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## THIS WEEK IN WASHINGTON:

### Miles to Go

Earlier this week the House passed its FY22 Appropriations legislation for the Department of Homeland Security. NEMA staff sent out a summary of emergency management-related provisions on Tuesday, but if you missed it, a few highlights are included here.

The Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) program has been recommended for a \$10 million increase to \$365 million, all disasters declared or that began in 2020 will have a 90 percent or higher FEMA cost share, it maintains the Emergency Management Assistance Compact's (EMAC) funding at \$2 million, and recommends a direct appropriation to operations and support for evaluations of the preparedness grants (rather than the Administration-proposed authorized transferal of funding directly from the grants). View the [summary memo here](#).

Of course, this is only the House side's appropriations bill and there are miles to go before the legislation is brought to the House floor and the Senate makes it through a successful markup process. At this time we still expect a series of Continuing Resolutions through the year to prevent a government shutdown. So enjoy your weekend! NEMA staff will keep you notified of any progress.

#### Hearings the Week of July 19, 2021

[21st Century Communities: Climate Change, Resilience, and Reinsurance](#)

Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Tuesday, July 20, 10:00am ET

[Addressing Cybersecurity Vulnerabilities Facing Our Nation's Physical Infrastructure](#)

Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works

Wednesday, July 21, 10:00am ET

[Silent Killer: The Rising Problem of Extreme Heat in the U.S.](#)

House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology

Wednesday, July 21, 10:00am ET

*More News from the Nation's Capital...*

#### Jen Easterly Confirmed as CISA Director

This week the Senate confirmed Jenn Easterly by unanimous consent to be the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) Director. Prior to her new position at CISA, she was a Managing Director at Morgan Stanley, serving as the global head of the firm's Fusion Resilience Center, and while serving in the U.S. Army she stood up its first cyber battalion. She also served on the National Security Council. A high priority for her will be workforce issues and talent management.

#### FY21 Homeland Security National Training Program Continuing Training Grants NOFO Released

FEMA released the Homeland Security National Training Program Continuing Training Grants notice of funding opportunity for FY21. The grant supports building, sustaining, and delivering core capabilities through the development and delivery of training to achieve the National Preparedness Goal. This year's program focus areas are public health emergencies, pandemic preparedness and response, mass-care community sheltering and relocation assistance, and tribal and rural preparedness. The funding is competitive and \$6 million is available. Applications are due August 16. [View the NOFO here](#).

#### Register for U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation Building Resilience Through Private-Public Partnerships Conference

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation is partnering with DHS, FEMA, and U.S. Northern Command to host the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Building Resilience Through Private-Public Partnerships Conference. Discussions will focus on collaboration required between private, public, and nonprofit sectors to help mitigate the effects of disasters, build resilience, and promote greater preparedness. DHS Secretary Mayorkas and FEMA Administrator Criswell will speak about new initiatives at the department and future actions. The event will take place July 27-28. [Register here](#).

*Other News from DC and Around the Country:*

NPR: [A Study Predicts Record Flooding in the 2030s, and it's Partly Because of the Moon](#)

News at Northeastern: [How to Rebound from Disasters? Resilience Starts in the Neighborhood](#)

The Hill (Opinion): [Paying Attention to Critical Infrastructure can Combat Sophisticated Cyberattacks](#)

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