

JOINT RESOLUTION

Granting the consent of Congress to the Pacific Northwest
Emergency Management Arrangement.

1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. CONGRESSIONAL CONSENT.**

4 Congress consents to the Pacific Northwest Emer-
5 gency Management Arrangement entered into between the
6 States of Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington, and the
7 Province of British Columbia and the Yukon Territory.

8 The arrangement is substantially as follows:

9 “PACIFIC NORTHWEST EMERGENCY
10 MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENT

11 “Whereas, Pacific Northwest emergency management
12 arrangement between the government of the States of
13 Alaska, the government of the State of Idaho, the gov-
14 ernment of the State of Oregon, the government of
15 the State of Washington, the government of the State
16 of the Providence of British Columbia, and the gov-
17 ernment of Yukon Territory hereinafter referred to

1 collectively as the ‘Signatories’ and separately as a
2 ‘Signatory’;

3 “Whereas, the Signatories recognize the importance
4 of comprehensive and coordinated civil emergency pre-
5 paredness, response and recovery measures for natu-
6 ral and technological emergencies or disasters, and for
7 declared or undeclared hostilities including enemy at-
8 tack;

9 “Whereas, the Signatories further recognize the bene-
10 fits of coordinating their separate emergency pre-
11 paredness, response and recovery measures with that
12 of contiguous jurisdictions for those emergencies, dis-
13 asters, or hostilities affecting or potentially affecting
14 any one or more of the Signatories in the Pacific
15 Northwest; and

16 “Whereas, the Signatories further recognize that re-
17 regionally based emergency preparedness, response and
18 recovery measures will benefit all jurisdictions within
19 the Pacific Northwest, and best serve their respective
20 national interests in cooperative and coordinated
21 emergency preparedness as facilitated by the Consult-
22 ative Group on Comprehensive Civil Emergency and
23 Management established in the Agreement Between
24 the government of the United States of America and
25 the government of Canada on Cooperation and Com-

1 prehensive Civil Emergency Planning and Manage-
2 ment signed at Ottawa, Ontario, Canada on April 28,
3 1986: Now, therefore, be it is hereby agreed by and
4 between each and all of the Signatories hereto as fol-
5 lows:

6 “ADVISORY COMMITTEE

7 “(1) An advisory committee named the Western Re-
8 gional Emergency Management Advisory Committee (W-
9 REMAC) shall be established which will include one mem-
10 ber appointed by each Signatory.

11 “(2) The W-REMAC will be guided by the agreed-
12 upon Terms of Reference-Annex A.

13 “PRINCIPLES OF COOPERATION

14 “(3) Subject to the laws of each Signatory, the follow-
15 ing cooperative principles are to be used as a guide by
16 the Signatories in civil emergency matters which may af-
17 fect more than one Signatory:

18 “(A) The authorities of each Signatory may
19 seek the advice, cooperation, or assistance of any
20 other Signatory in any civil emergency matter.

21 “(B) Nothing in the arrangement shall derogate
22 from the applicable laws within the jurisdiction of
23 any Signatory. However, the authorities of any Sig-
24 natory may request from the authorities of any other
25 signatory appropriate alleviation of such laws if their
26 normal application might lead to delay or difficulty

1 in the rapid execution of necessary civil emergency
2 measures.

3 “(C) Each Signatory will use its best efforts to
4 facilitate the movement of evacuees, refugees, civil
5 emergency personnel, equipment or other resources
6 into or across its territory, or to a designated stag-
7 ing area when it is agreed that such movement or
8 staging will facilitate civil emergency operations by
9 the affected or participating Signatories.

10 “(D) In times of emergency, each Signatory will
11 use its best efforts to ensure that the citizens or
12 residents of any other Signatory present in its terri-
13 tory are provided emergency health services and
14 emergency social services in a manner no less favor-
15 able than that provided to its own citizens.

16 “(E) Each Signatory will use discretionary
17 power as far as possible to avoid levy of any tax, tar-
18 iff, business license, or user fees on the services,
19 equipment, and supplies of any other Signatory
20 which is engaged in civil emergency activities in the
21 territory of another Signatory, and will use its best
22 efforts to encourage local governments or other ju-
23 risdictions within its territory to do likewise.

24 “(F) When civil emergency personnel, con-
25 tracted firms or personnel, vehicles, equipment, or

1 other services from any Signatory are made available
2 to or are employed to assist any other Signatory, all
3 providing Signatories will use best efforts to ensure
4 that charges, levies, or costs for such use or assist-
5 ance will not exceed those paid for similar use of
6 such resources within their own territory.

7 “(G) Each Signatory will exchange contact lists,
8 warning and notification plans, and selected emer-
9 gency plans and will call to the attention of their re-
10 spective local governments and other jurisdictional
11 authorities in areas adjacent to intersignatory
12 boundaries, the desirability of compatibility of civil
13 emergency plans and the exchange of contact lists,
14 warning and notification plans, and selected emer-
15 gency plans.

16 “(H) The authority of any Signatory conduct-
17 ing an exercise will ensure that all other signatories
18 are provided an opportunity to observe, and/or par-
19 ticipate in such exercises.

20 “COMPREHENSIVE NATURE

21 “(4) This document is a comprehensive arrangement
22 on civil emergency planning and management. To this end
23 and from time to time as necessary, all Signatories shall—

24 “(A) review and exchange their respective con-
25 tact lists, warning and notification plans, and se-
26 lected emergency plans; and

1 “(B) as appropriate, provide such plans and
2 procedures to local governments, and other emer-
3 gency agencies within their respective territories.

4 “ARRANGEMENT NOT EXCLUSIVE

5 “(5) This is not an exclusive arrangement and shall
6 not prevent or limit other civil emergency arrangements
7 of any nature between Signatories to this arrangement.
8 In the event of any conflicts between the provisions of this
9 arrangement and any other arrangement regarding emer-
10 gency service entered into by two or more States of the
11 United States who are Signatories to this arrangement,
12 the provisions of that other arrangement shall apply, with
13 respect to the obligations of those States to each other,
14 and not the conflicting provisions of this arrangement.

15 “AMENDMENTS

16 “(6) This Arrangement and the Annex may be
17 amended (and additional Annexes may be added) by ar-
18 rangement of the Signatories.

19 “CANCELLATION OR SUBSTITUTION

20 “(7) Any Signatory to this Arrangement may with-
21 draw from or cancel their participation in this Arrange-
22 ment by giving sixty days, written notice in advance of
23 this effective date to all other Signatories.

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