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To amend title 31, United States Code, to enhance the Federal Government's planning and preparation for extreme weather, and the Federal Government's dissemination of best practices to respond to extreme weather, thereby increasing resiliency, improving regional coordination, and mitigating the financial risk to the Federal Government from such extreme weather.

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Mr. CARTWRIGHT (for himself, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. CAPUANO, Mr. COLE, Mr. DENT, Mr. DOGGETT, Mr. GRIMM, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. HOLT, Mr. HONDA, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. LOEBSACK, Ms. PINGREE of Maine, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Ms. NORTON, Mr. PETERS of California, and Mr. FITZPATRICK) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Preparedness and Risk
5 Management for Extreme Weather Patterns Assuring Re-
6 silience Act of 2014” or the “PREPARE Act of 2014”.

7 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

8 The Congress finds the following:

9 (1) For the first time in history, the Govern-
10 ment Accountability Office included the need to ad-
11 dress extreme weather in its 2013 High Risk List by
12 declaring that this complex, cross-cutting issue “pre-
13 sents a significant financial risk to the federal gov-
14 ernment”.

15 (2) The United States has sustained 151
16 weather-related disasters since 1980 where overall
17 costs reached or exceeded \$1 billion, with a total
18 cost exceeding \$1 trillion.

19 (3) In 2012, the Federal Government spent
20 nearly \$100 billion because of droughts, storms,
21 floods, and forest fires, and the costs of extreme
22 weather in the United States totaled almost 1 per-
23 cent of the Nation’s gross domestic product.

24 (4) Every dollar spent on hazard mitigation
25 brings a \$4 return on investment.

1 (5) The Federal Government has a number of
2 non-permanent efforts underway to address extreme
3 weather, including those outlined in Executive Order
4 13514, in Executive Order 13653, in Homeland Se-
5 curity Presidential Directive 20, in Presidential Pol-
6 icy Directive 8, and in individual Agency Adaptation
7 Plans.

8 (6) The Hurricane Sandy Rebuilding Task
9 Force recommendations included taking a resiliency
10 approach to planning, design, and rebuilding in
11 order to mitigate impacts of future extreme weather-
12 related events.

13 (7) In order to help communities plan for fu-
14 ture extreme weather-related events, the National
15 League of Cities urges the Federal Government to
16 provide financial and technical assistance to help
17 local governments assess vulnerabilities and mitigate
18 such future events and to share best practices and
19 resiliency strategies.

20 **SEC. 3. AMENDMENTS RELATING TO EXTREME WEATHER**
21 **RESILIENCY, PREPAREDNESS, AND RISK**
22 **MANAGEMENT.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subtitle VI of title 31, United
24 States Code, is amended by inserting after chapter 97 the
25 following new chapter:

1 **“CHAPTER 99—EXTREME WEATHER RESIL-**
 2 **ENCY, PREPAREDNESS, AND RISK**
 3 **MANAGEMENT**

“SUBCHAPTER I—STRATEGIC PLANNING FOR EXTREME WEATHER RESILIENCY,
 PREPAREDNESS, AND RISK MANAGEMENT

“Sec.

“9901. Interagency Council on Extreme Weather Resiliency, Preparedness, and
 Risk Management.

“9902. Agency planning for extreme weather-related risks.

“SUBCHAPTER II—ASSISTANCE IN IDENTIFYING THE BEST AVAILABLE
 SCIENCE AND EXTREME WEATHER RESILIENCY, PREPAREDNESS, AND RISK
 MANAGEMENT BEST PRACTICES

“9911. USGCRP Web site.

“9912. Adequate funding.

“SUBCHAPTER III—REGIONAL COORDINATION

“9921. Inventory.

“9922. Meetings.

“9923. Progress reports.

“SUBCHAPTER IV—DEFINITIONS

“9931. Definitions.

4 “SUBCHAPTER I—STRATEGIC PLANNING FOR
 5 EXTREME WEATHER RESILIENCY, PRE-
 6 PAREDNESS, AND RISK MANAGEMENT

7 **“§ 9901. Interagency Council on Extreme Weather Re-**
 8 **siliency, Preparedness, and Risk Manage-**
 9 **ment**

10 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The President shall estab-
 11 lish a council to be known as the ‘Interagency Council on
 12 Extreme Weather Resiliency, Preparedness, and Risk
 13 Management’.

14 “(b) MEMBERSHIP.—The Interagency Council shall
 15 be composed of—

1 “(1) the Chairman of the Council on Environ-
2 mental Quality;

3 “(2) the Director of the Office of Science and
4 Technology Policy;

5 “(3) the Assistant to the President for Home-
6 land Security and Counterterrorism;

7 “(4) the employee of the Office of Management
8 and Budget in the position established under sub-
9 section (c)(2), or a designee of such employee; and

10 “(5) other members as appointed by the Presi-
11 dent who are agency representatives at the Assistant
12 Secretary (or equivalent) level or above, including—

13 “(A) a representative from—

14 “(i) the Department of Transpor-
15 tation;

16 “(ii) the Environmental Protection
17 Agency;

18 “(iii) the Department of Energy; and

19 “(iv) the Department of Homeland
20 Security; and

21 “(B) representatives who have policy ex-
22 pertise and policy responsibilities in the areas
23 of—

24 “(i) economic policy;

25 “(ii) foreign affairs;

1 “(iii) defense and intelligence;
2 “(iv) homeland security;
3 “(v) energy;
4 “(vi) environmental protection;
5 “(vii) natural resources;
6 “(viii) coasts, oceans, rivers, and
7 floodplains;
8 “(ix) agriculture;
9 “(x) health;
10 “(xi) transportation, infrastructure, or
11 housing;
12 “(xii) education;
13 “(xiii) extreme weather data analysis
14 or meteorological science;
15 “(xiv) social science;
16 “(xv) strategic planning; and
17 “(xvi) other areas the President deter-
18 mines appropriate.

19 “(c) CO-CHAIRPERSONS.—

20 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Interagency Council
21 shall be co-chaired by the employee of the Office of
22 Management and Budget in the position established
23 under paragraph (2) (or a designee of such em-
24 ployee) and any other member of the Interagency

1 Council that the President may appoint as co-chair-
2 person.

3 “(2) POSITION AT THE OFFICE OF MANAGE-
4 MENT AND BUDGET.—There is established within
5 the Office of Management and Budget a position
6 to—

7 “(A) serve as a co-chairperson of the Inter-
8 agency Council;

9 “(B) oversee the Interagency Council’s re-
10 sponse to the Government Accountability Of-
11 fice’s recommendations under subsection (f)(5);

12 “(C) use the evaluation framework and
13 performance metrics developed pursuant to sub-
14 section (f)(6) to evaluate agency progress in
15 meeting the goals and implementing the prior-
16 ities described in subsection (f)(1)(A); and

17 “(D) work to ensure that sufficient re-
18 sources are available for agencies to—

19 “(i) meet the goals and implement the
20 priorities described in subsection (f)(1)(A);

21 and

22 “(ii) implement the recommendations
23 developed under subsection (f)(2).

24 “(d) ADMINISTRATION.—The Council on Environ-
25 mental Quality shall provide administrative support and

1 additional resources, as appropriate, to the Interagency
2 Council to the extent permitted by law and within existing
3 appropriations. The Interagency Council co-chairpersons
4 shall determine the amount of funding and personnel nec-
5 essary for the Interagency Council to carry out its duties
6 and the amount of funding and personnel each agency rep-
7 resented on the Interagency Council should contribute in
8 order for the Interagency Council to carry out such duties.
9 Agencies shall, upon the request of the co-chairpersons of
10 the Interagency Council, make available personnel, admin-
11 istrative support services, and information to the Inter-
12 agency Council.

13 “(e) STRUCTURE.—

14 “(1) STEERING COMMITTEE.—The co-chair-
15 persons of the Interagency Council shall designate a
16 subset of members of the Interagency Council to
17 serve on a steering committee. Such steering com-
18 mittee shall assist the Interagency Council in deter-
19 mining its priorities and its strategic direction.

20 “(2) WORKING GROUPS.—The co-chairpersons
21 of the Interagency Council and its steering com-
22 mittee may establish working groups as needed.

23 “(f) DUTIES.—

24 “(1) GOALS AND PRIORITIES.—

1 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Interagency
2 Council shall establish government-wide goals
3 and priorities for extreme weather resiliency,
4 preparedness, and risk management. In estab-
5 lishing such goals and priorities, the Inter-
6 agency Council shall consider the National Oil
7 and Hazardous Materials Pollution Contingency
8 Plan, agency continuity of operations plans, the
9 National Preparedness Goal, the National Glob-
10 al Change Research Plan, and all relevant pro-
11 visions of the Government Accountability Of-
12 fice’s High-Risk Series.

13 “(B) INCORPORATION INTO AGENCY AC-
14 TIVITIES.—In carrying out subparagraph (A),
15 the Interagency Council shall, in order to en-
16 sure that information relating to extreme
17 weather resiliency, preparedness, and risk man-
18 agement is incorporated into everyday agency
19 activities—

20 “(i) work with agencies to assist such
21 agencies in considering the goals and prior-
22 ities described in subparagraph (A) in
23 agency strategic, programmatic, and budg-
24 et planning; and

1 “(ii) identify details to be included in
2 agency extreme weather plans.

3 “(2) PRIORITY INTERAGENCY FEDERAL AC-
4 TIONS.—The Interagency Council shall develop, rec-
5 ommend, coordinate, and track implementation of
6 priority interagency Federal Government actions re-
7 lated to extreme weather resiliency, preparedness,
8 and risk management.

9 “(3) SUPPORT REGIONAL, STATE, LOCAL, AND
10 TRIBAL ACTIONS.—The Interagency Council shall
11 support regional, State, local, and tribal action to
12 assess extreme weather-related vulnerabilities and
13 cost effectively increase extreme weather resiliency,
14 preparedness, and risk management of communities,
15 critical economic sectors, natural and built infra-
16 structure, and natural resources, including by—

17 “(A) conducting inventories under section
18 9921;

19 “(B) convening meetings under section
20 9922; and

21 “(C) providing guidance to agencies to
22 produce tools and products that enhance ex-
23 treme weather resiliency planning and actions,
24 including guidance on how to prioritize funding
25 in order to produce such tools and products.

1 “(4) METEOROLOGICAL AND EXTREME WEATH-
2 ER SCIENCE.—The Interagency Council shall facili-
3 tate the integration of meteorological and extreme
4 weather science in the policies and planning of agen-
5 cies and the private sector, including by—

6 “(A) promoting the development of innova-
7 tive, actionable, and accessible Federal extreme
8 weather resiliency, preparedness, and risk man-
9 agement-related information, data, tools, and
10 examples of successful actions at appropriate
11 scales for decisionmakers; and

12 “(B) providing such information, data,
13 tools, and examples to the United States Global
14 Change Research Program to include on the
15 Internet Web site established and maintained
16 pursuant to section 9911.

17 “(5) HIGH-RISK REPORT RECOMMENDA-
18 TIONS.—The Interagency Council shall assess the
19 specific recommendations relating to extreme weath-
20 er in all relevant provisions of the Government Ac-
21 countability Office’s High-Risk Series, identify the
22 feasibility of revising Federal programs to implement
23 such recommendations, and develop a plan to ad-
24 dress such recommendations when feasible.

1 “(6) FRAMEWORK AND PERFORMANCE
2 METRICS.—The Interagency Council shall use exist-
3 ing and emerging science to develop—

4 “(A) a framework for evaluating the
5 progress and success of extreme weather resil-
6 iency, preparedness, and risk management-re-
7 lated efforts that is complementary to any na-
8 tional indicator system developed as part of the
9 National Climate Assessment; and

10 “(B) performance metrics that allow track-
11 ing of the actions taken and progress made to-
12 ward meeting the goals and implementing the
13 priorities described in paragraph (1)(A).

14 “(7) RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE CEQ.—The
15 Interagency Council shall provide recommendations
16 to the Council on Environmental Quality on how
17 to—

18 “(A) update agency extreme weather plans;
19 and

20 “(B) remove barriers to State and local ex-
21 treme weather resiliency, preparedness, and risk
22 management, in agency regulations, guidance,
23 and policies.

24 “(8) PUBLIC INPUT AND COMMENT.—The
25 Interagency Council shall solicit and incorporate

1 public input and comment as appropriate into the
2 decisions of the Interagency Council.

3 “(9) INVENTORY AND MEETINGS.—The Inter-
4 agency Council shall conduct inventories under sec-
5 tion 9921 and convene meetings under section 9922.

6 “(10) DEFINITION OF EXTREME WEATHER.—
7 The Interagency Council shall determine what other
8 weather events (in addition to those described in sec-
9 tion 9931(3)) qualify as extreme weather for pur-
10 poses of this chapter.

11 “(11) OTHER DUTIES.—The Interagency Coun-
12 cil shall carry out any other duties the co-chair-
13 persons of the Interagency Council determine appro-
14 priate.

15 “(12) INTERAGENCY COUNCIL WEB SITE.—The
16 Interagency Council shall establish and maintain an
17 Internet Web site for tracking implementation of
18 agency extreme weather plans, Government-wide
19 goals and priorities described in paragraph (1)(A),
20 and recommendations relating to extreme weather in
21 all relevant provisions of the Government Account-
22 ability Office’s High-Risk Series, and shall make
23 such High-Risk Series and the reports submitted
24 under paragraph (13) available on such Web site, as
25 the Council determines appropriate.

1 “(13) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than one
2 year after the date of enactment of this chapter, and
3 annually thereafter, the Interagency Council shall
4 submit to Congress, and make available to the
5 United States Global Change Research Program for
6 inclusion in any interim report that supports the
7 National Climate Assessment, and in the National
8 Climate Assessment, a report that—

9 “(A) describes how the goals and priorities
10 described in paragraph (1)(A) are being met
11 and implemented using—

12 “(i) the performance metrics devel-
13 oped under paragraph (6)(B); and

14 “(ii) information on—

15 “(I) agency expenditures, broken
16 down by program activity level if prac-
17 ticable, that are directly related to ex-
18 treme weather resiliency, prepared-
19 ness, and risk management, including
20 extreme weather resiliency, prepared-
21 ness, and risk management of Federal
22 facilities; and

23 “(II) the effectiveness of such ex-
24 penditures, along with associated fi-
25 nancial impacts and community, in-

1 frastructure, and environmental bene-
2 fits, to the extent such data are avail-
3 able;

4 “(B) provides recommendations to enhance
5 the effectiveness of such implementation and
6 sets benchmarks to meet;

7 “(C) describes the progress of the regional
8 coordination efforts described in subchapter III;
9 and

10 “(D) includes a summary of public com-
11 ments solicited under paragraph (8) and how
12 the Interagency Council has responded to such
13 comments.

14 “(g) CONSULTATION.—In carrying out paragraphs
15 (2) through (12) of subsection (f), the Interagency Council
16 shall consult with agencies, State, local, and tribal govern-
17 ments, academic and research institutions, and the private
18 and nonprofit sectors.

19 “(h) CEQ GUIDANCE.—The Chairman of the Council
20 on Environmental Quality, taking into consideration the
21 recommendations provided by the Interagency Council
22 under subsection (f)(7), shall issue guidance to agencies
23 on—

24 “(1) developing agency extreme weather plans;
25 and

1 “(2) developing agency regulations, guidance,
2 and policies to remove barriers to State and local ex-
3 treme weather resiliency, preparedness, and risk
4 management.

5 **“§ 9902. Agency planning for extreme weather-related**
6 **risks**

7 “(a) AGENCY EXTREME WEATHER RESILIENCY,
8 PREPAREDNESS, AND RISK MANAGEMENT PLANS.—

9 “(1) AGENCY SUBMISSION.—Not later than 1
10 year after the date of enactment of this chapter, and
11 every 2 years thereafter, each agency shall submit to
12 the Office of Management and Budget and to the
13 Interagency Council a comprehensive plan that inte-
14 grates consideration of extreme weather into such
15 agency’s operations and overall mission objectives
16 (hereinafter referred to as an ‘agency extreme
17 weather plan’).

18 “(2) HEARING.—Not later than 1 year after
19 the date of enactment of this chapter, and every 2
20 years thereafter, the Director of the Office of Man-
21 agement and Budget shall convene an interagency
22 budget crosscut and policy hearing to review and in-
23 tegrate all the agency extreme weather plans and to
24 ensure that such extreme weather plans and the ac-

1 tivities of agencies align with the goals and priorities
2 established under section 9901(f)(1)(A).

3 “(3) OMB SUBMISSION.—The Director of the
4 Office of Management and Budget shall, upon re-
5 ceipt of all agency extreme weather plans in a given
6 year, consolidate, and submit to Congress, such
7 plans.

8 “(b) INCLUSIONS.—Each agency extreme weather
9 plan shall include—

10 “(1) identification and assessment of extreme
11 weather-related impacts on, and risks to—

12 “(A) the agency’s ability to accomplish its
13 missions, operations, and programs; and

14 “(B) State and local entities;

15 “(2) identification and assessment of barriers
16 posed by Federal programs the agency administers
17 to State and local extreme weather resiliency, pre-
18 paredness, and risk management efforts;

19 “(3) a description of programs, policies, and
20 plans the agency has already put in place, as well as
21 additional actions the agency will take, to manage
22 extreme weather risks in the near term and build re-
23 silience in the short and long term;

24 “(4) a description of how the agency will con-
25 sider the need to improve extreme weather resiliency,

1 preparedness, and risk management, including the
2 costs and benefits of such improvement, with respect
3 to agency suppliers, supply chain, real property in-
4 vestments, and capital equipment purchases, includ-
5 ing by updating agency policies for leasing, building
6 upgrades, relocation of existing facilities and equip-
7 ment, and construction of new facilities;

8 “(5) a description of how the agency will sup-
9 port any ongoing or future public/private partner-
10 ship to improve extreme weather resiliency, pre-
11 paredness, and risk management, including the cost
12 and benefits of technology improvements, hardening,
13 or rapid restoration;

14 “(6) a description of how the agency will con-
15 tribute to coordinated interagency efforts to support
16 extreme weather resiliency, preparedness, and risk
17 management at all levels of government, including
18 collaborative work across agencies’ regional offices
19 and hubs, and through coordinated development of
20 information, data, and tools, consistent with sub-
21 chapter III; and

22 “(7) any other details identified by the Inter-
23 agency Council under section 9901(f)(1)(B)(ii).

1 “SUBCHAPTER II—ASSISTANCE IN IDENTI-
2 FYING THE BEST AVAILABLE SCIENCE AND
3 EXTREME WEATHER RESILIENCY, PRE-
4 PAREDNESS, AND RISK MANAGEMENT
5 BEST PRACTICES

6 “§ 9911. USGCRP Web site

7 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The United States Global
8 Change Research Program, in consultation with the Inter-
9 agency Council, shall designate an agency that partici-
10 pates in such Program to establish and maintain, on be-
11 half of such Program, an Internet Web site that provides
12 timely, actionable, and accessible extreme weather resil-
13 iency, preparedness, and risk management-related infor-
14 mation.

15 “(b) INTERAGENCY PROGRESS.—The Web site estab-
16 lished under subsection (a) shall identify interagency
17 progress, and propose the next interagency steps, towards
18 responding to threats posed by extreme weather.

19 “(c) BEST PRACTICES.—The Web site established
20 under subsection (a) shall provide best practices and ex-
21 amples from State, regional, and local decisionmakers in
22 the public and private sectors about how to use extreme-
23 weather-related information in planning and decision-
24 making.

1 “(d) INTERAGENCY COUNCIL INFORMATION AND
2 TOOLS.—The Web site established under subsection (a)
3 shall include the information, data, tools, and examples
4 provided by the Interagency Council pursuant to section
5 9901(f)(4).

6 “(e) BEST AVAILABLE METEOROLOGICAL
7 SCIENCE.—The Web site established under subsection (a)
8 shall identify best available meteorological science relating
9 to extreme weather resiliency, preparedness, and risk man-
10 agement.

11 “(f) PUBLIC OUTREACH AND EDUCATION.—The
12 United States Global Change Research Program shall des-
13 ignate an agency that participates in such Program to
14 conduct outreach and educational activities to inform the
15 public and local and State decisionmakers about the tools
16 and information available on the Web site established
17 under subsection (a).

18 **“§ 9912. Adequate funding**

19 “The Director of the Office of Management and
20 Budget shall work with the United States Global Change
21 Research Program to ensure that adequate funding is re-
22 quested—

23 “(1) for the National Climate Assessment;

24 “(2) for the Internet Web site established under
25 section 9911; and

1 “(3) to otherwise carry out this chapter.

2 “SUBCHAPTER III—REGIONAL COORDINATION

3 “§ 9921. **Inventory**

4 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the
5 date of enactment of this chapter, and every 2 years there-
6 after, the Interagency Council, or a working group of such
7 Interagency Council established by the co-chairpersons
8 thereof, shall conduct and publish an inventory of all re-
9 gional offices, centers, and programs of agencies that are
10 assisting with extreme weather resiliency, preparedness,
11 and risk management efforts at the State or local level,
12 including—

13 “(1) the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Ad-
14 ministration’s regional programs;

15 “(2) the Department of the Interior’s Fish and
16 Wildlife Service Landscape Conservation Coopera-
17 tives;

18 “(3) the United States Geological Survey’s Cli-
19 mate Science Centers;

20 “(4) the Department of Agriculture’s Climate
21 Hubs;

22 “(5) the regional offices of—

23 “(A) the Environmental Protection Agen-
24 cy;

1 “(B) the Federal Emergency Management
2 Agency;

3 “(C) the Army Corps of Engineers; and

4 “(D) the Forest Service; and

5 “(6) such other offices, centers, and programs
6 or other agency efforts as determined appropriate by
7 the Interagency Council.

8 “(b) ASSISTANCE DESCRIBED.—An inventory con-
9 ducted and published under subsection (a) shall include
10 a description of the assistance each agency office, center,
11 or program is providing to assist with extreme weather
12 resiliency, preparedness, and risk management efforts at
13 the State or local level.

14 **“§ 9922. Meetings**

15 “Not later than 6 months after the publication of
16 each inventory under section 9921, the Interagency Coun-
17 cil shall convene a meeting of representatives of the of-
18 fices, centers, and programs included in such inventory to
19 develop plans to coordinate the efforts of such offices, cen-
20 ters, and programs and facilitate efficient services to
21 stakeholders. At such meetings, such representatives
22 shall—

23 “(1) share information regarding their office,
24 center, or program’s extreme weather resiliency, pre-
25 paredness, and risk management efforts;

1 “(2) identify opportunities for collaboration and
2 coordination of research agendas, extreme weather
3 assessment activities, vulnerability assessments, data
4 collection and analysis, and planning and imple-
5 menting extreme weather resiliency, preparedness,
6 and risk management projects;

7 “(3) identify extreme weather resiliency, pre-
8 paredness, and risk management information needs,
9 research gaps, and decision support needs that are
10 not met by any of the offices, centers, or programs
11 included in the inventory under section 9921 and
12 provide for such identification in an agency report
13 submitted to the Interagency Council under section
14 9923;

15 “(4) identify common and complementary goals
16 for extreme weather resiliency, preparedness, and
17 risk management within each region to be prioritized
18 for the coming year and beyond;

19 “(5) identify barriers to regional extreme
20 weather resiliency, preparedness, and risk manage-
21 ment planning and implementation that can be over-
22 come or minimized through Federal action and spe-
23 cific suggestions for improvement;

24 “(6) evaluate progress and jointly develop a
25 strategy for realizing extreme weather resiliency,

1 preparedness, and risk management-related goals,
2 including clearly identified responsibilities by each
3 collaborating regional office, center, or program; and

4 “(7) share experiences and best practices in
5 stakeholder engagement and communication, deci-
6 sion support, and science-practice interactions that
7 support the realization of identified extreme weather
8 resiliency, preparedness, and risk management goals.

9 **“§ 9923. Progress reports**

10 “Not later than 90 days after each meeting under
11 section 9922, each agency that participates in such meet-
12 ing shall submit to the Interagency Council, and make
13 available to the United States Global Change Research
14 Program for inclusion in the National Climate Assess-
15 ment, a report describing progress in regional coordination
16 and collaboration in aligning Federal resiliency, prepared-
17 ness, and risk management efforts at the State and local
18 level, and the benefits of such regional coordination and
19 collaboration.

20 “SUBCHAPTER IV—DEFINITIONS

21 **“§ 9931. Definitions**

22 “In this chapter:

23 “(1) AGENCY.—The term ‘agency’ means an
24 Executive agency, as defined in section 105 of title

1 5, United States Code, excluding the Government
2 Accountability Office.

3 “(2) AGENCY EXTREME WEATHER PLAN.—The
4 term ‘agency extreme weather plan’ means a plan
5 required under section 9902(a).

6 “(3) EXTREME WEATHER.—The term ‘extreme
7 weather’ includes observed or anticipated severe and
8 unseasonable atmospheric conditions, including
9 heavy precipitation, hurricanes, tornadoes and other
10 windstorms (including derechos), extreme heat, ex-
11 treme cold, sustained temperatures or precipitation
12 that deviate from historical averages, and any other
13 weather event that the Interagency Council deter-
14 mines qualifies as extreme weather.

15 “(4) INTERAGENCY COUNCIL.—The term ‘Inter-
16 agency Council’ means the Interagency Council on
17 Extreme Weather Resiliency, Preparedness, and
18 Risk Management established under section 9901(a).

19 “(5) NATIONAL CLIMATE ASSESSMENT.—The
20 term ‘National Climate Assessment’ means the as-
21 sessment required under section 106 of the Global
22 Change Research Act of 1990 (15 U.S.C. 2936).

23 “(6) NATIONAL GLOBAL CHANGE RESEARCH
24 PLAN.—The term ‘National Global Change Research
25 Plan’ means the National Global Change Research

1 Plan developed under section 104 of the Global
 2 Change Research Act of 1990 (15 U.S.C. 2934), or
 3 any revision thereof.

4 “(7) UNITED STATES GLOBAL CHANGE RE-
 5 SEARCH PROGRAM.—The term ‘United States Global
 6 Change Research Program’ means the United States
 7 Global Change Research Program established under
 8 section 103 of the Global Change Research Act of
 9 1990 (15 U.S.C. 2933).”.

10 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of chapters
 11 at the beginning of subtitle VI of title 31, United States
 12 Code, is amended by inserting after the item relating to
 13 chapter 97 the following new item:

**“99. Extreme weather resiliency, preparedness, and risk
 management 9901”.**

14 **SEC. 4. REQUIREMENT TO INCLUDE AGENCY EXTREME**
 15 **WEATHER PLAN IN AGENCY PERFORMANCE**
 16 **PLAN.**

17 (a) REQUIREMENT.—Section 1115(b) of title 31,
 18 United States Code, is amended—

19 (1) in paragraph (9), by striking “and” at the
 20 end;

21 (2) in paragraph (10), by striking the period at
 22 the end and inserting “; and”; and

23 (3) by adding at the end the following new
 24 paragraph:

1 “(11) describe the most recent agency extreme
2 weather plan, as required under section 9902 of this
3 title.”.

4 (b) AGENCIES COVERED.—Section 1115(h)(1) of
5 such title is amended by inserting before the semicolon
6 at the end the following: “except that, for purposes of sub-
7 section (b)(11), the definition of ‘agency’ in section 9931
8 of this title shall apply”.

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