

Section 9.0 – Assessment of Mitigation Actions

The following requirement(s) are met throughout this section:

- §201.4(c)(5)(ii): *[The Standard State Plan Maintenance Process **must** include a] system for monitoring implementation of mitigation measures and project closeouts. Requirement*
- §201.4(c)(5)(iii): *[The Standard State Plan Maintenance Process **must** include a] system for reviewing progress on achieving goals as well as activities and projects in the Mitigation Strategy.*

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SEMO has developed a system for monitoring the completion and effectiveness of mitigation projects through a combination of site visits and telephone conversations with the community that performed the mitigation action.

As required by FEMA program rules, SEMO Mitigation staff routinely performs final site visits following project completion to ensure the project is completed according to the established FEMA approved scope of work. The site visit includes meeting with community officials to discuss the project and may include a query to determine whether the project has been tested and if the project is performing as designed. A Site Visit Project Evaluation Sheet (included as **Appendix 3**) is available to assist with recording and documentation. Photographs may also be taken to document the completion and effectiveness (if apparent) of the mitigation effort.

Due to the size of the State and the limited staff in the Mitigation Section, time constraints do not permit unlimited follow-up type site visits or frequent or routine contact with communities that have implemented hazard mitigation projects. However, SEMO staff has been in contact with many communities that have successfully completed mitigation projects to survey and gauge effectiveness of projects and will continue this effort in the future. SEMO's Regional Offices will have staff available to assist as requested and appropriate with outreach to communities with completed mitigation projects and help assess effectiveness and potential losses avoided.

The information obtained from the site visit or interview will be entered into the project database. In addition to information obtained from the site visits, the Mitigation Staff will compile all pertinent additional information obtained from the community on the project close-out forms.

The Mitigation staff will analyze all collected information to determine the effectiveness of the mitigation projects. The results of the analysis will assist in the development and review of the statewide priority listing of mitigation projects.