



## **FEMA Act of 2025 Would Bring Disaster Aid to Co-ops Faster**

Across the U.S., electric co-ops are supporting a new bipartisan bill that would streamline the Federal Emergency Management Agency and speed up delivery of crucial disaster relief funds to electric co-ops hit hard by hurricanes, wildfires, tornadoes and other natural disasters.

The Fixing Emergency Management for Americans (FEMA) Act of 2025 would keep in place FEMA's essential Public Assistance program, which provides money to co-ops to restore power and rebuild their systems after natural disasters. Without those funds, rebuilding would take much longer and raise costs sharply for rural communities.

NRECA, the national trade association representing more than 900 co-ops, and its member co-ops have been strong advocates for improving FEMA while keeping the agency intact. The FEMA Act would greatly reduce the amount of time it takes for co-ops to receive reimbursements from the agency. Specifically, it would direct the FEMA administrator to reimburse co-ops for emergency work no later than 120 days after it submits a request. The president would first need to determine that at least 90% of estimated costs are eligible for reimbursement, said Will

Mitchell, an NRECA legislative affairs director who lobbies Congress on FEMA issues.

For longer-term projects to rebuild or replace infrastructure, the bill would require FEMA to review a co-op's cost estimate within 90 days of the work that needs to be done, Mitchell said. After that, the agency would have 30 days to disburse the funds for the project. "That would be a huge change in the timeline," Mitchell said. "Right now, most co-ops are waiting years for reimbursement."

Another major improvement is that co-ops would be allowed to build stronger, more resilient systems in the aftermath of disasters rather than being forced by the agency to build everything back exactly as it was before.

FEMA is a crucial partner for electric co-ops in efforts to restore power after disaster strikes.

The legislation would remove FEMA from the Department of Homeland Security and return it to its former status as an independent agency that reports directly to the president.

The bill would make FEMA a stronger, more responsive agency and help strengthen rural resilience, protect taxpayer dollars and ensure essential services are restored as quickly as possible after a natural disaster.

Sponsors from the Transportation

and Infrastructure Committee introduced the legislation on July 23—the day the House adjourned for its summer recess. The committee is expected to have hearings on the bill after Congress returns to the nation's capital in September. The panel will then vote on whether to send it to the full House for consideration. If passed by the House, the legislation would still need to be approved by the Senate and signed into law by President Donald Trump.

Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chairman Sam Graves, R-Mo., one of the lead sponsors of the bill, said "the American people need an emergency management system that works quickly and effectively, not one that makes disaster recovery more difficult."

"This bill does more than any recent reforms to cut through the bureaucracy, streamline programs, provide flexibility, and return FEMA to its core purpose of empowering the states to lead and coordinating the federal response when it's needed," Graves said.

As the FEMA Act of 2025 moves through the legislative process, NRECA and electric cooperative leaders will continue work to make it even better for co-ops and the local communities they serve.

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