



ANNEX W Critical Infrastructure

I. PURPOSE

Critical infrastructure protection is a vital role in ensuring that all government and private services such as chemical plants, pipelines, Emergency Operations Centers, waste disposal, water treatment and distribution, and public utilities including both energy and telecommunications are secure and operational. These critical assets play a vital role in the continued operation of public and private sector services. Interruption of these services may occur briefly or for protracted periods, during an emergency or other disaster. Interruption of these services may degrade the community's ability to respond to a specific emergency incident or may cause a localized incident to escalate into a community wide disaster.

The objective of this Annex is to set a baseline for all major critical infrastructure facilities, which were identified in the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) Critical Infrastructure and Key Resources survey. The most recent update to the survey was submitted to GOHSEP on February 12, 2010, which required monitoring and protection from identified threats, and those agencies which would be contacted in an emergency to protect or maintain the critical facilities. In an emergency all critical infrastructure actions must be coordinated to eliminate any possibility of one critical infrastructure action having an adverse effect on another. All responsible public agency, emergency phone numbers, emergency control hierarchy and specific emergency response plan titles are listed in an attached annex.

II. SITUATION AND ASSUMPTIONS

This annex may be implemented any time an emergency has occurred which affects or threatens critical infrastructure assets. The threat potential or documented damage assessment information provide a basis and substantiation for requesting assistance and initiating response or increased monitoring activities.

III. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

- A. Based on a review of relevant Critical Infrastructure (CI) Emergency Response Plans to determine that conflicting operations are not likely to occur.
- B. At the beginning of any event identify and establish contact with each critical infrastructure's Point of Contact (POC) and their Secondary Contact.
- C. Keep in constant contact with designated POC to determine specific emergency response activities undertaken and their effect on other operational logs and report all actions relevant, to the Incident Commander and Emergency Operations Center Director.
- D. Take requests from POC for additional protection requirements and forward to the Incident Commander and Emergency Operations Center Director for prioritization and assignment of resources.



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IV. ORGANIZATION AND ASSIGNMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES

The East Baton Rouge Parish Mayor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness are responsible for Critical Infrastructure coordination as detailed in this Annex. Incident Commanders and the EOC will:

- A. Direct and coordinate the restoration and repair of critical facilities, delivery systems, and networks of both public and private sector entities in East Baton Rouge Parish during an emergency or disaster. This shall include demolition, rescue, repair, recovery and security as required by the specific incident.
- B. Coordinate with appropriate East Baton Rouge Parish personnel, other government, and private sector entities to provide necessary water, power, and telecommunications support for first responders and other emergency personnel during any identified or threatened emergency or disaster.
- C. Coordinate with appropriate East Baton Rouge Parish personnel, other government, and private sector entities to provide critical asset service sufficient to guarantee minimum levels of health and safety during any identified or threatened emergency or disaster.

V. DIRECTION AND CONTROL

- A. Critical Infrastructure is defined as:
 1. Water
 2. Wastewater
 3. Electricity
 4. Natural Gas/Propane
 5. Storm Drainage
 6. Roadways
 7. Communications
 8. Public Transportation Services including Aviation, Rail and Bus
 9. Fuels (gasoline and diesel)
 10. Pipelines
 11. Agriculture/Food
 12. Chemical Plants
- B. In responding to emergencies of any scope, East Baton Rouge Parish must have a plan that addresses four things concerning critical infrastructure assets:
 1. How to respond to a service disruption,
 2. How to provide back up service both to responders and the public at large to guarantee minimum levels of health and safety,
 3. How to reestablish service in a timely and safe manner.
 4. Requirements for additional security protection.



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VI. PLAN DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE

The East Baton Rouge Parish Mayor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (MOHSEP) will coordinate the revision of this annex and keep all information current. A meeting of Critical Infrastructure related emergency representatives will be held quarterly through the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Critical Infrastructure / Key Resources sub-committee to review this annex and update as necessary.