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MEMORANDUM FOR: All FEMA Headquarters Employees

FROM: Michael D. Brown *M. Brown*
Under Secretary
Emergency Preparedness and Response

SUBJECT: New Appointment

It is my pleasure to announce that David I. Maurstad, Director of FEMA's Region VIII, will assume responsibilities as Acting Federal Insurance Administrator and Head of the Mitigation Directorate, effective immediately. David has served as Regional Director since October 2001 and overseen the Response, Recovery and Mitigation activities for Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah and Wyoming. Under his direction, the Region assumed a leadership role, with the FBI and USSS, as one of the three primary Federal agencies preparing for the 2002 Salt Lake City Winter Olympic Games, as well as meeting the challenge of Colorado's record-breaking wildfire season in 2002 and managing the ongoing issue of Devils Lake, South Dakota.

Prior to joining FEMA, David was elected Nebraska's Lieutenant Governor. He had also served as a member of the Nebraska Unicameral Legislature and is a former Mayor of Beatrice, Nebraska. David holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration and an MBA from the University of Nebraska, Lincoln. He participates in a wide variety of civic activities.

I have great confidence in his leadership of flood insurance and Mitigation programs at this critical time, and am pleased he has agreed to serve in this capacity. Join me in welcoming David to FEMA headquarters and please offer your assistance to him in any way you can.