

Northampton County Emergency Operations Plan

4.2 Resource Shortage

Purpose

The purpose of the Resource Shortage-Specific Annex is to establish how Northampton County will respond to a resource shortage. A resource or commodity shortage can affect the economic well-being of the area by increasing unemployment, reducing farm or industrial production, or adversely affecting travel and tourism.

Scope

This annex identifies the key policies, concepts of operations, roles and responsibilities, and capabilities related to resource shortages in Northampton County. Specific operating procedures and protocols are addressed in documents maintained by the participating organizations.

Potential operations include the following:

- Identifying resources to fulfill unmet needs
- Keeping the public abreast of the situation
- Implementing emergency assistance programs, as needed

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Resource Shortage	Roles/Tasks
Preparedness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify the minimum essential resources required to ensure the continued operation of critical facilities such as hospitals, public utilities, schools, etc. • Monitor the status of all essential resources to anticipate shortages. • Maintain liaison with fuel distributors, ESF #2 (Communications), ESF #12 (Energy), and local utility representatives. • Identify, quantify, and prioritize the supply of fuel and other resources needed to maintain essential services. • Coordinate with the electric power company, fuel oil distributors, etc.
Response – Initial Actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advise VDEM of the local situation. • Maintain liaison and exchange information with local resource suppliers. • Review and update procedures for providing resource and financial aid to individuals based on the specific type of shortage that is threatening. • In the event of a fuel shortage, establish procedures for local fuel suppliers/distributors to serve customers referred to them by local government.
Response – Continuing Actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mobilization Phase <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Implement local conservation measures and emergency management programs as directed by VDEM. – Keep the public fully informed. Issue alerts through the County PIO function. – Direct or request voluntary conservation, as appropriate. – Implement procedures for determination of need and for distribution of aid, whether in money or the commodity in short supply. – Begin to provide emergency assistance to individuals, as required. – Begin to maintain a record of all expenditures and continue to do so throughout emergency operations. – Review procedures for providing lodging and care for displaced persons. – Maintain contact and exchange information with major suppliers. Keep VDEM advised of the local situation. • Response Phase <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Make the public aware of the extent of the shortage, the need to conserve the resource in short supply, and the location and availability of emergency assistance. – Allocate available resources to ensure the maintenance of essential services. – Assist citizens having difficulty in obtaining scarce essential resources by referring them to local agencies that may have available supplies. – Enforce state and local government conservation programs. – Consider declaring a local emergency. – Petition the governor to declare an emergency when the shortage is so severe that local government cannot provide an adequate response.
Recovery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist as required.