



## **Appendix F. Membership and Roles of the Mitigation Team**



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For the 2014 Plan update, a Plan Development Committee was not convened. In its place, New Jersey Office of Emergency Management (NJOEM) contracted a planning consultant to facilitate and lead the planning process with the Mitigation Core Team (MCT) and State Hazard Mitigation Team (SHMT). In December 2012, the MCT membership was expanded and tasked with leading the development of the plan in conjunction with the State Hazard Mitigation Officer. The final draft Plan was reviewed by a Cross-Agency Leadership Team consisting of representatives of the Governor's Office, DEP and NJOEM.

The following table provides the MCT and SHMT representatives' affiliation or agency, their primary role and a summary of the contributions to plan development. All representatives on the MCT actively participated as members of the SHMT. Further, subject matter experts (SMEs) that actively participated in the planning process are also recognized in the table below. Table F-1 outlines the membership and roles of the New Jersey MCT, SHMT, and academia.



**Table F-1. Membership and Roles of the New Jersey Mitigation Core Team, State Hazard Mitigation Team and Subject Matter Experts**

Affiliation or Agency		MCT	SHMT	Cross-Agency Leadership Team	SME
Representative	Role in the Plan Development Process				
<b>Office of the Governor</b>					
Unnamed	Chair of the SHMT and authority on behalf of the Governor.		X		
<b>New Jersey State Police - Office of Emergency Management</b>					
A/SFC Michael Gallagher	Co-Chair of the SHMT, State Hazard Mitigation Officer and project manager for State Hazard Plan Development. Lead the MCT and SHMT meetings, supported data collection requests, overall project coordination. Liaison with FEMA Region II.	X	X	X	
Major P. Callahan A/Capt J. Geleta Lt. J. Milligan A/Lt J. Haidacher A/Sgt Brad Waugh	Attended and participated in MCT, SHMT, Cross-Agency Leadership Team meetings, and supported this planning project.	X	X	X	
Christopher Testa	Acting project manager of plan development; attended and participated in MCT and SHMT meetings; lead reviewer for Sections 2 (Planning Process), 3(Coordination of Local Planning), and 6 (Mitigation Strategy); provided information for all sections of the plan.	X	X	X	
Kathy Lear	Local mitigation plan reviews, outreach and education. Provided expertise in FMA/HMGP planning and projects; attended MCT and SHMT meetings.	X	X		
Thomas Rafferty	NJOEM Lead IT and GIS coordinator; attended and contributed to MCT and SHMT meetings; provided geospatial data for risk assessment, reviewed map template for plan, and provided information regarding the training unit.	X	X		X
Mike Augustyniak	Emergency Management Accreditation Program (EMAP) advisor; provided input on the hazard identification process; lead reviewer of Section 5.1 (Risk Assessment Overview) and Section 9 (Consequence Analysis).		X		X
A/Lt Len Nerbetski	Provided input on the hazard identification process; lead reviewer for human-caused hazards being reviewed by NJOEM.				X
<b>New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection</b>					
Michele Siekerka (Acting Deputy Commissioner)	Attended and participated in MCT, SHMT and Cross-Agency Leadership Team meetings; coordinated the review of the risk assessment for NJDEP.	X	X	X	X
Betty Boros and John Gray (Office of Deputy Commissioner)	Attended and participated in Cross-Agency Leadership Team meetings.			X	
Joseph Ruggeri (Flood Control, Dam Safety, Coastal Engineering)	Provided expertise in NFIP, floodplain mapping, flood mitigation projects, and dam safety; attended and participated in MCT and SHMT meetings; lead reviewer for dam safety, flood and repetitive loss strategy sections; coordinated NJDEP review of Section 5 (Hazard Risk Assessment); provided updated and new mitigation actions, capability assessment and technical information for inclusion throughout the plan.	X	X		X
John Kale and	Provided data for flood and dam failure risk assessments.	X			X



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Representative	Role in the Plan Development Process				
Kunal Patel (Bureau of Dam Safety and Flood Control)					
Michael Achey (Forest Fire)	Expertise in fire hazards, fire regulations and fire history; attended and participated in MCT and SHMT meetings; provided data for wildfire risk assessment; lead reviewer for the wildfire hazard; provided updated mitigation actions and capability assessment.	X	X		X
Karl Muessig (NJ Geological and Water Survey)	Technical expertise in earthquakes, landslides, and subsidence statewide; provided data for risk assessment; attended and participated in MCT and SHMT meetings; lead reviewer for drought, earthquake, landslide and geologic hazard sections; provided updated mitigation actions and capability assessments for NJGWS.	X	X		X
Robert Graff	Technical expertise in earthquakes, landslides, and subsidence statewide; provided data for risk assessment; attended and participated in MCT and SHMT meetings; lead reviewer for drought, earthquake, landslide and geologic hazard sections; provided updated mitigation actions and capability assessments for NJGWS.	X	X		X
Mitzi Kaiura (Division of Water Quality)	Provided critical facility data for risk assessment, attended SHMT meetings, and supported this mitigation planning project.				X
Matt Maffaei and Linda Doughty (Division of Water Supply & Geoscience)	Provided critical facility data for risk assessment, attended SHMT meetings, and supported this mitigation planning project.				X
<b>Department of Transportation</b>					
Noreen Cardinali	Section Chief, Planning and Recovery Branch, NJDOT OEM at NJ DOT; attended and participated in MCT and SHMT meetings; provided technical information for sections throughout the plan; provided new mitigation actions for NJDOT; provided updated capability assessments for the department.	X	X		X
<b>Office of the Attorney General</b>					
Gregory Spellmeyer and Bruce Solomon	Experts in NJ Statutes, regulations and legal review of plan; attended MCT and SHMT meetings; provided legal guidance throughout planning process.	X	X		X
<b>Department of Treasury</b>					
Jeffrey Burns	Expertise in grants, budget and management of critical facilities; attended and participated in MCT and SHMT meetings; provided updated capability assessment for the department.	X	X		
Steven Sagnip (Office of Management and Budget)	Attended and participated in MCT and SHMT meetings; provided the statewide Land and Building Asset Management database for the risk assessment; reviewed Section 5.1 (Risk Assessment Overview).	X	X		
<b>Rutgers University</b>					
David Robinson (State Climatologist – Office of the New Jersey State Climatologist) Mat Gerbush and Dan Zarrow	Provided expertise in weather-related hazards statewide; attended and participated in MCT and SHMT meetings; provided updated technical information for the risk assessment, new mitigation actions, and capability assessment; lead reviewer for the following sections: drought, hurricane, Nor’Easter, severe weather and severe winter weather. A website was established with data and mapping prepared for the Plan:	X	X		



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Representative	Role in the Plan Development Process				
	<a href="http://klimat.rutgers.edu/~zarrow/hmp2013/">http://klimat.rutgers.edu/~zarrow/hmp2013/</a>				
<b>Department of State</b>					
Daniel Kennedy (Office for Planning Advocacy)	Attended and participated in MCT and SHMT meetings, participated in sub-group to refine the plan maintenance strategy, lead reviewer of Sections 3 (Planning Process) and 4 (State Profile), and provided new mitigation actions and capability assessment.	X	X		X
Karl Hartkopf (Office for Planning Advocacy)	Acting Director of Research attended and participated in MCT and SHMT meetings, lead reviewer of Sections 3 (Planning Process) and 4 (State Profile), and provided new mitigation actions and capability assessment.	X	X		X
<b>Office of Information Technology</b>					
Douglas M. Schleifer and Karen Mitchell	Attended and participated in MCT and SHMT meetings, facilitated obtaining the LBAM database and geospatial data from OIT, provided new mitigation actions and capability assessment.	X	X		X
<b>Department of Agriculture</b>					
Jeffery Beach	Lead reviewer of animal disease and crop failure hazard sections, provided updated capability assessment, and supported this mitigation planning project.		X		X
<b>Department of Banking and Insurance</b>					
Richard O'Brien	Attended and participated in MCT and SHMT meetings, provided an updated capability assessment, and supported this mitigation planning project.		X		
<b>Department of Community Affairs</b>					
Kevin Luckie Michael Whelan	Attended and participated in MCT and SHMT meetings and supported this mitigation planning project.		X		
<b>Department of Education</b>					
James Palmer	Attended and participated in SHMT meetings, provided an updated capability assessment, and supported this mitigation planning project.		X		
<b>Board of Public Utilities</b>					
Dean Taklif	Attended and participated in SHMT meetings, lead reviewer for the power failure hazard section, provided updated capability assessment, and supported this mitigation planning project.		X		X
<b>Governor's Office of Recovery and Rebuilding</b>					
David Morris Erick Daleo Tomi-Anne Nolino Timothy Cunningham	Maintained communication with the planning consultant throughout the plan, provided information on Hurricane Sandy recovery efforts, and supported this mitigation planning project.		X	X	
<b>Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness</b>					
Steven Gutkin and	Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness are leading the THIRA effort for the State of New Jersey. Mr.		X		



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Representative	Role in the Plan Development Process				
Gene Haplea	Gutkin and Mr. Haplea attended SHMT meetings, provided critical facility data for the risk assessment, participated in the hazard identification process for the 2014 Plan update, and supported this mitigation planning project.				
<b>Department of Human Services</b>					
William Schaffer	Provided Hurricane Sandy related data and information				X
<b>Department of Health</b>					
Kevin Hayden and James Langenbach	Lead reviewer for human caused hazards and supported this planning project.				X
<b>New Jersey Transit</b>					
Sgt Michael Ciriello	Provided rail station information for the risk assessment and supported this mitigation planning project.				X
<b>Rutgers University</b>					
Dr. Hank Mayer and Jennifer Rovito (Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy)	Provided mitigation actions and supported this mitigation planning project.				X
Marjorie Kaplan, Jeanne Herb and Ken Miller (Climate Institute)	Subject-matter experts on climate change and sea level rise, and supported this mitigation planning project.				X
<b>The Richard Stockton College – Coastal Research Center</b>					
Dan Barone	Provided technical data and reports on the coastal erosion hazard, lead reviewer of the coastal erosion hazard section, and supported this mitigation planning project.				X
<b>Rowan University</b>					
Dr. John Hasse	Provided capability assessment and supported this mitigation planning project.				X
<b>Stevens Institute of Technology</b>					
Dr. Thomas Herrington	Provided capability assessment, provided information on long range resiliency, and supported this mitigation planning project.				X
<b>Jacques Cousteau National Estuarine Research Reserve</b>					
Lisa Auermuller	Provided data on the sea level rise hazard; provided capability assessment.				X
<b>Delaware River Basin Commission</b>					
Laura Tesseri	Invited to all SHMT meetings and supported this mitigation planning project.				X

MCT Mitigation Core Team  
 SHMT State Hazard Mitigation Team  
 SME Subject Matter Expert



For the draft plan review, the MCT identified subject-matter experts (SMEs) as first tier reviewers of the plan. These lead reviewers are listed in Table F-2 below. Please note the lead reviewer identified not only reviewed the section, but also distributed within their department or agency and compiled comments for incorporation. Once the first tier of review was complete, all plan sections were reviewed by the MCT and SHMT members along with the Governor’s Office for review. The lead reviewers listed in Table F-2 also reviewed all comments submitted during the second tier of review, determined which were to be addressed, and submitted for incorporation.

**Table F-2. Lead Agency Plan Reviewers**

Section	Agency	Lead Representative
Introduction	NJOEM	Chris Testa
Planning Process	NJDOS-OPA and NJOEM	Dan Kennedy and Chris Testa
Coordination of Local Planning	NJOEM	Chris Testa
State Profile	NJOPA	Dan Kennedy and Karl Hartkopf
Flood, Dam Failure	NJDEP	Joseph Ruggeri
Earthquake, Geologic Hazards	NJDEP	Karl Musseig
Drought, Severe Weather, Hurricane, Winter, Nor’Easter	Office of the State Climatologist	David Robinson
	NJDEP	Karl Musseig
Coastal Erosion	The Richard Stockton College	Dan Barone
	NJDEP	Karl Musseig
Wildfire	NJDEP	Michael Achy
Animal Disease Events, Crop Failure, Fishing Failure	Department of Agriculture	Jeffery Beach
	NJDEP	David Jenkins
Civil Unrest, Terrorism, Cyber Attack, Economic Collapse	NJOEM	Len Nerbetski
Hazardous Substances	NJDEP	Robert Van Fossen, Gary Pearson
Power Outages	BPU	Dean Taklif
	NJDEP	Steven Jenks
Pandemic	NJDOH	James Langenbach
	NJDEP	Steven Jenks
Nuclear	NJDOH	James Langenbach
	NJDEP	David Jenkins
Mitigation Strategy	NJOEM, NJOPA	Chris Testa
Plan Maintenance	NJOEM	Chris Testa
Repetitive Loss Strategy	NJ DEP	Joseph Ruggeri
Consequence Analysis	NJOEM	Michael Augustinyak
Plan Adoption	NJOEM	Chris Testa
Executive Summary	NJOEM	Chris Testa
Annexes and Appendices	NJOEM	Chris Testa

*Notes:*

*BPU* NJ Board of Public Utilities  
*NJDOH* NJ Department of Health  
*NJ* New Jersey

*NJDEP* NJ Department of Environmental Protection  
*NJOEM* NJ Office of Emergency Management  
*NJOPA* NJ Office of Planning Advocacy