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Joseph F. Picciano: Acting Regional Director, Region 2

As the Acting Regional Director of FEMA's Region II Office in New York City, Joseph F. Picciano is responsible for the policy, direction, management and monitoring of all FEMA programs within New Jersey, New York, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Mr. Picciano has been with FEMA since the agency's inception in 1979, assigned to the New York Regional Office. He has served as the hazardous materials coordinator, the chairman of the Regional Advisory Committee for Radiological Emergency Preparedness, the deputy director of the Emergency Management and National Preparedness Division, an emergency analyst, director of the Natural and Technological Hazards Division, director of the Mitigation Division and deputy director of the Region II office.

Mr. Picciano has served in Presidentially-declared major disasters and emergency operations, including flooding disasters in Texas, California, New York and New Jersey; hurricanes in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands; and Hurricane Andrew. He was the recipient of a Meritorious Service Award for his service during the Virgin Islands Hurricane Hugo recovery operation. He has been appointed federal coordinating officer for a number of disaster operations, responsible for the coordination of all federal assets deployed for response and recovery.

Before joining FEMA, Mr. Picciano worked with engineering consultants in the fields of floodplain management, environmental planning and engineering. Mr. Picciano graduated from Newark College of Engineering in 1971 with a bachelor of science degree in Civil Engineering, and received a master's degree in Environmental Engineering from the New Jersey Institute of Technology in 1976.

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