



November 5, 2021



THIS WEEK IN WASHINGTON: You Gussed It - No Vote Yet!

After a flurry of activity the past two weeks in emergency management policy on the Hill, we returned to regularly scheduled programming of debating the still pending infrastructure and Build Back Better packages. Both remain embroiled in political battles around whether the elections earlier this week helped or hurt. We'll let you decide.

One issue also getting wrapped-up in this larger spending debate is the pending deadline for FY22 appropriations bills – remember those? With the December 3 deadline for the current Continuing Resolution (CR) looming, the leadership of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees met this week to discuss a path forward. Unable to agree to top-line numbers, talk of long-term CR's are now seeping through the cracks. It's still too early to tell, but given the current rhetoric, the window of opportunity to get bills done by December 3 seems to be closing. The best-case scenario could be another short-term CR to around Christmastime or as long as February or March. Somehow, they've turned the irregular into regular order with this annual dance.

Capitol Hill continues holding hearings on the Nation's approach to cybersecurity for the future. National Cyber Director Chris Inglis and CISA Director Jen Easterly outlined a cooperative and partnership focused approach between all levels of government and the private sector to protect the critical infrastructure in the country.

Hearings the Week of November 8, 2021

[Weathering the Storm: Reauthorizing the National Windstorm Impact Reduction Program](#)

House Committee on House Science, Space, and Technology Subcommittee on Research and Technology
Wednesday, November 10, 2021 at 10:00am ET

More News from the Nation's Capital...

CHDS and NEMA Cohost Enhancing Supply Chain Resilience Webinar

On Tuesday, November 16, the Center for Homeland Defense and Security and NEMA will be hosting the "Avoiding Catastrophe: Strategies for Enhancing Supply Chain Resilience" webinar. During the webinar, a panel of supply chain experts will analyze what we can do to mitigate the impacts of these supply chain issues in our communities. Panelists will include:

- James Featherstone, Principal Consultant, Themata Strategic LLC, (Former) Chair, FEMA National Advisory Council
- Kathy Fulton, Executive Director, American Logistics Aid Network (ALAN)
- Philip Palin, Supply Chain Resilience Subject Matter Expert, Center for Homeland Defense and Security
- David Kaufman – Moderator, Vice President and Director, Safety and Security, CNA

If you are interested or want more information regarding this webinar, the flyer can be found [here](#). You can register for the event [here](#).

House HLS Committee Holds Hearing on Nation's Cybersecurity Approach

On Tuesday, the House Committee on Homeland Security held a hearing entitled *Evolving the U.S. Approach to Cybersecurity: Raising the Bar Today to Meet the Threats of Tomorrow*. This hearing included testimony from the Director of the Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), Jen Easterly, and the new National Cyber Director, Chris Inglis. The hearing discussed the importance of the newly- created National Cyber Director, the expanded role that CISA will play as the coordinating official of the Nation's cybersecurity strategy, and a whole-of-government, partnered approach to preemptive preparation and response. There was also an emphasis on public-private partnership in the field of cyber-defense.

You can watch the entire committee hearing and find the witness statements on the committee [website](#).

NGA to Host Cybersecurity Webinar: K-12 Cyber Curriculum

On November 9, the National Governor's Association will hold a webinar on K-12 Cyber Curriculum for a discussion with national and state experts on best practices for establishing cybersecurity concepts in K-12 schools. Participants will be joined by CYBER.ORG's Kevin Nolten and Cheryl Wilson and Amanda Stoel from the Michigan Department of Education. The Panel for this webinar:

- Kevin Nolten, Director of Academic Outreach, CYBER.ORG
- Amanda Stoel, Department Specialist, Office of Systems, Evaluation, and Technology, MI Department of Education & MiSTEM Network
- Cheryl Wilson, Computer Science Consultant, Education Technology Unit, Office of Systems, Evaluation, and Technology, MI Department of Education

If you are interested in attending, the registration link can be found [here](#).

FEMA Hosts Two Public Meetings about Minimum Floodplain Management Standards

On October 12, FEMA published a Request for Information for written public comments about the National Flood Insurance Program's minimum floodplain management standards. In addition, FEMA also seeks input on how the program could better promote the conservation of threatened and endangered species and their habitats consistent with the Endangered Species Act. The comment period closes on December 13, 2021. The Federal Register listing with the FEMA RFI can be found [here](#). In addition to this ROI, FEMA has announced two public hearings. The first public meeting will be held from 2:30-4pm ET on Thursday, November 4. Visit this [webpage](#) to register. The second public meeting will be held from 3:30-5pm ET on Monday, November 15. Visit this [webpage](#) to register.

FEMA Announces Civil Rights Summit - 2.0

On November 17, FEMA will host the second annual FEMA Civil Rights Summit, continuing a crucial conversation on advancing equity in disasters. The Civil Rights Summit 2.0 will build upon the inaugural summits hosted in the fall of 2020 by providing continued opportunity to share information about FEMA's Office of Equal Rights, civil rights and equity efforts. Motivated by FEMA's core values of compassion, fairness, integrity and respect, this summit aims to grow inclusive, whole community approaches to emergency management. The summit will include updates from FEMA senior leadership and a panel discussion with national civil rights organizations. This panel will address continuing efforts to identify actual and perceived biases impacting equal access to FEMA's programs and services before, during and after disasters.

If you are interested in attending this summer, you can register [here](#). The full event posting can be found [here](#).

Other News from DC and Around the Country:

The Hill: [The End of Hurricane Season is Not the End of Climate Disaster Season](#)

Politico: [California's 'Magic Recipe' for Reducing Homelessness](#)

HLS News Wire: [More States Passing Laws Limiting Authority to Respond to Public Health Emergencies](#)

nemaweb.org



Copyright NEMA 2021. All rights reserved.