

February 9, 2021

SENT VIA E-MAIL TO: andrew.janca@outlook.com

Mr. Andrew Janca PO Box 76303 Washington, DC 20013

Re: FEMA FOIA Case Number 2020-FEFO-00401

Dear Mr. Janca:

This is the first interim response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), dated February 18, 2020 and received in this office on February 21, 2020. You are seeking records relating to the National Preparedness Goal, National Risk Assessment, and the National Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA) as described in the nine (9) itemized record descriptions.

We conducted a search of FEMA's Office of Resilience – National Preparedness Directorate (NPD) for documents responsive to your request. The search produced a total of 304 pages. Of those pages, I have determined that 110 pages of the records are releasable in their entirety, 1 page is partially releasable, and 193 pages are withheld in their entirety pursuant to Title 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(5), (b)(6).

This interim response addresses requested items #1 through #8. Item #6a and #6b are not applicable.

We are in the process of searching for additional records. The records will be assessed and processed upon receipt. We will continue to provide responses to your request until such time the search is completed and the documents are reviewed for release. We estimate our next response to be on or near March 9, 2021.

Because we are still processing our response to your request, I ask that your refrain from appealing any determination made on this interim response until the final determination has been made. Instructions on how to file an appeal will be included in our final response letter.

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If you need any further assistance or would like to discuss any aspect of your request, please contact the assigned FOIA Specialist at daniel.houton@fema.dhs.gov and refer to FOIA case number 2020-FEFO-00401. You may also contact someone by emailing fema.dhs.gov, calling, (202) 646-3323, and you may contact our FOIA Public Liaison in the same manner.

Sincerely,

Greg Bridges

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