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H. R. 5807

To require an audit of the extent to which regional FEMA offices are able to support coordinated and integrated Federal preparedness, protection, response, recovery, and mitigation capabilities to respond to an act of terrorism or other incident, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 17, 2012

Ms. RICHARDSON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “FEMA Regional Office
5 Oversight Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITIES TO THE REGIONAL**
2 **OFFICES REVIEW.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Office of Inspector General
4 of the Department of Homeland Security shall audit how
5 all regional offices within the Federal Emergency Manage-
6 ment Agency are carrying out delegated authorities pursu-
7 ant to the Post-Katrina Emergency Management and Re-
8 form Act of 2006 and a memorandum executed in July
9 2009 by the Administrator.

10 (b) CONTENTS.—The audit shall assess, at a min-
11 imum, the following:

12 (1) The ability of each regional office to—

13 (A) support coordinated and integrated
14 Federal preparedness, protection, response, re-
15 covery, and mitigation capabilities to respond to
16 an act of terrorism or other incident within that
17 region;

18 (B) foster better dissemination of home-
19 land security information through better re-
20 gional operable and interoperable emergency
21 communications capabilities;

22 (C) effectively conducts ongoing oversight
23 of the use of grants made under sections 2002,
24 2003, and 2004 of the Homeland Security Act
25 of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 603, 604, and 605) and
26 funding within the region to promote greater

1 preparedness and response capabilities and pre-
2 vent waste and fraud;

3 (D) coordinate, on an ongoing basis, with
4 State, local, and tribal governments, emergency
5 response providers, and other appropriate enti-
6 ties to identify and address regional priorities;

7 (E) identify critical gaps in regional capa-
8 bilities to respond to populations with special
9 needs;

10 (F) conduct all procurements in a timely
11 and secure manner that prevents waste and
12 fraud and is consistent with Federal Emergency
13 Management Agency procurement policies and
14 programs; and

15 (G) engage in employment practices that
16 are consistent with Federal requirements and
17 are transparent, efficient, and ethical.

18 (2) The impact of the delegation of authorities
19 on the Administrator's ability to achieve consistency
20 throughout the regions.

21 (3) The adequacy of oversight by the Adminis-
22 trator of how the regions are executing the delegated
23 authorities and carrying out assigned responsibil-
24 ities.

1 (4) The impact of the delegation of authorities
2 on the Federal Emergency Management Agency and
3 specific regions to address Office of Inspector Gen-
4 eral and Comptroller General of the United States
5 recommendations in a timely manner.

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