



PUBLIC WORKS & ENGINEERING

ESF # 3 Public Works and Engineering Annex as defined in the National Response Plan

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Note: This section of the plan contains no specific tactical information and simply outlines the procedures that could potentially be followed during a disaster or critical incident. All actions outlined in this plan may not necessarily be followed in every situation.

VANCE COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN Updated: January 13, 2009

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this section is to provide for essential public works services during an emergency/disaster to including solid waste disposal, water distribution, fleet maintenance and buildings and grounds.

II. SITUATION AND ASSUMPTIONS

A. Situation

1. Debris is a predictable consequence of disaster. The Public Works Department will be the lead agency for coordinating debris clearance.
2. Damage to utility distribution systems is a predictable consequence of disaster. City of Henderson Public Works/Public Utilities Department will be involved in the restoration of the water distribution system, while private sector resources are restoring electric and communications systems.
3. Vance County has identified landfill sites for debris removal and disposal.
4. Some municipalities within the County have limited public works capabilities.
5. Vance County has limited public works resources.

B. Assumptions

1. Vance County will require assistance from State agencies and other localities for significant debris removal and for utility restoration.
2. Municipal forces will require assistance from the State in clearing debris from town streets.
3. The county road system in Vance County is mostly State-owned and maintained;

therefore, North Carolina DOT will take a lead role in clearing roads and bridges following a major disaster.

III. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

- A. Priority debris clearance will be given to streets and to primary roadways to allow passage of emergency vehicles.
- B. Operations will request outside resources and manage the assignment of priorities for debris clearance.
- C. The County and the municipalities will keep individual records on debris clearance expenditures.
- D. Priority will be given to restoration of the public water systems damaged during disaster.
- E. Director of Public Works is responsible for securing buildings and maintaining generators for use in disasters.