

Extreme Weather and Heat Response Modernization Act

Section-by-Section

Section 2. Incident Periods

This section directs the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to convene an advisory panel—consisting of representatives from national emergency management organizations and the ten FEMA regions—to review the process for determining incident periods for disaster declarations authorized by the *Stafford Act*. Additionally, it directs the Administrator to submit a final report to Congress detailing the panel’s findings and issue regulations implementing the panel’s recommendations.

Section 3. Mitigation and Preparedness

This section directs the Administrator of FEMA to consider for eligibility for Section 404 Hazard Mitigation Grants under the *Stafford Act* and the BRIC program innovative preparedness and mitigation projects for extreme heat and extreme cold weather events. Eligible projects include stockpiling and installing equipment, such as portable air conditioners, to aid individuals during extreme heat events; emergency voucher programs; community cooling centers; and resilience centers.

Section 4. Guidance

This section directs the Administrator of FEMA to publish guidance on extreme temperature events in the FEMA Public Assistance Program and Policy Guide. Additionally, it directs the Administrator to issue guidance on extreme temperature events, including heat waves and freezes, in regard to planning under Section 322 of the *Stafford Act* and eligibility criteria for hazard mitigation projects.

Section 5. Study on Extreme Heat and Cold

This section directs the Administrator of FEMA to conduct a study measuring the impact of extreme heat on infrastructure, the economy, and public health, and recommend guidance on mitigating extreme heat and cold. It also directs the Administrator to submit a report detailing the study’s findings to the House Transportation and Infrastructure and Senate Homeland Security and Government Accountability Committees.

Supporting Organizations

National Association of Counties (NACo); Desert Research Institute; IBEW Local 357; United Steelworkers; BuildStrong America; NRDC; City of Las Vegas