

# **APPENDIX S: Adoption Documentation**

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The following pages are documentation showing that the State of Florida has officially adopted the 2018 Enhanced State Hazard Mitigation Plan as of 02/20/2018, submitted to FEMA for review and approval on 02/23/2018 and that it has been approved by FEMA as of 06/11/2018.

The plan will go into effect on August 24, 2018 and will expire again on August 23, 2023.

The following list is the name of the documents within this appendix:

- Adoption Memo
- Submission Letter
- Approval Letter



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## State Hazard Mitigation Plan Adoption

The State of Florida Enhanced Hazard Mitigation Plan, as updated, meets the requirements of Section 322 of the Robert. T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (Stafford Act) (Public Law 93-288, as amended) enacted under the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA2K). Section 322 of the Act 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 strategies; and provides technical support for these efforts.

The newly updated plan illustrates that:

- The State of Florida has developed a comprehensive mitigation program.
- The State of Florida effectively uses available mitigation funding.
- The State of Florida is capable of managing all funding, including that which results from achieving enhanced status.
- The State of Florida does comply, and assures it will continue to comply, with all applicable federal statutes and regulations in effect.

In accordance with 44 C.F.R. Part 201, Chapter 252 Florida Statutes (State Emergency Management Act), and with the full support of the State Hazard Mitigation Officer and the Mitigate FL workgroup, this 2018 State Hazard Mitigation Plan is hereby adopted by the State of Florida.

*for* Wesley Maul, Director  
Governor's Authorized Representative

Date



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February 23, 2018

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ATTN: Darlene Booker, Acting Planning Team Lead

Re: State of Florida Enhanced Hazard Mitigation Plan 2018 Update Submittal

Dear Mrs. Martinenza:

The State of Florida and the Florida Division of Emergency Management's (DEM) Mitigation Bureau respectfully submits the 2018 update of the Enhanced State Hazard Mitigation Plan (SHMP) for review and approval.

The Florida SHMP was developed and reviewed by DEM and has the approval and support of the Mitigate FL interagency workgroup and the State Hazard Mitigation Officer. DEM believes the SHMP satisfactorily meets the requirements for an Enhanced State Mitigation Plan, including all standard plan requirements, the repetitive loss strategy requirements, and the Enhanced requirements, all of which are listed in the State Mitigation Plan Regulation Checklist in Appendix B of the State Mitigation Plan Review Guide.

The State of Florida adopted the 2018 update of the State Hazard Mitigation Plan on February 20, 2018. Enclosed, please find a CD which contains the SHMP 2018 update, the SHMP Review Tool, and the Adoption Memo, which is signed by a governor's authorized representative.

Thank you for your continued support of the State of Florida's Mitigation program. If you have any questions, or need additional assistance regarding this matter, please contact Laura Waterman, SHMP Planner, at 850-815-4512 or [Laura.Waterman@em.myflorida.com](mailto:Laura.Waterman@em.myflorida.com).

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Miles E. Anderson".

Miles E. Anderson  
Bureau Chief, Mitigation  
State Hazard Mitigation Officer

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Attachments: Florida SHMP (on cd), SHMP Review Tool, Adoption Memo





**FEMA**

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Mr. Wesley Maul, Director  
Florida Division of Emergency Management  
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Attention: Mr. Miles Anderson – State Hazard Mitigation Officer

Reference: Approval of the Florida Enhanced State Hazard Mitigation Plan Update 2018

Dear Mr. Maul:

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region IV Mitigation Division, Risk Analysis Branch has approved the updated Florida Enhanced State Hazard Mitigation Plan Update 2018 effective August 24, 2018 through August 24, 2023 in accordance with the planning requirements of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (Stafford Act), as amended, the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended, and Title 44 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 201.

We commend the State of Florida for developing a solid, workable plan that demonstrates commitment to reduce risks from natural hazards and that will guide mitigation activities over the coming years. We acknowledge and support the State's intention to review and update the plan annually and after each presidential disaster declaration, as needed. We look forward to receiving the 2023 State Enhanced Hazard Mitigation Plan update for review, which will capture the experiences gained over the subsequent five years.

A FEMA-approved state hazard mitigation plan is a condition of receiving certain non-emergency Stafford Act assistance and FEMA mitigation grants from the following programs:

- Public Assistance Categories C-G (PA C-G)
- Fire Management Assistance Grants (FMAG)
- Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)
- Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM)
- Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA)

State hazard mitigation plans must be updated and resubmitted to FEMA Region IV Mitigation Division, Risk Analysis Branch for approval. If the plan is not updated by the date indicated on this FEMA approval letter, the plan is considered lapsed and FEMA will not obligate funds until the hazard mitigation plan is approved by FEMA.

If at any time over the plan approval period, FEMA determines that the state is not complying with all applicable Federal statutes and regulations in effect with respect to the periods for which it receives

funding or is unable to fulfill mitigation commitments, FEMA may take action to correct the noncompliance (44 CFR §§201.3(b)(5) and 201.4(c)(7)).

FEMA has determined the state hazard mitigation plan includes a Repetitive Loss Strategy that meets the requirements set forth in 44 CFR §201.4(c)(3)(v) and qualifies the state to request an increased Federal share for repetitive loss properties under the FMA program.

FEMA recognizes the state for the additional effort and commitment to hazard mitigation, authorizing the state to receive additional HMGP funds of up to 20 percent of the total estimated eligible Stafford Act disaster assistance. The “Enhanced” designation is recognition for states that are leaders in implementing a comprehensive statewide hazard mitigation program that results in safer, more sustainable communities.

As required by 44 C.F.R. § 201.5(b)(2)(iii), FEMA’s approval of your Enhanced State Hazard Mitigation Plan is based on our review of your mitigation program management performance over the last five years ending on the last day of the month immediately prior to submission of the plan to FEMA. Please note that when you submit your next updated plan for FEMA approval, the review of your mitigation program management performance will cover the full period of time between this approval and the next submission of your plan.

In addition, FEMA will provide a reminder to the state, at a minimum, 12 months prior to the plan expiration date, of the consequences of not having a FEMA-approved hazard mitigation plan with respect to eligibility for the FEMA assistance programs that require FEMA-approved mitigation plan as a condition of eligibility.

The state is responsible for communicating with local and tribal officials, as applicable, interested in applying through the state for FEMA assistance. FEMA encourages states to communicate with the appropriate officials regarding hazard mitigation plan status and eligibility requirements. The state is responsible for reviewing and submitting approvable hazard mitigation plans to FEMA. If the state is not submitting approvable hazard mitigation plans, FEMA will provide feedback as well as technical assistance or training, as needed.

To maintain eligibility for PA C-G, FMAG, HMGP, PDM, and FMA, the state must submit a draft of the next plan update prior to the end of the approval period, and allow sufficient time for the review and approval process, including any revisions, if needed, and for formal adoption by the state following determination by FEMA that the plan has achieved a status of “Approvable Pending Adoption.”

We look forward to continuing a productive relationship between FEMA Region IV and Florida Emergency Management. If we can be of assistance, please contact me or Mr. Jesse F. Munoz, Mitigation Division Director, at 770 220-5212.

Sincerely,

  
Gracia B. Szczech  
Regional Administrator

**Attachments:**

1. State Mitigation Plan Review Tool