



**Mitigating, Responding, and Recovering from the COVID-19 Pandemic: Accessing FEMA Resources to Protect Tribal Citizens Today**

Wednesday, June 23, 2021

5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. EDT

On March 13, 2020, the past administration issued a Presidential Nationwide Emergency Declaration to combat the COVID-19 pandemic. The Emergency Declaration covered all 574 Tribal Nations and provided an avenue for those Nations to directly access Public Assistance resources from FEMA. Despite over a year passing only 15 percent of all Tribal Nations, 91 of the 574, have been able to access FEMA resources either as a direct or sub recipient under the Nationwide Emergency Declaration or under a Tribal Major Disaster Declaration. On April 2, 2021, FEMA leadership committed to supply every Tribal Nation that is interested in accessing FEMA Public Assistance COVID-19 resources with a dedicated FEMA program delivery manager to help the Nation navigate the complex FEMA process. During this breakout FEMA will discuss how it is working to ensure that one hundred percent of Tribal Nations are able to directly access and utilize FEMA COVID-19 resources on the ground in Indian Country. Tribal emergency managers will also provide insights into the process to access FEMA resources through the Nationwide Emergency Declaration and a Tribal Major Disaster Declarations.

1. Short Announcements
2. Presenter Order
  - a. Moderator: Councilmember Paul Downing, Passamaquoddy Tribe of Indian Township, Maine
  - b. Ana Montero, Division Director, Public Assistance Division, Federal Emergency Management Agency
  - c. Todd Wells, Deputy Division Director, Public Assistance Division, Federal Emergency Management Agency
  - d. April Sells, Emergency Management Fire Director, Poarch Band of Creek Indians
  - e. Tim Zientek, Director, Emergency Management, Emergency Communications, and Fire, Citizen Potawatomi Nation
3. Tribal Leader Questions and Discussion
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