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### DHS Response

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) concurs with this report and its conclusions.

## FEMA's Initial Response to the Colorado Flood

### What We Determined

The overall objective of this audit was to determine whether FEMA's initial response to the Colorado Flood was effective and efficient, and to evaluate FEMA's actions, resources, and authorities according to Federal regulations and FEMA guidelines in effect at the time of our fieldwork.

Our sub-objectives for this audit were to determine: (1) the major activities FEMA performed initially in response to the emergency and major disaster declaration, (2) the most significant challenges FEMA overcame (or mitigated) throughout the course of the initial response and recovery effort, (3) FEMA's disaster-related sourcing activities, and (4) FEMA's coordination with Federal, State, and local partners.

The audit covered FEMA's response and recovery activities and financial and disaster data for Disaster Number 4145-DR-CO for the period September 11, 2013, through February 5, 2014, or as of the date stated for the data presented.

We determined that FEMA provided an effective and efficient initial response to the Colorado Flood. FEMA quickly responded to the disaster, overcame a multitude of oftentimes significant challenges, engaged in a variety of successful disaster-related sourcing activities, and productively coordinated with its Federal, State, and local partners.

### What We Recommend

The report contains no recommendations; therefore, we consider it closed.

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