



TAB A
OVERVIEW



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I. PURPOSE

- A. To provide organizational structure, guidance, and standards for a County-wide strategy to coordinate the clearing, removal and disposal of debris to mitigate any actual or potential threats to the health, safety, and/or welfare of the population within the impacted areas of the County following a major disaster.
- B. To provide a unified and coordinated approach for pre-event planning and post event debris response and recovery operations

II. SCOPE

- A. This Tab provides a coordinated response blueprint for County jurisdictions. To assist County jurisdictions expeditiously recover from a debris-generating event, the approach contained in this Tab is to outline Pre-Event Planning during Normal Operations, Pre-Event Preparation, Post-Event Response, and Post-Event Recovery.
- B. Provisions of this Tab shall be implemented to the degree necessary and required to coordinate the management of debris removal and disposal County-wide following a disaster. This Tab is not intended to replace established County jurisdictional emergency response plans and/or procedures.

III. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

- A. Pre-Event Planning Coordination – Normal Operations: Pre-event County-wide debris management planning coordination is accomplished through the County Debris Management Workgroup (DMW). Normal Operations is the period of time when the County is not in any serious threat of a disaster event. It is imperative to maintain a constant state of preparedness throughout Normal Operations by reviewing and updating this Tab. The purpose of the review is to ensure all partners with debris responsibilities maintain the capacity to fulfill their obligations in a timely and effective manner should a disaster strike the County. Once roles and responsibilities have been reviewed, updates to this Tab will be posted prior to hurricane season. The annual review/update of this Tab will include at a minimum:
 - 1. Review Debris Guidance from GEMA and FEMA: Rules and regulations dictating operational procedures change periodically; the information in the Tab should be updated annually to reflect such changes.



2. Update Primary Debris Contact Lists: The list of Primary Debris Contacts from County jurisdictions should be updated as required to reflect changes in personnel or contact information.
3. Review County Priorities
 - a. Road Clearing Priorities: Changes or updates relating to road segments and applicable maintenance responsibility among local, State and Federal agencies are critical for reimbursement through the PA Program and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Emergency Response Program. It is critical County jurisdictions review and update priority road clearing lists and maps annually. Updated and accurate priority road clearing lists and maps will assist in documenting debris clearing/removal operations and thereby assist County jurisdictions during the reimbursement process.
 - b. Critical Facility Restoration Priorities: Changes or updates relating to Critical Facilities identified by County jurisdictions are critical for reimbursement through the PA Program. Updated and accurate Critical Facilities lists and maps will assist in documenting debris clearing/removal operations and thereby assist County jurisdictions during the reimbursement process.
 - c. Review Pre-Position Debris Management Contracts: During times of normalcy, County jurisdictions should establish and maintain pre-position contracts for debris monitoring and debris removal services. The procurement of such services should be compliant with County jurisdictional procurement practices, and the procurement competition requirements specified in Code of Federal Regulations, Title 44, Emergency Management and Assistance (44 CFR), Part 13.36. For additional guidelines regarding procurement, see FEMA Fact Sheet RP9580.201, Debris Contracting Guidance.
4. Review Debris Management Site (DMS) Locations: Locations identified to serve as DMS following a debris-generating event should be approved by the local jurisdiction to ensure compliance with DMS location standards and local zoning laws. These sites should be reviewed annually to ensure they remain viable options for DMS operations. Likewise, additional DMS locations may be identified as the development and landscape of the County progresses over time.



5. Coordinate with local landfill operators to ensure they will be in operations following a disaster and to ensure capacity for debris from a large scale event.
6. Review/update County jurisdictional Debris Forecasts as required.

IV. AUTHORITIES

- A. This Tab is developed under the authority of the Chairman of the Board of the County Commission, Chatham County, Georgia; and the Director of the Chatham Emergency Management Agency (CEMA) Chatham County, Georgia.
- B. CEMA has primary responsibility for compliance with provisions for the County's Emergency Operations Plan (EOP); and is responsible for ensuring execution of the response activities outlined in this Tab and supporting documents.



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