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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 #3

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

An EF-5 tornado touched down near Oklahoma City, causing massive devastation in the cities of Newcastle and Moore, Oklahoma.

**Current Operations:** The Federal Search & Rescue Coordination Group and the Red US&R Incident Support Team continue to operate from the Incident Command Post at the Moore Fire Department HQ. A team from the National Geo-Spatial Intelligence Agency is in place with the Red US&R Incident Support Team supporting mapping and documentation for search and rescue operations. Three Type I FEMA US&R Task Forces are currently deployed:

- NE-TF1 and TN-TF1 engaged in secondary search operations in support of the local Incident Commander and Region VI
- Elements of the Oklahoma National Guard 63rd Civil Support Team integrated as force-multipliers with TN-TF1
- TX-TF1 is staged at the Base of Operations
- MO-TF1 was demobilized from Alert Order status per direction from Region VI
- At the conclusion of the May 21st operational period: operations in 18 of 22 assigned search areas were completed with 1,267 structures searched

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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