

A. Approval and Implementation

The purpose of hazard mitigation is to implement actions that eliminate the risk from hazards, or reduce the severity of the effects of hazards on people and property. Mitigation actions are both short-term and long-term activities that reduce the cause or occurrence of hazards; reduce exposure to hazards; or reduce effects of hazards through various means to include preparedness, response and recovery measures.

This plan applies to all State agencies, boards, commissions, and departments assigned mitigation responsibilities, and to others as designated by the Governor or Director of the Alabama Emergency Management Agency.

The State of Alabama Hazard Mitigation Plan was prepared in compliance with Public Law 106390, Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, as amended. This plan implements hazard mitigation measures intended to eliminate or reduce the effects of future disasters throughout Alabama, and was developed in a joint and cooperative venture by members of the State Hazard Mitigation Team and the agencies identified in Executive Order No. 19.

The State of Alabama will comply with all applicable Federal statutes and regulations in effect with respect to the periods for which it receives grant funding, in compliance with 44 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 13.11c. The State of Alabama will amend its plan whenever necessary to reflect changes in State and/or Federal laws and statutes as required in 44 CFR, 13.11d. At a minimum, the State will review and if necessary, update the Plan every five years from the date of approval in accordance with 44 CFR, 201.3(c)(2) and (3) in order to continue program eligibility.

In accordance with the Alabama Emergency Management Act of 1955, dated March 1, 2002, as amended, and as the Director of the Alabama Emergency Management Agency, in order to protect the lives and property of the citizens of Alabama, I hereby adopt this plan in accordance to the powers delegated to me and accept this plan for implementation.

Date

Brian Hastings
Director
Alabama Emergency Management Agency