

1.7 ASSURANCES / PROMULGATION

The State of Ohio Hazard Mitigation Plan meets the standard requirements of Section 409 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act of 1988, 42 United States Code Sections 5121 and following (commonly referred to as the Stafford Act - Public Law 93-288). Additionally, this plan meets the SRL planning requirements of 44 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 79.4 (SRL and FMA beginning in 2009).

It is intended that this plan also meet the requirements of the Section 322 of the Stafford Act which requires that States, as a condition of receiving federal disaster mitigation funds, have a mitigation plan in place that describes the planning process for identifying hazards, risk and vulnerabilities, identifies and prioritizes mitigation actions, encourages the development of local mitigation and provides technical support for these efforts. In addition, the Act requires local and tribal governments to also have mitigation plans as a condition of receiving disaster mitigation funds.

The development and implementation of this strategy is authorized and/or required by the following state statutes:

Chapter 5502, Ohio Revised Code (specifically Section 5502.22 establishes the Ohio Emergency Management Agency and requires plan development).

Chapter 5502, Ohio Revised Code (specifically Sections 5502.26, 5502.27, and 5502.271 require the establishment of county emergency management agencies and plan development).

The adoption and promulgation of the 2008 update is being done by the Executive Director of the Ohio EMA in her capacity as the Governor's Authorized Representative (GAR). The original SHMP was promulgated by Governor Taft in 2005.

**State of Ohio Hazard Mitigation Plan
STATEMENT OF ADOPTION**

In order for Ohio to continue to be eligible for federal disaster assistance funding, the Ohio Emergency Management Agency (Ohio EMA) is required to update the State of Ohio Hazard Mitigation Plan (SOHMP) every three years. The SOHMP was initially approved by FEMA and published by OEMA as a Standard State Hazard Mitigation Plan on January 17, 2005, upgraded to an Enhanced Plan on May 17, 2005, amended to include required elements for the Severe Repetitive Loss (SRL) program on April 22, 2008 and has now been updated in 2008 to be submitted as a Standard State Hazard Mitigation Plan with SRL amendments that will qualify Ohio for federal hazard mitigation grant funds, public assistance funds, and a more favorable cost share under the SRL and Flood Mitigation Assistance programs.

The SOHMP is a comprehensive description of the State's commitment to reduce or eliminate the impacts of disasters caused by natural and human-caused hazards, and is a federal requirement under the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 for the State of Ohio to receive federal funds for disaster recovery and mitigation. The SOHMP is coordinated and maintained by the Ohio EMA, but is the culmination of input and recommendations from numerous stakeholders from local, state and federal government agencies, private sector organizations, and residents of Ohio.

In adopting this SOHMP, the State of Ohio agrees to comply with all applicable state and federal statutes and regulations, as stipulated in previously documented assurances, and will update the plan at least every three years. The SOHMP has been amended to reflect emerging hazard conditions and risks as well as new or revised state and federal statutes and regulations. Future amendments will also reflect changes to State organization or policy as appropriate.

As the Executive Director of the Ohio EMA and the Governor's Authorized Representative, I the undersigned do hereby formally adopt this State of Ohio Hazard Mitigation Plan 2008 Update for the State of Ohio.

Signature:



NANCY J. DRAGANI, Executive Director
Governor's Authorized Representative
Ohio Emergency Management Agency

Date: 5/16/08