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**COMMITTEE ON STRENGTHENING THE DISASTER RESILIENCE OF ACADEMIC  
RESEARCH COMMUNITIES**

**SITE VISIT AGENDA**

**Thursday, July 14<sup>th</sup>  
8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

New York City Office of Emergency Management  
165 Cadman Plaza East  
Brooklyn, NY 11201

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The Committee on Strengthening the Disaster Resilience of Academic Research Communities will bring together representatives from academic research communities and other key stakeholders in open session to identify best practices and gaps in current mitigation and preparedness planning activities employed by researchers, institutions, and sponsors and to discuss potential future needs to close those gaps. Invited workshop speakers will be asked to present information about the impact of previous disasters on the academic research community, their professional experience during these events, existing tools to enhance academic research resilience, and potential future needs in this area.

Specifically, the objectives of the regional site visit will be to:

- Discuss further information about how the impacts of disasters on the academic research community informed mitigation priorities and strategies;
- Share best practices for researchers, academic institutions, and sponsors to effectively prepare for, withstand, and recover from disasters;
- Identify existing tools to enhance resilience for academic research communities; and
- Discuss potential actions that could address the specific challenges and barriers that adversely influence mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery for academic research communities.

8:30 a.m.      **Welcome, Introductions, and Workshop Objectives**

GEORGES BENJAMIN, *Committee Chair*  
Executive Director  
American Public Health Association

## **SESSION I: INDIVIDUAL RESEARCHER AND RESEARCH SPONSOR PANEL**

8:45 a.m.      **Individual Researcher and Research Sponsor Perspective Presentation**

JEFFREY BERGER

Associate Professor of Medicine (Cardiology and Hematology)  
Associate Professor of Surgery (Vascular Surgery)  
Director of Cardiovascular Thrombosis  
New York University School of Medicine

PAULA OLSIEWSKI

Program Director  
Alfred P. Sloan Foundation

9:15 a.m.      **Discussion**

## **SESSION II: ACADEMIC RESEARCH LEADERSHIP PANEL**

9:45 a.m.      **Academic Research Leadership Perspective Panel Presentations**

ODESSA GIARDINO

Head of Education and Quality Assurance for the Animal Resource Center  
Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center  
Weill Cornell Medical College of Cornell University

BARBARA O’SULLIVAN

Medical Director  
The Rockefeller University Hospital

AMY WILKERSON

Associate Vice President, Research Support  
The Rockefeller University

10:45 a.m.      **Discussion**

11:45 p.m.      **LUNCH**

## **SESSION III: ACADEMIC INSTITUTION PANEL**

12:30 p.m.      **Academic Institution Perspective Panel Presentations**

JAKE NEUFIELD

Enterprise Resiliency Manager  
Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center

HOWARD APSAN  
University Director, Environmental, Health, Safety, and Risk Management  
The City University of New York

JAMES CRANDALL  
Director of Environmental Health and Safety  
Weill Cornell Medical College of Cornell University

KATHLEEN CROWLEY  
Associate Vice President of Environmental Health and Safety  
Columbia University

1:30 p.m.      **Discussion**

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| <b>SESSION IV: ADDITIONAL PERSPECTIVES PANEL</b> |
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2:30 p.m.      **Additional Perspectives Panel Presentations**

IRA TANNANBAUM  
Assistant Commissioner for Public/Private Initiatives  
New York City Office of Emergency Management

SUSANNE DEROCHE  
Deputy Director Infrastructure Policy  
New York City Mayor's Office of Recovery and Resiliency

CELIA QUINN  
Executive Director of the Bureau of Healthcare System Readiness  
New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

3:30 p.m.      **Discussion**

4:30 p.m.      **Public Comment Period**

4:45 p.m.      **Closing Remarks**

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5:00 p.m.      **ADJOURN**