Hazard Mitigation Planning for Missouri’s Rural Electric Cooperatives

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Missouri’s RPCs and COGs

• 19 Regional Planning Commissions

• NWMoRCOG
  Serves:
  • Five Counties
  • 40 Cities
  • 42,876 People
A Little Background…

• Congress passed the *Disaster Mitigation Act* in 2000 that requires state and local governments and other public bodies to plan and prepare for future natural disasters.

• Having a federally–approved *Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP)* is a key eligibility component for federal disaster mitigation dollars.
A Little Background…

- Missouri RPCs have been writing Hazard Mitigation Plans for cities and counties since the early 2000’s.

- Using pre-disaster mitigation (404) funds, Missouri SEMA contracts with Regional Planning Commissions to facilitate county-level plans.
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• In 2009, the Association of Missouri Electric Cooperatives (AMEC) approached SEMA about Hazard Mitigation Funding.

• Due to our success with county-level HMPs, SEMA recommended AMEC work with Missouri’s RPCs on developing a statewide hazard mitigation plan for RECs.
Structure and Process

• SEMA requested a sole contract (versus 47!)
  – Single Point of Contact
  – Shorter Plan Development Timeline
  – Standardized Reporting & Documentation

• The Northwest Missouri Regional Council of Governments agreed to enter into contract to complete the statewide plan.
The Statewide HMP is broken into two general parts:

- **Part One**: Plan elements common to every electric cooperative

- **Part Two**: Individual “chapters” for each cooperative that list specific hazard considerations and vulnerabilities, infrastructure inventory, and mitigation strategies.
Each of the 40 Electric Distribution Cooperatives and 7 Generation & Transmission Districts were assigned an RPC.
Each Regional Planning Commission facilitated a **hazard mitigation planning process** with the 47 cooperatives / G&Ts.

That planning process is documented in 47 “chapters” of the statewide plan.

Chapters document:
- Specific Hazard Vulnerabilities
- Infrastructure Inventory
- Mitigation Strategies
Where Are We Now?

• Draft chapters are due **October 15**th.
• First draft of statewide plan due **March 15**th, 2012.
• Final draft due **May 15th** (project started Jan. 2011)
• Approved pending adoption by electric coops.
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Thank You

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