



FEMA Section 106 Review of Wireless Telecommunication Facilities



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FEMA Organization and Responsibilities

- Headquarters and 10 Regional Offices

- ❑ Program Managers and Staff

- ❑ Office of Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation

- ❑ Regional Environmental Officer (REO) and Deputy Environmental Officer (DREO)

- FEMA is an assistance agency

- ❑ We determine eligibility for assistance and are responsible for compliance requirements

- ❑ Grantee administers grants

- ❑ Subgrantee implements project



FEMA and Section 106 Review



FEMA funded undertakings that potentially can affect historic properties:

- Repair, restoration, and replacement (Public Assistance Program)
- Acquisition/demolition, elevation, and relocation (Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP))
- Tower construction and co-location (GPD, HMGP, and PA)

Programmatic Agreement is preferred compliance tool

- State specific for all funding assistance
- Also utilized for complex or multiple projects
- Exempts from review activities with little or no effect to historic properties



Using the ACHP Program Comment

- Eliminates redundant Section 106 review
- Applicant awareness of PC and FCC requirements has taken time
- FCC review must be completed first before submitting proposed project to FEMA
- Program Comment does not exempt FEMA from environmental review requirements
- Any tower construction or co-location not subject to FCC PAs requires FEMA review

For More Information

- GPD Information Bulletin No. 351
 - <http://www.fema.gov/pdf/government/grant/bulletins/info351.pdf>
- GPDEHPinfo@dhs.gov
- http://wireless.fcc.gov/siting/historic_preservation.html