

**NWCG CURRICULUM MANAGEMENT ISSUE PAPER #113  
REMOVAL OF MULTI-AGENCY COORDINATING (MAC) GROUP, M-480, COURSE  
March 28, 2014**

**BACKGROUND**

In August 2012 the Multi-Agency Coordinating (MAC) Group, M-480, course was analyzed by the NWCG Development Unit staff to determine whether the course should be revised. It is an 8 hour instructor led course certified in 2003.

**CURRENT STATUS**

The course is seldom offered in the geographic areas. The target audience varies from potential MAC Group members to Center Managers and Assistant Center Managers. It does not support any position in the PMS 310-1 and is not required training.


There is a FEMA course, IS-701, NIMS Multiagency Coordination System (MACS), which has similar objectives to M-480, but from a broader perspective than just fire. The FEMA 701 course is available for online or classroom delivery.

**RECOMMENDATION**

After consulting with the Geographic Area Training Representatives, the NMAC/GMAC Groups and the Operations and Workforce Development Committee, it is recommended that the Multi-Agency Coordinating (MAC) Group, M-480, course be removed from the NWCG curriculum.

**DECISION**

On March 26, 2014 the NWCG Executive Board concurred with the Training Committee's decision to remove M-480 from the NWCG curriculum and transition to the FEMA course. This course will be added to the list of courses to be removed October 1, 2014.

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**SIGNATURE**



**April 9, 2014**

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**NWCG Training Committee Chair**

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**Date**

cc: Chair, Operations and Workforce Development Committee  
Geographic Area Training Representatives  
IQCS and IQS Program Leads  
NMAC/GMAC Leads