

1.6 ASSURANCES / PROMULGATION

The State of Ohio Hazard Mitigation Plan meets the standard requirements of Section 409 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act of 1988, 42 United States Code Sections 5121 and following (commonly referred to as the Stafford Act - Public Law 93-288). Additionally, this plan meets the SRL planning requirements of 44 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 79.4.

It is intended that this plan also meet the requirements of the Section 322 of the Stafford Act which requires that States, as a condition of receiving federal disaster mitigation funds, have a mitigation plan in place that describes the planning process for identifying hazards, risk and vulnerabilities, identifies and prioritizes mitigation actions, encourages the development of local mitigation plans and projects, and provides technical support for these efforts. In addition, the Act requires local and tribal governments to also have mitigation plans as a condition of receiving disaster mitigation funds.

The development and implementation of this strategy is authorized and/or required by the following state statutes:

- Ohio Revised Code Section 5502.22, which establishes the Ohio Emergency Management Agency and requires plan development), and
- Ohio Revised Code Sections 5502.26, 5502.27, and 5502.271, which require the establishment of county emergency management agencies and plan development.

The adoption and promulgation of the 2008, 2011 and 2014, 2019, and 2024 update is being done by the Executive Director of the Ohio EMA in her capacity as the Governor's Authorized Representative (GAR). The original SHMP was promulgated by Governor Taft in 2005.

State of Ohio Hazard Mitigation Plan

STATEMENT OF ADOPTION

The State of Ohio Hazard Mitigation Plan (SOHMP) is a comprehensive description of the State's commitment to reduce or eliminate the impacts of natural and human-caused hazards. The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 requires that states have a natural hazard mitigation plan to maintain eligibility for federal disaster assistance and mitigation funds. The SOHMP is coordinated and maintained by the Ohio Emergency Management Agency, however, the plan is the culmination of input and recommendations from numerous stakeholders from local, state and federal government agencies, private sector organizations, and residents of Ohio.

The SOHMP was initially approved by FEMA on January 17, 2005 and has been updated in 2008, 2011, 2012, 2014, and 2019. The 2024 plan update meets "enhanced" plan criteria, which is a testament to the state's commitment to mitigation and enables Ohio to qualify for additional funds following future disaster declarations.

In adopting the 2024 update of the SOHMP, the State of Ohio agrees to comply with all applicable state and federal statutes and regulations, as stipulated in previously documented assurances, and will update the plan at least every five years as required. The SOHMP has been amended to reflect emerging hazard conditions and risks as well as new or revised state and federal statutes and regulations. Further amendments will also reflect changes to State organization or policy as appropriate.



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