

Protocol of Intentions between the Federal Emergency Management Agency of the United States of America and the and the Ministry of Emergencies and Civil Defence of the Kyrgyz Republic on cooperation in natural and man-made technological emergency prevention and response. Signed Helena, Montana 02 DEC 1999.

- I. Region to Region Cooperation
- II. Preparedness, Training, and Exercises
- III Information Exchange, Scientific and Technical Cooperation
- IV. Management of the Cooperative Process.

As a result of discussions between representatives of the Federal Emergency Management Agency of the United States of America and representatives of the Ministry of Emergencies and Civil Defense of the Kyrgyz Republic, both sides express strong satisfaction with the cooperative activities between their two agencies. The Federal Emergency Management Agency of the United States of America and the Ministry of Emergencies and Civil Defense of the Kyrgyz Republic, hereinafter the Parties, intend to initiate the following cooperative activities and projects in the areas of emergency management and disaster mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery:

- 1. Region to Region Cooperation.
  - a. Design and initiate prototypes of cooperation. The Federal Emergency Management Agency of the United States of America intends to enlist the participation of its Regional Office in Denver, Colorado; the State of Montana, Department of Military Affairs Division of Disaster and Emergency Services; and the Montana Technical College of the University of Montana. The Ministry of Emergencies and Civil Defense of the Kyrgyz Republic intends to enlist the participation of its Seismology Institute of the Kyrgyz National Academy of Sciences.
  - b. Organize the exchange of emergency managers and/or technical experts to develop specific activities and share experience, emergency information, and scientific and practical data in the areas of emergency management and disaster mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery including search and rescue and in the prevention and suppression of fires.
  - c. Develop a Work Plan that may include reciprocal visits for familiarization, training, and to observe natural and technological disaster management exercises. Development and implementation of the Work Plan would involve the Federal Emergency Management Agency of the United States of America, the State of Montana's Department of Military Affairs, Division of Disaster and Emergency Services, and the Ministry of

Emergencies and Civil Defense of the Kyrgyz Republic. The Work Plan will be updated annually.

## II. Preparedness, Training and Exercises.

- a. Organize the exchange of emergency management practitioners, trainers and/or instructors to develop training materials and courses of instruction to improve emergency management and disaster mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery techniques and general emergency management practices.
- b. Participate as observers in emergency management and/or disaster operations, exercises and simulations, and exchange delegations to attend seminars and workshops in the areas of emergency management and disaster mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery.

## III. Information Exchange. Scientific and Technical Cooperation.

- a. Increase the exchange of emergency information as well as scientific and practical data in the areas of emergency management and disaster mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery via seminars and professional conferences.
- b. Exchange lessons learned from emergency response operations carried out by both sides in response to natural and man-made disasters via seminars and professional conferences.
- . Initiate the exchange of information on earthquakes, fires, floods and debris flow damage, risk assessment, mitigation measures, and organize joint scientific and practical seminars on the above subjects.

## IV. Management of the Cooperative Process.

- a. Hold an annual meeting to develop a detailed work plan to outline events for the coming year.
- b. Exchange proposed implementation plans for the Work Plan for 2000 by the end of 1999.
- c. Implementation by the Parties of this Protocol of Intentions and related Work Plans are subject to the availability of appropriated funds and resources.