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MEMORANDUM FOR: Regional Administrators  
FEMA Regions I-X

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SUBJECT: COVID-19 Emergency Work Completion Deadline

On March 13, 2020, the President declared the ongoing coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant a nationwide emergency declaration covering all states, tribes, territories, and the District of Columbia pursuant to section 501(b) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121-5207 (Stafford Act). Effective July 25, 2020, the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) renewed the determination that a Public Health Emergency exists as a result of the continued consequences of COVID-19. Due to the nature of this incident, it is necessary and appropriate to amend certain deadlines for the Public Assistance Program (44 CFR Part 206, Subpart G, Public Assistance Project Administration) on a national basis to meet the needs of recipients and applicants across the country.

The purpose of this memo is to address the Emergency Work completion deadline for COVID-19 events. Pursuant to 44 CFR § 206.204(c)(1), the Emergency Work completion deadline is six months from the disaster declaration date. However, the unprecedented incident period and impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic necessitate that emergency protective measures continue beyond the typical deadline. Therefore, the emergency work completion deadline under 44 C.F.R. § 206.204(d) is extended until further notice. FEMA will make notifications prior to the establishment of a deadline for completion of emergency work.

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