

6.0 PLAN MAINTENANCE

6.1 INTRODUCTION

44 CFR 201.6 (c)(4) requires "A plan maintenance process that includes: (i) A section describing the method and schedule of monitoring, evaluating, and updating the mitigation plan within a five-year cycle. (ii) A process by which local governments incorporate the requirements of the mitigation plan into other planning mechanisms such as comprehensive or capital improvement plans, when appropriate. (iii) Discussion on how the community will continue public participation in the plan maintenance process."

This chapter details the regional strategy for plan maintenance and outlines the methodology for monitoring, updating, and evaluating the plan. The chapter also discusses incorporating the plan into existing planning mechanisms and how to address continued public involvement.

6.2 LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE REQUIREMENTS

Regional Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs) will be tasked with Plan monitoring, evaluation, and maintenance with assistance from KDEM. The LEPCs, led by county emergency management agencies and with facilitation by KDEM, will:

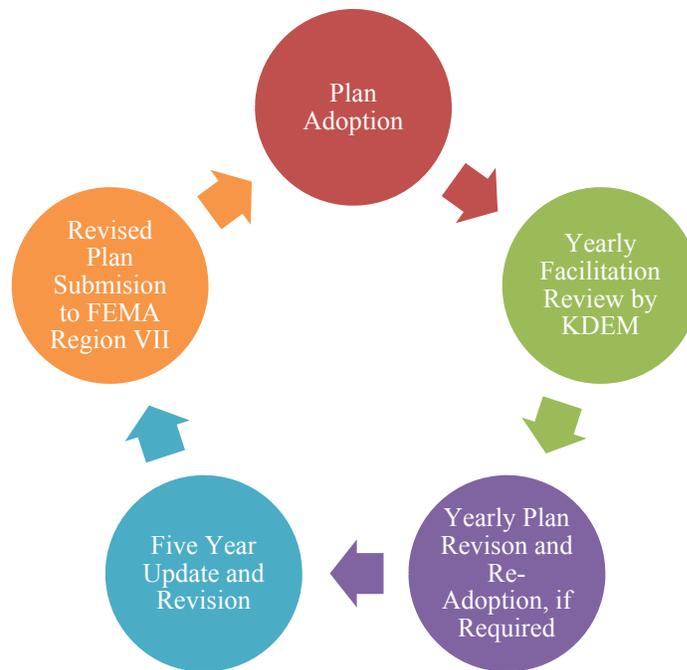
- Meet regularly to monitor and evaluate the implementation of the Plan
- When applicable, meet after a disaster event to evaluate the effectiveness of the Plan
- Act as a think tank for all issues related to hazard mitigation planning
- Act as a clearinghouse for hazard mitigation ideas and activities
- Assist with the implementation of all identified actions with available resources
- Monitor all available funding opportunities for mitigation actions
- Coordinate the cycle for the revision and update of the mitigation plan
- Report on Plan progress and recommended changes to the relevant governing bodies
- Inform and solicit input from the public

LEPC members will also be responsible for promoting the integration of the hazard mitigation plan into all relevant local and regional plans, policies, procedures and ordinances.

6.3 PLAN MAINTENANCE PROCESS

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The following diagram present the process for Plan maintenance and updates. KDEM will facilitate a yearly Plan review and further facilitate any revisions, if necessary, and the subsequent re-adoption process.



Prior to Plan expiration, and working with all participating jurisdictions, a five-year update of the Plan will be submitted to the KDEM and FEMA Region VII as per the above noted requirement. The Plan will be reviewed to determine whether there have been any significant changes identified during the one year KDEM facilitated Plan reviews. These changes may include:

- Increased local or regional development or populations
- Increased or decreased exposure to identified hazards
- Emergence of newly identified hazards
- Changes in local or regional capabilities
- Legislative changes
- Newly available data
- Successful or unsuccessful implementation of identified actions
- New jurisdictions who would like to participate

The on-going Plan maintenance process provides participating jurisdictions the capability of evaluating identified actions for success or failure. Additionally, the process allows for the timely revision of the Plan as necessary. Changes to the Plan will be made to accommodate actions that have failed, are not considered feasible, or have been newly identified to address current needs. Updating of the Plan will be enacted through written changes and submissions as directed by the LEPCs and facilitated by KDEM.

Upon each successive revision the Plan will need to be re-adopted by all participating jurisdictions. Circumstances, including a major disaster or a change in regulations or laws, may modify the required five year planning cycle.

6.4 POST-DISASTER DECLARATION PROCEDURES

Following a disaster, the LEPCs may meet to review the plan to determine if any additional actions need to be identified, additional funding has become available, or any identified actions need to be re-prioritized.

6.5 INCORPORATION OF MITIGATION PLAN INTO OTHER PLANNING MECHANISMS

(44 CFR 201.6 (c)(4)(ii) requires "A process by which local governments incorporate the requirements of the mitigation plan into other planning mechanisms such as comprehensive or capital improvement plans, when appropriate."

All participating jurisdictions will strive to implement actions that minimize loss of life and property damage from hazards as to their current capabilities. Whenever possible, participating jurisdictions will use existing plans, policies, procedures and programs to aid in the implementation of identified hazard mitigation actions. Potential avenues for implementation may include:

- Operation plans
- General or master plans
- Ordinances
- Capital improvement plans
- Budget revisions or adoptions
- Hiring of staff
- Stormwater planning
- Land use planning

The governing bodies of the jurisdictions adopting this plan will encourage all other relevant planning mechanisms under their authority to consult this plan to ensure minimization of risk to natural hazards as well as coordination of activities.

6.6 CONTINUED PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

44 CFR 201.6 (c)(4)(iii) requires a "Discussion on how the community will continue public participation in the plan maintenance process."

Public participation is an important part of the continued mitigation planning process. Every effort will be made by participating jurisdictions to keep the public informed on both relevant

mitigation issues and the five year plan revision cycle. Strategies for continued public involvement may include:

- Public hearings
- Postings on electronic media, to include websites
- Notifications, when possible, in local media
- Making plans available for review in public locations