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MEMORANDUM

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To: NWCG Committee Chairs
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National IC/AC Council Chair
Renee Beams, Geographic Area Training Representatives (GATRs) Chair

From: NWCG Chair *Arthur Bielebrun*

Date: September 27, 2012

Subject: Release of October 2012 Wildland Fire Qualification System Guide (PMS 310-1)

The October 2012 version of the Wildland Fire Qualification System Guide (PMS 310-1) has been released and is available for use by the interagency wildland fire community. The PMS 310-1 provides a cornerstone of our National Interagency Incident Management System by establishing minimum interagency qualification requirements for national mobilization of resources. This edition includes changes which are summarized in the Errata Sheet # 4 (see Attachment A).

The following significant changes have been incorporated during the current PMS 310-1 revision cycle:

- Addition of the Incident Contract Project Inspector (ICPI) position
- Addition of the Infrared Interpreter (IRIN) position
- Implementation of National Incident Management System (NIMS) training requirements by position.

The following Position Task Books (PTBs) have been formalized or updated during the current PMS 310-1 revision cycle:

- Incident Contract Project Inspector (ICPI) position
- Infrared Interpreter (IRIN) position
- Combined Fire Effects Monitor (FEMO) and Field Observer (FOBS).

Information regarding the use of the IRIN and ICPI positions is included in the transition plans located at: <http://www.nwcg.gov/pms/docs/docs.htm>. Position taskbooks are located at: <http://www.nwcg.gov/pms/taskbook/taskbook.htm>. These changes will be administered in the Incident Qualification and Certification System (IQCS) and the Incident Qualification System (IQS).

As identified in [NWCG#023-2011 Memorandum](#) (2011 Wildland Fire Qualification System Guide (PMS 310-1) and NIMS Wildland Fire Implementation), NIMS required training has been enforced for all responders participating in positions in the PMS 310-1 as of October 1, 2012.

The following should be noted in this process:

- The process of historical recognition has been utilized for all qualified NWCG responders for ICS courses.
- All responders are required to complete the appropriate Independent Study (IS) courses to be considered qualified for their current position. IS courses are available online at: <http://training.fema.gov/IS/crslist.asp?page=1>.
- The NIMS training requirements of ICS-100 and IS-700 have been added to all Technical Specialist positions administered in the Incident Qualification and Certification System (IQCS) and Incident Qualification System (IQS).
- All current and future trainees will be required to complete the NIMS training requirements (IS and ICS) identified for the position before being considered qualified.

It is important to familiarize yourself with the 2012 PMS 310-1 for a complete understanding of the revisions, and to insure this information is widely distributed within the interagency wildland fire community. The 2012 PMS 310-1 and associated transition plans can only be found on the NWCG website at: <http://www.nwcg.gov/pms/docs/docs.htm> and are not available through the Publication Management System in hard copy. If a hard copy is needed, individual users can download and print the documents as needed.

Please disseminate this information broadly through your communications networks within the wildland fire community.

Attachment A: PMS 310-1 Errata Sheet # 4

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