



**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI**  
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**MISSISSIPPI EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

LEE W. SMITHSON  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

July 5, 2017

Mr. Daniel R. Boudreaux, Jr., P.E.  
Harrison County Engineer  
**HARRISON COUNTY**  
15309-C Community Road  
Gulfport, MS 39503

**RE: HARRISON COUNTY, FIPS #047-99047-00**  
**FEMA Evaluation of the County's Debris Management Plan**

Dear Mr. Boudreaux:

Enclosed is FEMA's letter regarding their evaluation of the County's Debris Management Plan (Plan) for participation in the Public Assistance Alternative Procedures Pilot Program for Debris Removal. This program allows a one-time two (2) percent Federal cost share increase for debris removal operations performed within 90 days from the start of the incident period of a major disaster.

FEMA determined that the Plan does contain the basic planning elements of a Debris Management Plan with at least one prequalified debris and wreckage removal contractor. Therefore, FEMA has determined the Plan is acceptable. The County may receive a one-time two (2) percent Federal cost share increase as part of the PA Alternative Procedures Pilot Program for Debris Removal. Your office should notify FEMA when you wish to apply this incentive to your debris removal work.

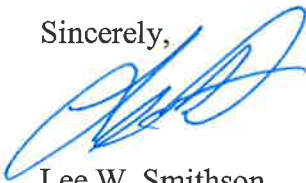
Please note that acceptance of this Plan does not mean that FEMA is approving any operational component of the Plan nor does it mean that the Federal government will fund work conducted under any aspect of the Plan. Eligibility of costs for debris removal and management in a declared major disaster or emergency will be determined based on established PA Program authorities, regulations, policies, and guidance. Subgrantees must comply with Federal

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procurement requirements (i.e., competitive bidding), as outlined in 44 CFR Section 13.36 in the procurement of debris removal services.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Mr. Clayton French, Public Assistance Bureau Director, at 601-933-6886.

Sincerely,



Lee W. Smithson  
Governor's Authorized Representative

Attachments:  
FEMA Letter dated June 30, 2017



U. S. Department of Homeland Security  
Region IV  
3003 Chamblee Tucker Road  
Atlanta, GA 30341



**FEMA**

Mr. Lee W. Smithson, Executive Director  
Mississippi Emergency Management Agency  
Post Office Box 5644  
Pearl, Mississippi 39288-5644

Attention: Clayton French

Reference: Public Assistance Pilot Program  
Debris Management Plan Resubmittal Review  
Harrison County

Dear Mr. Smithson,

This letter responds to the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency's request dated May 12, 2017 for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to accept the Harrison County Debris Management Plan (Plan) for participation in the Public Assistance (PA) Alternative Procedures Pilot Program for Debris Removal. This pilot program allows a one-time two (2) percent Federal cost share increase for debris removal operations performed within 90 days from the start of the incident period of a major disaster or emergency declaration.

FEMA Region IV has determined that the Plan:

- Contains the basic planning elements of a Debris Management Plan along with at least one prequalified debris and wreckage removal contractor (see enclosed Debris Management Plan Checklist). Therefore, FEMA has determined the Plan is acceptable. Accordingly, Harrison County may receive a one-time two (2) percent Federal cost share increase as part of the PA Alternative Procedures Pilot Program for Debris Removal. Your office should notify FEMA when Harrison County wishes to apply the incentive to its debris removal work.
- Does not contain the basic planning elements as noted in the enclosed Debris Management Plan Checklist. Harrison County may revise its Plan and resubmit it to FEMA, through your office, for reconsideration.

Acceptance of this Plan does not mean that FEMA is approving any operational component of the plan nor does it mean that the Federal government will fund work conducted under any aspect of the Plan. Eligibility of costs for debris removal and management in a declared major disaster or emergency will be determined based on established PA Program authorities, regulations, policies and guidance. Subgrantees must comply with Federal procurement requirements (i.e., competitive bidding), as outlined in 2 CFR §200.319 and 2 CFR §200.320 in the procurement of debris removal services.

Should you have any questions you may contact Ms. Saidat Thomas, Public Assistance Branch Chief at (770)-220-5248.

Sincerely,



Terry L. Quarles, CEM  
Recovery Division Director

Enclosure



**FEMA**

## Debris Management Plan Checklist

**Harrison County**

**Mississippi**

Applicant Name

State/Territory/Tribe

**Mr. Clayton French**

**601 933-6702**

Applicant Point of Contact

Contact Number

Yes	No	Plan Requirements	Comment
X		<b>Overview</b> – Does the plan describe the purpose and objectives?	<b>Pg. 9</b>
X		<b>Events and Assumptions</b> - Does the plan provide information on the types and anticipated quantities of debris that will be generated from various types and sizes of events?	<b>Pg. 10 Enclosure 4</b>
X		<b>Debris Collection and Removal</b> - Does the plan have a debris collection strategy? Does the plan discuss the methods that will be used to remove debris and establish priorities for clearance and removal? Does the plan outline the roles and responsibilities of the various functions involved (Public Works, Finance, and Solid Waste Departments, etc.)?	<b>Pg. 13-19</b>
X		<b>Debris Disposal Locations and Debris Management Sites</b> - Does the plan identify where the disaster debris will be segregated, reduced, and disposed or whether debris will be hauled to a recycler?	<b>Pg. 38 (Enclosure 6)</b>
X		<b>Debris Removal on Private Property</b> - Does the plan address the authority and processes for private property debris removal?	<b>Pg. 9 Pg. 22 Pg. 56 (Enclosure 15)</b>
X		<b>Use and Procurement of Contracted Services</b> - Does the plan describe the types of debris operations that will be contracted? Does the plan describe the process and procedure for acquiring competitively procured contracted services?	<b>Pg. 121 Project Manual for Provisional Debris Removal and Disposal Services</b>
X		<b>Use of Force Account Labor</b> - Does the plan define the types of work force account labor will accomplish?	<b>Pg. 13-19</b>



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X		<b>Monitoring of Debris Operations-</b> Does the plan describe who and how debris removal contractors will be monitored at pickup sites, Debris Management Sites/Temporary Debris Storage and Reduction Sites and final disposal?	<b>Pg. 19 &amp; Pgs. 23-25</b>
X		<b>Health and Safety Requirements-</b> Does the plan describe how workers and the public will be protected and discuss the specific measures for adherence to safety rules and procedures?	<b>Pg. 72-113 (Enclosure 16)</b>
X		<b>Environmental Considerations and Other Regulatory Requirements-</b> Does the plan identify all debris operations that will trigger compliance with environmental and historic preservation laws and how compliance will be attained?	<b>Pg. 120-123 (Enclosure 19)</b>
X		<b>Public Information-</b> Does the plan include a public information strategy to ensure that residents receive accurate and timely information about debris operations?	<b>Pg. 26</b>
X		<b>Identification of Debris Removal Contractors-</b> Does the jurisdiction identify at least one or more debris contractors that it has prequalified?	<b>Crowder Gulf</b>