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**FEMA Vision:**  
**A prepared and resilient Nation.**



**Community Lifelines**  
Essential Connections Within the Emergency Support Functions



Lifelines function as vital cross-sector coordination nodes that effectively stabilize a community after a disaster.



**Disaster Recovery Reform Act**

- The Disaster Recovery Reform Act of 2018 (DRRA) (P.L. 115-524) is a game changing piece of legislation that has the opportunity to change the landscape of emergency management.
- The DRRA represents the most comprehensive emergency management reform in over a decade.
- There are more than 50 provisions in the DRRA relating to the full spectrum of FEMA's programs, and we are working quickly and thoughtfully to implement these reforms.
- As an example of the impact of this legislation:
  - management costs provisions increase funding to help states, communities & tribes, build capabilities.
  - pre disaster competitive grant program based on 6% of the previous year's disaster costs
  - increase the number of activities that can be funded through wildfire mitigation
  - use mitigation funds after certain wildfire disasters.
- DRRA implementation is overseen and guided by a cross-agency policy coordination group (PCG). The PCG:
  - Makes recommendations to the Administrator or other accountable executive;
  - Guides the staff-level Implementation Coordination Group (ICG) in the development of regulation, policy, and other communications that will achieve outcomes in the best interests of the Agency and the stakeholders it serves; and
  - Decides the relative priority and timeline of DRRA regulation, policy, and communications initiatives.
- Some provisions require us to adopt policies based on statutory deadlines. We are moving quickly on those.
- Other provisions will include outreach and engagement with our partners to gather input and suggestions.

**Recommendations**  
Lead the way in your community

-  Support stronger building codes in your communities to build resilience
-  Develop a disaster housing plan with temporary housing options that can be quickly implemented after disasters
-  Mitigate pre-disaster to better protect public and private infrastructure investments
-  Build emergency management capabilities & create long-term recovery teams for pre-disaster recovery planning
-  Establish & fund a disaster rainy day account for Individual and Public Assistance mission and for non-Stafford Act disasters
-  Develop disaster cost recovery plans

