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To: All California Counties

Subject: NIMS Capability Assessment Support Tool (NIMSCAST)

The Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES) is committed to providing you with up-to-date information and guidance regarding the statewide effort to integrate California's Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS) into NIMS.

Statewide self-certification of NIMS compliance has been eliminated. FFY 07 and future NIMS requirements will use performance metrics that capture details on how a jurisdiction has met the FY 05 and FY 06 requirements. Compliance assessment through the use of these metrics is required for all future federal preparedness funding beginning with FFY 2008. Verification of NIMS compliance is required by Federal Authorities for all jurisdictions that receive federal preparedness funding.

The NIMSCAST on-line tool has been modified to reflect the FY 2007 requirements and to collect the metrics associated with NIMS compliance. OES is using NIMSCAST to certify NIMS compliance and requests that your county also use this tool in order to "roll up" the information into an accurate assessment of California's capabilities. This information is needed by OES no later than **September 7, 2007**. This will ensure that a statewide assessment can be submitted to the NIMS Integration Center by September 28, 2007. A user's guide is available on the NIMSCAST home page to assist you.

OES encourages all counties to include information from cities and political subdivisions that would be critical to their overall assessment and compliance. All cities and special districts that may be impacted are also being notified of NIMS compliance requirements. Please contact the cities and political subdivisions within your county to insure they have been informed of this requirement.

Cities and political subdivisions have the option to include their compliance information within their county's assessment by requesting a password from their county OES representative for access to NIMSCAST. To be included in the county's metrics, cities and political subdivisions need to complete their metrics no later than **August 31, 2007**.

OES leads California in ensuring adoption, promotion and implementation of NIMS. OES continues to provide up-to-date materials on NIMS requirements and guidance through the OES website at [www.oes.ca.gov](http://www.oes.ca.gov) under the SEMS/NIMS logo.

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Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions regarding NIMS compliance or the NIMSCAST on-line tool, please contact Glenn Cadman, OES, Senior Emergency Services Coordinator at 916-845-8775, or email to [Glenn\\_Cadman@oes.ca.gov](mailto:Glenn_Cadman@oes.ca.gov).

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