With the unofficial beginning of summer in just a few days, it’s time to turn our attention to the bonfires, fireworks and other hazards that come with the season. I’ve been on calls that have discussed lack of rain, and I encourage you to work with your local officials and fire chiefs to evaluate the conditions in your area and determine how to best protect your residents.

I also want to focus on the reason for the holiday. This weekend we remember all of those who gave everything to our country in the pursuit of continued freedom and justice, and we thank all of those gold star families for their sacrifice.

Mary Moran
IDHS Director of Emergency Management

Weather Radios

The IDHS Office of Public Affairs has received quite a few questions lately regarding the availability of weather radios. All weather radio stock was distributed during the 2019 distributions, and no additional funding has yet been secured for additional radios.

IDHS will ensure that any future weather radio availability is communicated to all EMAs. In the meantime, EMAs that would like to apply for weather radio funding on their own are welcome to reach out to pio@dhs.in.gov for information used in previous applications.
For other upcoming dates, visit the IDHS Calendar of Events.

### Public Assistance Program

The Request for Public Assistance deadline remains open. A specific deadline for RPAs will be announced when a disaster end date for the COVID-19 pandemic is established by FEMA.

Continue checking the IDHS Public Assistance Program webpage for updates on guidance, trainings and other vital information.

The IDHS Grants Management team will be hitting the road to provide a class on IntelliGrants and federal grants EMPG, HMEP and SHSP this July.

Visit Acadis to sign up for one of these HSEEP-compliant courses, and simply search for "Federal Grant Trainings." Once signed up, a timeslot for technical assistance can be requested through the Discussion Board feature within Acadis. To locate the discussion boards, click on "Training and Events" in the top navigation, and select "View Class Discussions."

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### TMAC Engagement Survey

The Technical Mapping Advisory Council (TMAC) is seeking input from a wide range of stakeholders regarding graduated approaches to flood hazard and risk communication and a greater understanding of flood risk. Take the survey here.

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### Public Feedback Requested

FEMA is seeking public comments for programs that deal with climate change and underserved populations. The feedback will assist FEMA in identifying specific action that will better address climate change and underserved communities and populations. The comment period will be open through June 21.

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### COVID-19 Vaccine Eligibility

The Indiana Department of Health has announced eligibility for all Indiana residents 12 and older. *Note: Individuals under 18 are limited to the Pfizer vaccine*

The ourshot.in.gov website continues to be the best source for answers to frequently asked questions and scheduling vaccination appointments.
A Day to Remember: Telling the Stories of Hoosiers During 9/11

This September marks 20 years since the 9/11 terrorist attacks on the United States. The IDHS Public Affairs staff currently is working on media projects to help tell the stories of Hoosier first responders and emergency management personnel who played an important role during September 2001.

If you have a story to share, please go to Remembering 9/11 and let IDHS know.

NCBRT/ACE Training Opportunities

The National Center for Biomedical Research and Training/Academy of Counter-Terrorist Education have announced six virtual courses for spring and summer 2021:

- **MGT-324-C: Campus Emergencies Prevention, Response and Recovery**
- **AWR-122-C: Law Enforcement Prevention and Deterrence of Terrorist Acts**
- **AWR-324: Biological Incidents Awareness: COVID-19**
- **AWR-219-C: Site Protection Through Observational Techniques**

Available Training

2021 EMI Virtual Tabletop Schedule Available

EMI conducts a series of VTTXs to provide a virtual forum for disaster training. The VTTX program is designed for a "community-based" group (not individual participation) of at least five or more personnel from state, local, tribal or territorial emergency management organizations with representation from all emergency management disciplines — public safety, public works, public health, health care, government, administrative, communications, military, private sector and non-governmental organizations.

Learn more in Training Bulletin 1645.

FEMA Hosts Exercise Starter Kit Webinars

FEMA’s National Exercise Division has developed exercise starter kits to assist organizations in planning and conducting tabletop exercises aligning with the updated National Exercise Program 2021-2022 Principal's Strategic Priorities.

FEMA will host six webinars next month to introduce the new exercise starter kits and provide stakeholders with an overview of how to use them. For more information, visit the Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program Webinar webpage.

Seepage and Internal Erosion Courses

The FEMA National Dam Safety Program worked with the Emergency Management Institute (EMI) to develop three courses intended to provide dam owners, emergency response personnel and other stakeholders with the knowledge and tools to identify seepage and internal erosion within dams.

**IS-0874, Introduction to Seepage and Internal Erosion and the Emergency Response to Seepage Related Dam Risks**, provides a basic level introduction to the concepts and implications of seepage and internal erosion and builds a foundation for private dam owners, local, state, tribal and territorial officials to understand seepage related dam risks.
IS-0875, Identifying, Monitoring, and Addressing Seepage and Internal Erosion at Dams, provides a basic level introduction to identify, monitor and address seepage and internal erosions at dams.

IS-0876, Evaluation and Analysis of Internal Erosion and Seepage Conditions at Dams, builds competency in the investigation and analysis of seepage and internal erosion at dams. It also builds a foundation for local emergency officials and engineers on seepage conditions as they pertain to risk-based systems.

Find registration information on the Emergency Management Institute website.