



USACE/FEMA 2014 SENIOR LEADERS' SEMINAR EXECUTIVE SUMMARY (QUICK LOOK REPORT - JUNE 3, 2014)

The USACE/FEMA 2014 Senior Leader Seminar was hosted by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region VII on May 22, 2014 at 9221 Ward Parkway, Kansas City, Missouri. In an ongoing union to work collaboratively in capturing agreed upon actions for correcting operational deficiencies, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) conducts an annual Senior Leaders' Seminar (SLS) to discuss high level operational and policy issues.

The 2014 SLS consisted of two sessions. The first session provided brief presentations on the region's key topics such as, MO River Basin Overview – Jody Farhart, USACE, NOAA NWS Strategic Look at Weather and Disasters – Kelsey Angle, National Weather Service (NWS), and New Madrid Seismic Zone (NMSZ) Responder Support in the Saint Louis Area – Patrick Tucker, USACE. The region was able to engage in brief discussions regarding the presentations and topics.

The second session involved Video Tele-Conference (VTC) to view and listen to discussions held by FEMA Administrator, USACE Chief of Engineers, and partner headquarter leadership in Washington, D.C. at FEMA Headquarters to discuss National Level interagency issues. Some of the key National Level discussions consisted of: *Water Mission Analysis *Temporary Emergency Power (generator positioning, resourcing and use) *Capstone Cross Cutting Issues *The Future of Drought Response.

There were thirty-one attendees at the Region VII 2014 SLS representing seven organizations; a full participant roster will be included in the final after action report. In general, participants felt that:

- The seminar provided a valuable opportunity to interact with USACE partners.
- They would like to use future seminars as a planning session to pre-identify gaps and discuss the region's way forward.
- They would like to have additional time to collaborate by possibly having shorter presentations or scheduling more interaction time around the HQ briefing.

A Quick Look at Participant Feedback Form results are as follows.

Thirty-one participants represented:

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DCO/DCE Region VII

DHS-NPPD-OIP RVII

EPA R7

FEMA RVII

Office of the Regional Administrator

Response Division

Recovery Division

National Preparedness Division

Mission Support Division

Mitigation Division

External Affairs

NOAA/NWS

USACE Northwestern Division

USACE Mississippi Valley Division

Twenty-three Participant Feedback Forms representing 74% of the participants were returned. Each question was rated **Strongly Agree, Agree, Neutral, Disagree, or Strongly Disagree**. The results of overall evaluation of the Seminar relative to the questions were:

- 91% Agreed or Strongly Agreed that the key discussions and presentations were relevant to current issues.
- 91% Agreed or Strongly Agreed that overall, the Seminar was constructive and worthwhile.

A brief After Action Report will be developed following the conduct of the seminar.

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