



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Index to Photographs Relating to Disasters and Emergency Management Programs, Activities, and Officials, 1998 - 9/30/2008 Record Group 311

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1. What information is in these records?

This series consists of an electronic index encompassing item level identification and descriptive data for the 8,751 images in the headquarters digital photographic series. Information is organized in 13 fields, although there is not always data in every field for every image. Among the fields pivotal for citation and searching purposes are: the headquarters assigned image identification ("ID") number; the original file name; the narrative caption; the state, territory, or, foreign country where the image was taken ("Location"); the date when the photograph was originally captured ("Date Taken"); the name of the photographer; the agency-wide disaster designation number, where applicable, for the event photographed; and the classification term or phrase ("Category") applied to the image subject matter.

2. Why were these records created?

The agency developed this index to provide its headquarters and field offices, other government agencies, media organizations, and the general public with efficient electronic access to the headquarters compilation of images originating in digital form, and scanned versions of film-based images, on disaster history and the agency mission. The index was designed to furnish intellectual access to the images through its informational content.

3. How can I gain access to the photographs identified by the index?

The photos are tied to the index record in AAD. By clicking on the thumbnail sketch of the records, a browser size image will be displayed on your computer. As an additional option, full-size digital photograph files are available for download.

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