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MEMORANDUM FOR: FEMA Regional Administrators
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ATTENTION: Recovery Division Directors

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SUBJECT: Public Assistance Alternative Procedures Pilot Program for
Debris Removal

The purpose of this memorandum is to announce that FEMA is extending the performance period of the Public Assistance Alternative Procedures Pilot Program for Debris Removal, authorized by the Sandy Recovery Improvement Act of 2013 (P.L. 113-2), for one year to June 27, 2015. The extension will enable FEMA to collect additional data that will be used to evaluate the effectiveness of the alternative procedures and inform decisions as to which alternative procedures should be permanently incorporated into FEMA's Public Assistance Grant Program.

At the same time, FEMA will make two major changes to the implementation of the alternative procedures for declarations on or after June 28, 2014.

1. Each of the four implemented debris removal alternative procedures will be available for both large and small Category A – Debris Removal projects.
2. Subgrantees must notify FEMA of intent to participate in the alternative procedures before obligation of their first subgrant for debris removal or within 60 days of the subgrantee's Kickoff Meeting, whichever occurs earlier.

Details on these changes and general guidance for implementing the alternative procedures are contained in the attached, updated *PA Alternative Procedures Pilot Program Guide for Debris Removal* (Guide). The Guide also includes clarification that the augmented federal shares under Accelerated Debris Removal, apply to the performance of eligible debris removal work during the associated period, not just "completed" work or work that results in final disposal of debris.

If you have any questions about this guidance, please contact William Roche, Director of the Public Assistance Division, via email at William.Roche@fema.dhs.gov, or by phone at (202) 646-3834.

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