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# Is FEMA Changing Debris Regs?

- 2011 AL Tornadoes FEMA eventually paid for “poultry house debris” removal if pushed to road right-of-way
- 2013 NY, FEMA paid for “commercial debris” removal
- Long Island, NY H. Sandy FEMA debris removal cost \$129/cy
- Pilot Program: NJ H. Sandy FEMA debris removal cost \$19/cy
- Sandy Recovery Improvement Act of 2013  
*Intent is to streamline FEMA processes , increase flexibility, and decrease cost*

# What “*may*” be coming

- Preplanning essential/required
- Pre-identify sites, contractors
- Closer monitoring of contractors
- Additional 5% federal cost share (80% - 20%)
- Removal of “*commercial debris*” brought to “right-of-way”
- “*May*” include base pay reimbursement of state/local agency employees

# Lead Agency for Animal Carcasses

- NRF and FEMA R4 guidance documents
- USACE (tasked with debris mission), if within right-of-way and MA
- EPA, if contaminated
- USDA, if associated with a disease response
- Situation dependent
- FEMA PA if state health agency sign off  
PH, OSHA, or Env. Health/DEQ
- Local / state responsibility

# Sources

- “FEMA Changing Debris Removal Regs” by Steven Johnson, Electric Cooperatives Today 01/14, 2013
- “Sandy Recovery Improvement Act Could Benefit Debris Removal” by Mickey McCarter, Homeland Security Today 01/16/2013

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