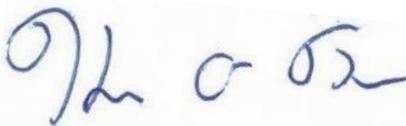




FEMA

March 30, 2020

MEMORANDUM FOR: Regional Administrators
FEMA Regions I-X

FROM: Keith Turi 
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SUBJECT: Public Assistance Appeals, Net Small Project Overrun
Requests and Arbitration Deadlines

On March 13, 2020, the President declared the ongoing Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant a nationwide emergency declaration pursuant to section 501(b) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121-5207.

As the President emphasized in his March 13, 2020, Proclamation of a National Emergency as a result of COVID-19, all levels of government are taking preventive and proactive measures to slow the spread of the virus. Due to the extraordinary nationwide effort of every state, territory, and tribal nation in responding to COVID-19, and the critical need for the nation's emergency managers to remain focused on slowing the spread of the virus, FEMA is extending filing deadlines for 60 days – until May 30, 2020 – for Public Assistance first and second level appeals, arbitration requests, and net small project overrun requests, as established at 44 C.F.R. 206.204, 44 C.F.R. 206.206, 44 C.F.R. 206.209, and Section 423 Arbitration [Fact Sheet](#).

Public Assistance applicants and recipients who have deadlines under any of these provisions that expire prior to May 30, 2020, instead have until May 30, 2020.

If you have any questions, please contact Traci Brasher, Acting Director, Public Assistance Division, at traci.brasher@fema.dhs.gov.