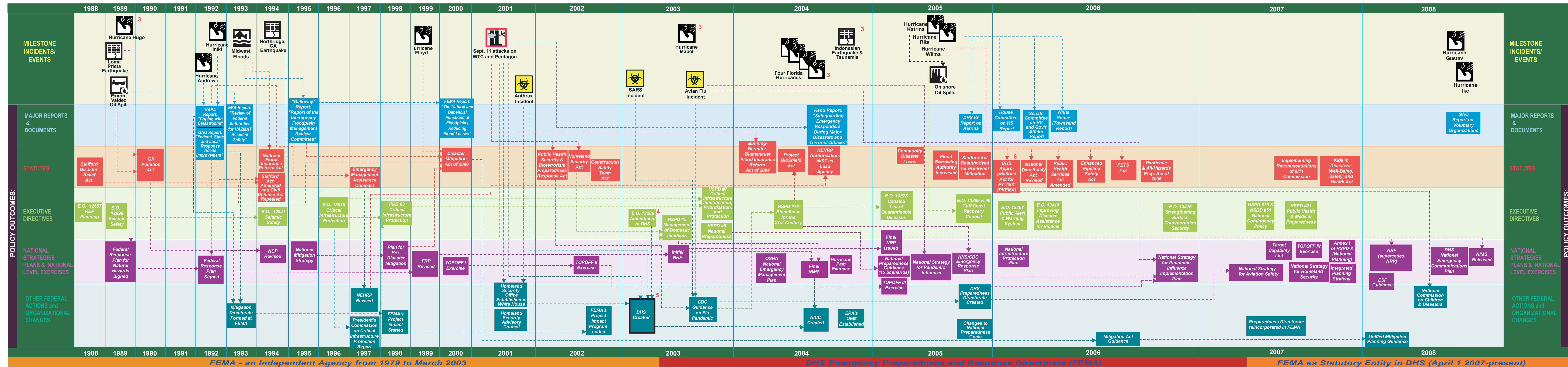


# Disaster Time Line: Major Focusing Events and U.S. Outcomes (1988 - 2008)

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FEMA - an Independent Agency from 1979 to March 2003

DHS Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate (FEMA)

FEMA as Statutory Entity in DHS (April 1 2007-present)

FOOTNOTES

<sup>1</sup>Information about the authors is available at the project website: <http://www.disaster-timeline.com>.  
<sup>2</sup>FEMA's existence as an independent agency spanned the period of April 1979 to March 2003. Between March 1, 2003 and November 1, 2005, the functions of FEMA were housed in the Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate. The use of the term FEMA was authorized by the Secretary of DHS in August 2003 as an administrative convenience. From November 1, 2005 until March 31, 2007, the functions of FEMA transferred to DHS on March 1, 2003 were housed in two Directorates, each led by an Under Secretary: the Federal Emergency Management Directorate and the Preparedness Directorate. The United States Fire Administration (USFA) was housed during that period in the Preparedness Directorate.  
<sup>3</sup>These were influential events but did not result in direct policy outcomes.  
<sup>4</sup>Transferred Stafford Act authority from FEMA to the Secretary of DHS.  
<sup>5</sup>FEMA no longer is an independent agency; it became a component of DHS.  
<sup>6</sup>The Post-Katrina Emergency Management Reform Act of 2006 (Title VI) of the DHS Appropriations Act of 2007.

NOTE: This chart highlights domestic natural disasters and man-made (accidental) events, except for incidents that have affected the national response system. For information about terrorism-related events and outcomes, see the Terrorism Time Line at the project website listed.

LEGEND

- Earthquake
- Flood
- Volcano
- Hurricane
- Radiological incident
- Biological Attack/Incident
- Chemical Attack/Incident
- Sept. 11 attacks on WTC and Pentagon
- Oil incident on water
- Oil incident on land
- Influence or Determinant

ABBREVIATIONS

- ATSDR □ Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry
- CDC □ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- DHS □ Department of Homeland Security
- DHUD □ Department of Housing and Urban Development
- E.O. □ Executive Order
- EPA □ Environmental Protection Agency
- FEMA □ Federal Emergency Management Agency
- FRP □ Federal Response Plan
- GAO □ General Accountability Office
- HAZMAT □ Hazardous Material
- HHS □ Department of Health and Human Services
- HSOC □ Homeland Security Operations Center
- HSPD □ Homeland Security Presidential Directive
- IGD □ Inspector General
- NAPA □ National Academy of Public Administration
- NEHRP □ National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program
- NIMS □ National Incident Management System
- NIPP □ National Infrastructure Protection Plan
- NIST □ National Institute of Standards and Technology
- NOAA □ National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- NRF □ National Response Framework
- NSDD □ National Security Decision Directive
- NWS □ National Weather Service
- OEM □ Office of Emergency Management
- OSHA □ Occupational Safety & Health Administration
- PCCIP □ Presidential Commission on Critical Infrastructure Protection
- PETS Act □ Pets Evacuation and Emergency Assistance Act
- PKEMA □ Post Katrina Emergency Reform Act
- R&D □ Research and Development
- REP □ Radiological Emergency
- □ □ Preparedness
- SARS □ Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome
- □ □ Top Officials
- WTC □ World Trade Center

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