

FY 2008 NIMS Compliance Activities

This is from a document titled: “FY 2008 NIMS Compliance Activities for States/Territories and Local Governments: Nationwide Comment Period”

In October 2007, IMSD will release the FY 2008 NIMS Compliance Activities. These activities are primarily based upon previous years’ requirements; however, there are several new activities for FY 2008 (many of which reflect the revision to the NIMS document). In previous years, one activity often contained several requirements (see example below). In an effort to clarify and streamline each activity and avoid confusion regarding multiple activities being combined together, in FY 2008, each FY 2007 activity was separated into its distinct pieces. It is IMSD’s intent that separating the activities will aid jurisdictions in their NIMS Compliance efforts. While this resulted in what seems like an increase in the total number of activities, there are not a significant number of new requirements. To illustrate, there were 29 activities in FY 2007 which have been separated into 42 distinct activities in FY 2008.

For example the following was a single Compliance activity for States and Territories in FY 2007:

- Adopt NIMS at the State/Territorial level for all government departments and/or agencies; as well as promote and encourage NIMS adoption by associations, utilities, non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and private sector incident management and response organizations. Monitor formal adoption of NIMS by all local and tribal jurisdictions.

In FY 2008 the single activity has become nine distinct activities for States and Territories:

- Maintain State/Territory’s formal NIMS adoption.
- Promote and maintain formal NIMS adoption by State/Territorial Departments and Agencies.
- Monitor formal adoption of NIMS by State/Territory Departments/Agencies.
- Monitor implementation of NIMS requirements for State/Territory Departments/Agencies.
- Promote and encourage NIMS adoption by infrastructure, private sector, and nongovernmental organizations (to include, but not limited to, associations, utilities, primary/secondary schools, colleges, and universities, hospital and health care systems).
- Monitor formal adoption of NIMS by local jurisdictions.
- Monitor implementation of NIMS requirements by local jurisdictions.
- Assist Tribal Nations with formal adoption of NIMS.
- Assist Tribal Nations with implementation of NIMS.

Similar to FY 2007, the FY 2008 NIMS Compliance Activities are separated into two tiers:

- Tier 1 activities: considered critical for NIMS implementation.

- Tier 2 activities: introduce concepts that may become Tier 1 activities in future fiscal years.

As with FY 2007, to demonstrate compliance in FY 2008, States, Territories and local jurisdictions must respond to the metrics associated with the “Tier 1” activities affirmatively. If a State, Territory or local jurisdiction cannot successfully implement a Tier 1 activity (i.e. not responding affirmatively to the associated metrics); a Corrective Action Plan that outlines how compliance will be attained must be submitted.

COMMENT PERIOD

Stakeholder input is a critical component in the development of the NIMS Compliance Activities as it provides insightful contributions which will help shape activities for FY 2008 and beyond. As such, stakeholders are being asked to participate in a formal nationwide comment period from August 10-24, 2007. A Notice of Availability is being posted in the Federal Register to ensure widest possible review. Once the comments are incorporated, the activities will be finalized and the associated metrics will be derived from those finalized activities. Additionally, the development of the metrics will incorporate changes from the revised NIMS document, as well as preliminary analysis of NIMSCAST data.

For your convenience, the documents can be accessed at http://www.fema.gov/emergency/nims/whats_new.shtm

The DRAFT compliance document is at this address, it is the third link under “NIMS Compliance” on the page above.

<http://www.fema.gov/library/viewRecord.do?id=2876>

To ensure consistency during the comment process, the comment form and associated instructions included in this packet will be utilized as the preferred method for submitting comments. Completed forms can be sent to NIMScomments@hsi.dhs.gov. You may also submit your comments (which must include the page and line numbers) directly to that e-mail address.



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