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FEMA APPROVES OHIO EMA'S 2011 STATE HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

COLUMBUS, OH – The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) recently approved the Ohio Emergency Management Agency's *2011 State of Ohio Hazard Mitigation Plan*, which was officially adopted by the state on May 13, 2011.

FEMA's approval of Ohio's Hazard Mitigation Plan ensures the continued availability of non-emergency Stafford Act funding for the next three years. This includes the availability of funding for the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program; Repetitive Flood Claims Program; Hazard Mitigation Grant Program; Fire Management Assistance Grant Program; and Public Assistance Grants.

In addition, the approval of this plan allows Ohio to be eligible for the reduced cost share for grants awarded under the Flood Mitigation Assistance and Severe Repetitive Loss programs.

Mitigation planning is the process state and local governments use to identify risks and vulnerabilities associated with natural hazards and to develop long-term strategies for protecting people and property from the effects of future hazard events.

The State of Ohio Hazard Mitigation Plan was first approved by FEMA in 2005. The 2011 plan details Ohio's highest priority hazards: river/stream flooding; tornadoes; winter storms; landslides; dam/levee failures; wildfire; coastal flooding; earthquakes; coastal erosion; drought; severe summer storms; invasive species and land subsidence hazards.

The complete 2011 State of Ohio Hazard Mitigation Plan is available on the Ohio EMA site: www.ema.ohio.gov/MitigationPlan2011.aspx

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