

FEMA REGION III

MITIGATION COFFEE BREAK WEBINARS



FEMA Region III is hosting a webinar series for hazard mitigation planners and other partners interested in reducing risk in their communities. These “Coffee Breaks” are hour-long webinar sessions hosted every other month to provide mitigation best practices and highlight the work happening at federal, regional, state, and community levels to reduce risk across the region.

The Coffee Breaks are open to everyone involved in hazard mitigation, resiliency, or risk reduction planning in the public and private sectors, which includes community planners, emergency managers, floodplain managers, GIS technicians, government officials, contractors, and anyone else involved in the development and implementation of hazard mitigation and risk reduction strategies.

TRACKING RISK REDUCTION THROUGH YOUR CAPABILITIES ASSESSMENT



An important, but often overlooked component of any Hazard Mitigation Plan is the capabilities assessment. The capabilities assessment helps a community understand the effectiveness of a mitigation program and if risk is being reduced within the community. The capabilities assessment is not meant to be a simple list of laws, regulations, policies, and programs that exist at the federal, state, and local levels. The assessment should analyze effectiveness, challenges, and issues regarding the implementation and maintenance of a hazard mitigation program. Using a newly developed FEMA Region III tool, we will explore various data sources, metrics, and methodologies for analyzing your community’s capabilities. Your community should strive to answer the question, *so what?* when it comes to having a land use plan, an updated building code, and funding opportunities.

WHEN: September 16, 2020
11:00 am – 12:00 pm ET

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**BRINGING LIFELINES INTO HAZARD
MITIGATION PLANNING**

WHEN: November 25, 2020
11:00 am – 12:00 pm ET

Energy, Water, and Transportation: These are just some examples of “lifelines,” which FEMA defines as anything that enables the continuous operation of government functions and critical business. What lifelines in your community are essential to human health, safety, and economic security? Are you aware of any lifelines that exist in at-risk areas based on risk modeling? This Coffee Break will explore how lifelines can be assessed as whole systems and incorporated into your Hazard Mitigation Plan through risk assessment modeling and mitigation action development which can help to improve and invest in the lifelines in your community.

If you require closed captioning assistance or would like any additional information, please contact Mari Radford, FEMA Region III Community Planning Lead, at Mari.Radford@fema.dhs.gov.

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