



MEMBER UPDATE April 29, 2015

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I From NHMA President Ed Thomas

Our hearts go out to the victims and survivors of the earthquakes in Nepal. As usual, we urge for prayers and good thoughts for the survivors and those succoring them. We also will soon get out our best list of charities most likely to do an effective job of assisting those most in need of response and long term recovery assistance.

This unfolding tragedy should serve to remind all of us who care about designing, planning and building a safer, more just society of the myriad impacts which inevitably take place when natural forces overwhelm human design and construction. Loss of life, environmental despoliation, economic devastation, vast human suffering and misery as well as the loss of cultural heritage are all aspects of disasters. The New York Times has an excellent article on the cultural heritage aspects of this disaster:
<http://www.nytimes.com/2015/04/29/world/asia/as-human-crisis-takes-priority-after-nepal-quake-a-nations-treasures-become-its-scrap.html?rref=world/asia&module=ArrowsNav&contentCollection=Asia%20Pacific&action=click®ion=FixedRight&pgtype=Multimedia>

II. Items of Particular Importance

- 1.) The Nepal Earthquakes
<http://recoverydiva.com/2015/04/26/the-nepal-earthquake/>
- 2.) Some News from Down Under re Earthquake Planning
<http://recoverydiva.com/2015/04/26/some-news-from-down-under-re-earthquake>
- 3.) Interactive Hurricane Map Provides Local Info

<http://recoverydiva.com/2015/04/24/interactive-hurricane-map-provides-local>

4.) Hurricane Prediction for 2015

<http://recoverydiva.com/2015/04/23/hurricane-prediction-for-2015/>

III Online Courses

1.) Upcoming Webinar - “FEMA Promising Practices: Closing Gaps in Local Emergency Plans and Grassroots Emergency Planning”

<http://recoverydiva.com/2015/04/26/upcoming-webinar/>

IV Major Articles & Editorials

1.) Nepal Terrorized by Aftershocks, Hampering Relief Efforts

<http://www.nytimes.com/2015/04/27/world/asia/nepal-earthquake>

V Jobs

1.) The Centre for the Study of Existential Risk (University of Cambridge; <http://cser.org>) is recruiting for postdoctoral research associates to work on the study of extreme risks arising from technological advances.

CSER welcomes proposals from a range of fields. For more information, visit: <http://www.jobs.cam.ac.uk/job/6554/>

2.) Food Recovery Network is looking for an Executive Director to oversee our rapidly expanding organization, and take Food Recovery Network to the next level. As the first leader of FRN that is not the Founder, the Executive Director will be responsible for crafting and setting priorities for the organization going forward, while maintaining the growth trajectory that the Board and founding team has set. Interested applicants should submit a cover letter, resume, and an additional sheet containing three references, salary history, and any compensation requirements to hire@foodrecoverynetwork.org.

3.) Green Chemistry Database Design Summer Job - EPA – Cincinnati, Ohio

The EPA Environmental Research and Business Support program is hiring for a full-time summer position within the EPA in Cincinnati, Ohio! We're looking for master's students who are currently enrolled in green chemistry or sustainability programs. Tasks will include developing a green chemistry synthesis route database, including a module for sustainable chemistry considerations, and other administrative and communications-related tasks. Qualifications include: Currently pursuing a master's degree in chemistry/sustainability, experience in chemical assessment of safer alternative chemicals, proficiency in Microsoft Office applications, and strong writing, oral and communication skills.

The position is expected to start in May/June 2015 and end September 2015. Apply

today! For more information, and to access the application, visit our website: www.oraу.org/epa. Questions? Email EPAJobs@oraу.org To hear more about position openings like this, follow us on Twitter at [@GovCareerPaths](https://twitter.com/GovCareerPaths).

4.) [Organic Health Response](#), a growing, community-based organization in Kenya, is looking for an Executive Director. Their work supports the health and environmental resilience of a fishing community. All the details about the position and how to apply can be found on the [OHR website](#). Please distribute widely!

5.) Department of Recreation, Sport, and Tourism at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign has two years of funding for a doctoral student to work 10 hr/wk as a teaching assistant and 10 hrs/wk as a research assistant. The assistantship would include a modest stipend and tuition waiver. For more information, please contact me, Matt Browning, at bmatth17@vt.edu or 540-315-7095 (call or text is fine). Interested students should do so immediately so that they can start the application process for August 2015 admissions.

6.) Interested in the environment, working in a federal facility and living in a cool location? The EPA Environmental Research and Business Support Program is hiring! We currently have four open positions in a variety of environmental disciplines and academic levels:

http://aess.info/content.aspx?page_id=22&club_id=939971&module_id=165353

Note to our members:

With your member support and involvement, we look forward to continuing the promotion of natural hazard risk reduction and climate adaptation through a Whole Community approach. Please consider supporting this mission by maintaining your membership (which can be renewed [here](#)) or through a tax-deductible donation (which can be done [here](#)). If you prefer to donate via check, please download [this form](#).

Note about website changes:

In an effort to better serve our membership, some changes have been made to our [website](#). Job post submissions can now be made online using the link at the top of the [job post page](#). Also, NHMA's work is made possible by the dedication of volunteers. Please visit our [volunteer page](#) and consider contributing your time to the cause of natural hazard risk reduction.

Please remember to send any mitigation related announcements, articles, and resources to nathazma@gmail.com for inclusion in our updates.