

Achieving Efficiency Through State and Local Preparedness

Administration Policy:

President Trump issued an executive order (EO) titled [Achieving Efficiency Through State and Local Preparedness](#) to streamline and update “preparedness operations,” and enable state and local governments to prepare for incidents like natural disasters or cyber-attacks and better address the needs of their citizens.

Specifically, this EO requires the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs (APNSA) to coordinate with the Assistant to the President for Economic Policy, and the heads of relevant agencies, to publish a National Resilience Strategy that “articulates the priorities, means, and ways to advance the resilience of the Nation,” within 90 days.

To implement this National Resilience Strategy, this EO requires the APNSA to:

- Coordinate with the Director of the Office of Science and Technology, and the heads of relevant agencies, to review all critical infrastructure policies and recommend to the President revisions, recissions, and replacements necessary to “achieve a more resilient posture.” *Section 3(b)*.
 - Section 3 (b) also specifies, for the purposes of this EO, critical infrastructure projects do not include any policies related to “misinformation,” “disinformation,” “malinformation,” or “cognitive infrastructure,” which should be reevaluated based on [EO 14149](#).
- Coordinate with the relevant agencies to review all national continuity policies and recommend to the President revisions, recissions, and replacements necessary to “modernize and streamline the approach to national continuity capabilities,” and “reformulate the methodology and architecture necessary to achieve an enduring readiness posture.” *Section 3(c)*.
- Coordinate with the heads of relevant agencies, to review all national preparedness and response policies and recommend to the President revisions, recissions, and replacements necessary to “reformulate the process and metrics for Federal responsibility,” and “move away from an all-hazards approach.” *Section 3(d)*.
- Coordinate with the Director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), and the heads of relevant agencies, to develop a National Risk Register. The Register should identify, articulate, and quantify natural and malign risks to our national infrastructure. *Section 3(e)*.

In Section 3(f), this EO requires the Secretary of Homeland Security to propose changes to the Federal government framework for organizing national preparedness and continuity, to improve communication and ensure State and local governments have a better understanding of the Federal role.

Background:

- In January, President Trump issued an [EO](#) establishing a task force to evaluate the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).
 - The EO raises concerns about political bias in FEMA, saying “it has lost its mission focus, diverting...resources to support missions beyond its scope and authority.”
 - A FEMA employee was [fired](#) after advising assistance teams not to visit home with signs supporting President Trump after Hurricane Helene.
- A fact sheet from the White House can be found [here](#).