



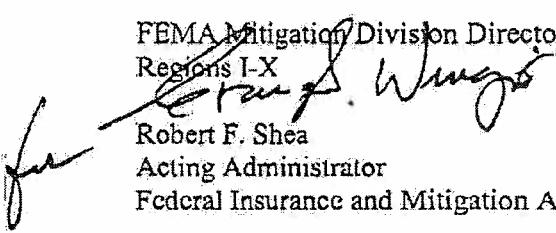
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MEMORANDUM FOR: FEMA Regional Directors
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ATTENTION: FEMA Mitigation Division Directors
Regions I-X

FROM: 
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Acting Administrator
Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration

SUBJECT: Clarification of Funding Criteria for the Construction or
Retrofit of Community Shelters and Safe Rooms

A January 10, 2001 memorandum from Michael J. Armstrong established criteria for FEMA funding of the construction or retrofit of community shelters and safe rooms. This memorandum seeks to provide additional clarification of acceptable performance standards for storm shelters or safe rooms.

In addition to the guidance set forth in the January memorandum, please note that FEMA fully supports the National Storm Shelter Association (NSSA) in its creation of the NSSA standard. Any shelter that has been demonstrated to meet the NSSA standard meets or exceeds all FEMA recommended requirements.

Attached to this memorandum is a copy of the January memorandum for your convenience. Please share this additional information with each State so that applicants may develop the most effective mitigation measures for the safety of their communities. Any questions about the performance standards may be addressed to Paul Tertell at (202) 646-3935.

Attachment