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US&R GENERAL MEMORANDUM – 2015-077

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FOR: National Urban Search & Rescue Response System
Task Force Representatives

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SUBJECT: US&R General Memorandum 2015-077 – Emergency Management Assessment Program US&R Standard Additional Public Comment Period

This General Memorandum (GM) notifies the National Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) Response System (the System) of a second public comment period for the Emergency Management Assessment Program (EMAP) US&R Assessment Standard.

GM 2015-024 – *Public Comment Period for 2015 Emergency Management Assessment Program* announced the initial public comment period for the EMAP US&R Standard. Based upon the adjudication of all comments received from that process, substantial changes were made to the Standard and an additional 45-day public comment period for the revised version begins today. The System strongly encourages all Sponsoring Agencies / task forces to carefully review this revised standard and provide comment as required. The US&R Branch intends to provide consolidated comment on behalf of all 28 task forces in the System.

The public comment period deadline is September 25th and the Standard can be accessed by going to the EMAP website at www.emap.org.

In order to provide a unified response, individual task forces are asked to provide any comments to their Task Force Representative – Divisional (TFR-D) listed below:

- Joe Downey (NY-TF1) – Eastern Division
- Rod Tyus (CO-TF1) – Central Division
- Chris Costamagna (CA-T7) – Western Division

All comments should be submitted using the form available on the EMAP website, are due to each task force's TFR-D by September 18, 2015. The US&R Branch will work with System leadership to consolidate the comments and provide a submission to EMAP.

All questions related to this GM may be directed to Dean Scott at dean.scott@fema.dhs.gov or 202-646-4530.

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