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HSEMD Administrator David Miller Appointed to FEMA's National Advisory Council

DES MOINES – Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Administrator David Miller has been selected to serve a three-year term on the National Advisory Council (NAC).

The National Advisory Council, which is comprised of emergency management professionals, meets quarterly to discuss, deliberate, and make recommendations on FEMA plans and strategies. Miller is among 12 individuals nationwide recently appointed to the NAC. His term will last from June 15, 2010, to June 15, 2013.

"Dave Miller has been an outstanding leader in Iowa's disaster and emergency response efforts, especially during the historic storms and floods of 2008," Governor Culver said. "He will be an excellent addition to FEMA's National Advisory Council, and we congratulate him on his appointment."

Lt. Governor Judge, who serves as the Governor's Homeland Security Adviser, added, "Dave's experience guiding Iowa's response and recovery in our nine federally declared disasters over the last four years makes him uniquely qualified for this role. I believe his insight will be invaluable to our federal partners."

The National Advisory Council was set into motion by the Post-Katrina Emergency Management Reform Act of 2006. The membership of the NAC may consist of up to 35 members appointed by and serving at the discretion of the FEMA administrator. Since its inception, the council has made recommendations to the FEMA administrator on the National Response Framework, the National Incident Management System, the Stafford Act, the National Disaster Housing Strategy and disability and private sector issues.

Miller is not the only Iowa representative on the NAC. In January 2010, Story County Supervisor Jane Halliburton was appointed by FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate as the local elected official representative of the NAC. Former Iowa HSEMD Administrator Ellen Gordon serves as an ex officio member of the NAC.

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