FEMA-Corps of Engineers was just a beginning
- ▶ Realization of the benefits of meeting sister agencies in hazard mitigation work
  - ▶ Regularly (quarterly at first)
  - ▶ Face-to-face
  - ▶ Rotating host location

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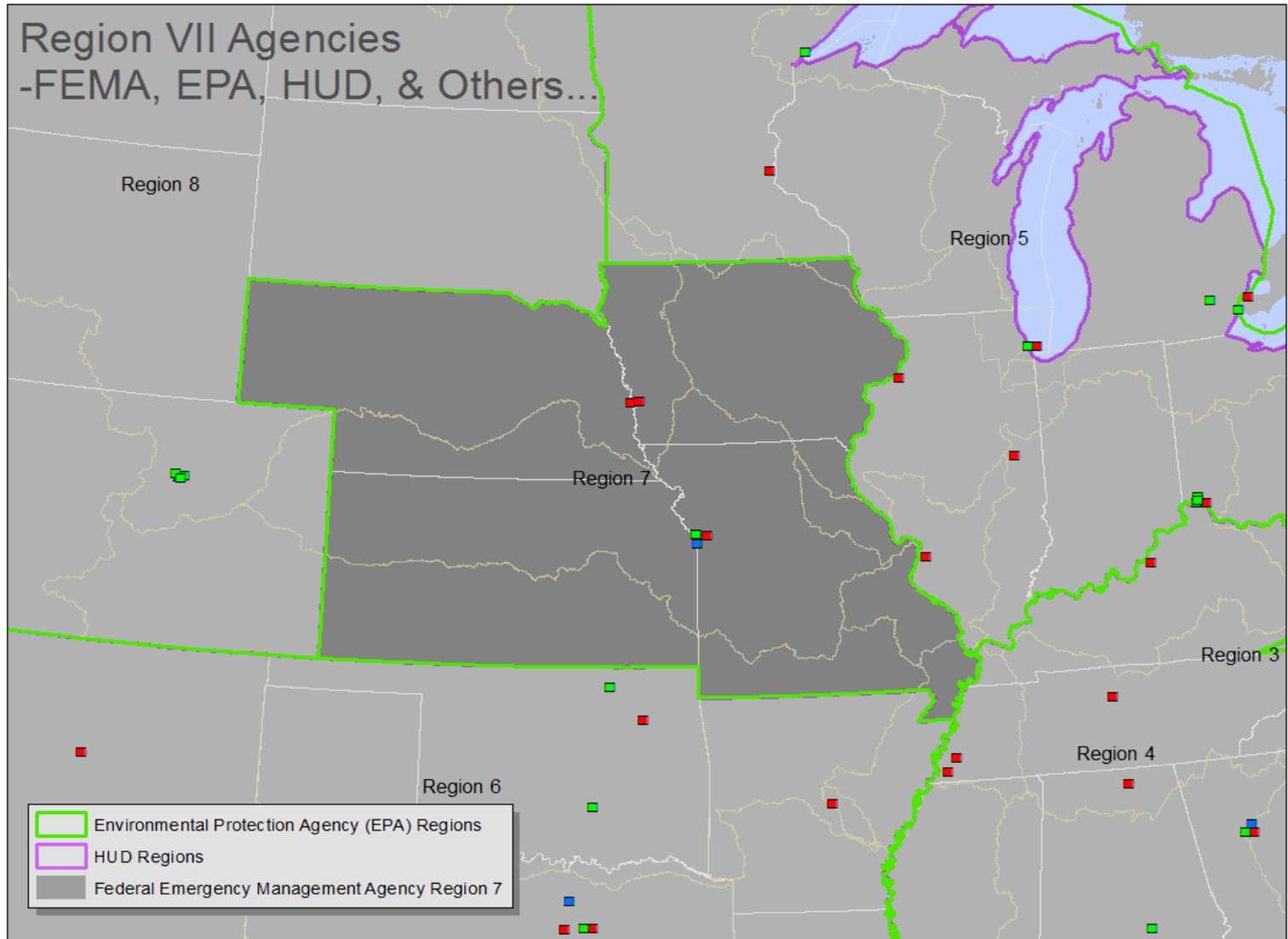


## **Establish a Federal Partners in Mitigation and Resilience Workgroup for joint education, planning and problem-solving**

- ✓ Develop a charter to guide the working group
- ✓ Develop an interagency program guide
- ✓ Establish a Federal Partners online information portal

The Federal Partners meet quarterly (since January 2015) with a planning core group that meets monthly.

# Visualizing our areas of responsibility





# Meetings

- ▶ **Meet quarterly to collaborate and prepare for state lead teams' efforts to mitigate floods**
- ▶ **First six meetings**
  - ▶ Agency familiarization and Interagency Programs
  - ▶ Charter
- ▶ **2015 meetings**
  - ▶ First meeting, Corps of Engineers programs, January
  - ▶ National Planning Frameworks, climate change, Executive Orders, April
  - ▶ NOAA toolkit, July
  - ▶ HUD National Disaster Resiliency Competition, October

# Federal Partners Meeting on Climate Change



Photo: EPA Office of Public Affairs: January 2016

# GOAL: Leverage available technical expertise, resources and information between agencies

OBJECTIVE	IMPACTS
<b>Educate and inform</b> state and local communities about Federal Mitigation Programs and Grant opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Participation of Federal Partners in Regional State and Community Workshops</li></ul>
<b>Provide support</b> to state-level hazard mitigation teams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Increased federal participation at the FEMA CTP Rendezvous</li><li>➤ NRCS has become a new partner on the State Hazard Mitigation Team</li></ul>
<b>Enhance outcomes</b> for state and local communities <b>risk reduction projects</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Interagency support for HUD National Disaster Resiliency Competition</li><li>➤ Leveraging best available science (NOAA Atlas 14) to improve Corps of Engineers projects</li></ul>

**IMPACTS**

# Innovation Impacts on Tribes

September 2016: Federal partners will be hosting a tribal climate change training session in Nebraska City, NE.

- ▶ Goal: Build and strengthen tribal community resilience.
- ▶ Objective: Expand familiarity with agency programs, funding, and technical resources and to support efforts toward building more resilient communities.





## CONTINUE TO BUILD BRIDGES THROUGH INTERAGENCY PARTNERSHIPS AND COLLABORATIVE INITIATIVES

- ▶ Pursue opportunities for federal partners to jointly present about our programs
- ▶ Work with states and tribes to collectively assist in developing solutions to flooding and other natural hazards
- ▶ Expand future focus to drought-related issues
- ▶ Leverage data and resources to support State Hazard Risk Assessments with specific focus on Climate Change
- ▶ Continue to expand federal agency participation in the group
- ▶ Engagement with the Federal Executive Board Sustainability Committee (EO 13693)

**MOVING FORWARD**



## We're better together

In realizing we have overlapping program areas, not just geographically, but in our authorizations, we will continue to seek efficiency in addressing resiliency and mitigation.



## Find Out More: Federal Partners in Mitigation and Resilience

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- ▶ **Charter**

[http://silverjackets.nfrmp.us/Portals/0/151021\\_Federal\\_Partners\\_Charter.pdf?ver=2015-10-22-144322-403](http://silverjackets.nfrmp.us/Portals/0/151021_Federal_Partners_Charter.pdf?ver=2015-10-22-144322-403)

- ▶ **Webpage**

<http://silverjackets.nfrmp.us/State-Teams/Kansas/Federal-Partners-Region-VII>

Vision: "Strengthen Federal agencies' partnerships at the technical level as a catalyst in developing comprehensive and sustainable solutions to flood and other hazard challenges."