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To: State Agencies

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.

The NIMSCAST on-line tool has been modified to reflect the FY 2007 requirements and to provide a tool to collect the metrics associated with NIMS compliance. OES is using NIMSCAST to certify California's NIMS compliance and requests that your agency 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 in completing the metrics.

OES leads California in ensuring adoption, promotion and implementation of NIMS. In meeting this requirement, 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.

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).

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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