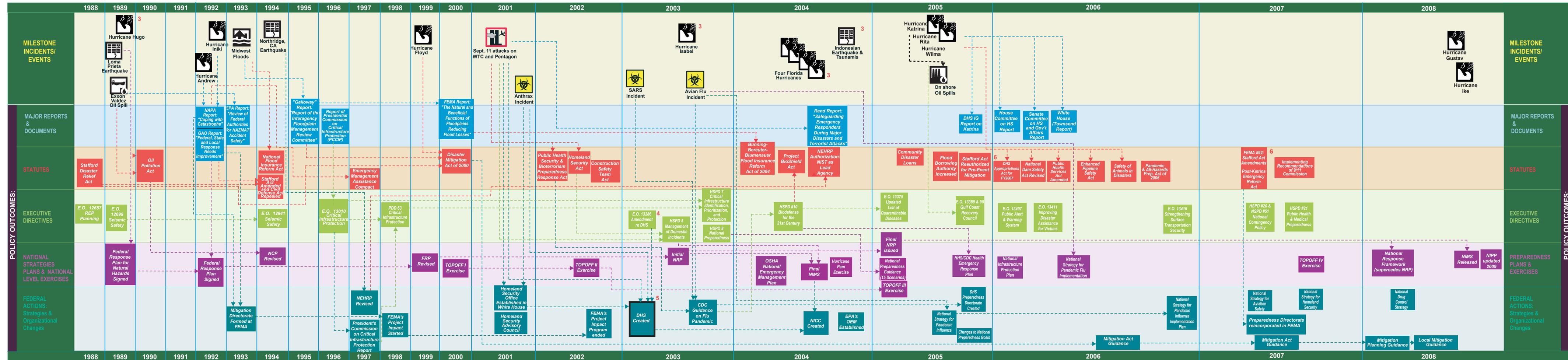


# Disaster Time Line: Major Focusing Events and U.S. Outcomes (1988 - 2008)

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FEMA - an Independent Agency from 1979 to March 2003

DHS Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate (FEMA)

FOOTNOTES

- Information about the authors is available at the project website: <http://www.disaster-timeline.com>.
  - 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.
  - These were influential events but did not result in direct policy outcomes.
  - Transferred Stafford Act authority from FEMA to the Secretary of DHS.
  - FEMA no longer is an independent agency; it is subsumed within DHS.
  - The Post-Katrina Emergency Management Reform Act of 2006 (Title VI) is part of the law.
- NOTE: This chart highlights domestic natural disasters and man-made (accidental) events. For terrorism-related events and outcomes, see the *Terrorism Time Line* at the project website listed above.

**LEGEND**

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

ABBREVIATIONS

2SR	Second Stage Review Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry	EHRA	Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act; basis for National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program (NEHRP) Executive Order	HAZMAT	Hazardous Material Department of Health and Human Services	NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act	OERR	Office of Emergency & Remedial Response, EPA
ATSDR	Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry	EPA	Environmental Protection Agency	HHS	Department of Health and Human Services	NICC	National Integration Coordination Center	OSHA	Occupational Safety & Health Administration
CEPPD	Chemical Emergency Preparedness and Prevention Office, EPA	EPCRA	Emergency Planning & Community Right to Know Act of 1986, Also known as SARA Title III	HSOC	Homeland Security Operations Center	NIMS	National Incident Management System	PCCIP	Presidential Commission on Critical Infrastructure Protection
CDC	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention	FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency	HSPD	Homeland Security Presidential Directive	NIP	National Infrastructure Protection Plan	R&D	Research and Development
CERCLA	Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation & Liability Act (Superfund)	FRERP	Federal Radiological Emergency Response Plan	IG	Inspector General	NIST	National Institute of Standards and Technology	REP	Research and Development Radiological Emergency Preparedness
DHS	Department of Homeland Security	FRP	Federal Response Plan	MMST	Metro Medical Strike Teams	NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration	SARA	Superfund Amendments & Reauthorization Act
DHUD	Department of Housing and Urban Development	GAO	General Accountability Office	NAPA	National Academy of National Oil & Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan	NSDD	National Security Decision Directive	SARS	Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome
				NEHRP	National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program	NWS	National Weather Service	TOPOFF	Top Officials
						OEM	Office of Emergency Management	WTC	World Trade Center

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