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FOR: National Urban Search & Rescue Response System
Task Force Representatives / Incident Support Team Members

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RE: Oklahoma Tornado – ESF #9 Advisory #2

Situation: Information contained in this ESF #9 Advisory is as of 1700 EDT

At approximately 3:56 pm EDT on May 20, 2013, a tornado developed on the north side of Newcastle, Oklahoma. The tornado moved in an east-northeasterly direction across Moore, Oklahoma, dissipating at approximately 4:36 pm EDT near Lake Stanley Draper. Initial analysis indicates at least EF-4 tornado damage; caused by winds of at least 166 mph.

Current Operations: The Red IST and three Type I task forces (TX-TF1; NE-TF1; and TN-TF1) were activated at the request of FEMA Region VI. MO-TF1 was placed on alert and is prepared to deploy if requested. TX-TF1, NE-TF1 and TN-TF1 are engaged in search and rescue operations in support of the local Incident Commander and FEMA Region VI. Elements of the Oklahoma National Guard 63rd Civil Support Team are integrated as force-multipliers with TN-TF1

FEMA has been identified as the ESF #9 Overall Primary Agency for this event. A Federal Search & Rescue Coordination Group has been activated and will be co-located with the Red US&R Incident Support Team at the Incident Command Post at the Moore Fire Department Headquarters.

The FEMA National Response Coordination Center (NRCC) is activated to Operations Level II (w/ESFs, 1-3, 6-9, 13, 15 and all LNOs).

Required Action: This is **ESF #9 Advisory**; no action is required at this time. Expenditure of funds is **not** authorized. **No requests for additional US&R activations have been received.** Should there be a request; US&R task forces would be activated based upon *US&R Program Directive 2011-012 – Process for Determining Closest Task Force Response*. Task Forces should monitor the status of this event as it progresses.

The US&R Branch will issue additional advisories as appropriate.

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