

## **Damage Assessment**

Primary Agency	Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA)
Support Agencies	American Red Cross (ARC) Illinois Capital Development Board (CDB) Illinois Department on Aging (IDoA) Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) Illinois Department of Transportation–Highways (IDOT-H) Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA)

### **I. Introduction**

#### A. Purpose

The purpose of this Annex is to describe the system and operational policies for damage assessment.

#### B. Scope

The provisions set forth in this Annex specify the types of damage assessment conducted, the agencies involved with damage assessment, and the conditions under which damage assessments will be conducted.

### **II. Assumptions**

A. Local governments will determine the need to conduct an Initial Damage Assessment and report damages to IEMA.

B. State government will provide assistance to local governments, if requested.

C. The Initial Damage Assessment will be used by IEMA to determine the need for a Preliminary Damage Assessment.

### **III. Concept of Operations**

#### A. General

1. The local government will conduct an Initial Damage Assessment in the area affected, using forms provided by IEMA. This Initial Damage Assessment will gather information regarding damages to public and private property, major health and safety impacts to the affected areas, and will evaluate the need for state resources.

2. If the Initial Damage Assessment indicates local resources have been exhausted and state resources are necessary, the governor may proclaim a disaster or emergency exists in the affected area. The Governor's Proclamation allows state resources to be used to assist the affected area. IEMA is responsible for coordinating the allocation of state resources.
3. The governor may request a Preliminary Damage Assessment be conducted to determine if a request for federal assistance is warranted. Information collected during the Preliminary Damage Assessment may be used by the state as a basis for the governor's request for an emergency or major disaster declaration. Damage assessment teams are composed of at least one representative each of the federal and state governments and the local organization. IEMA will coordinate local participation in the Preliminary Damage Assessment.
4. During the Initial Damage Assessment and Preliminary Damage Assessment, damage to residences, businesses, and/or public entities will be assessed.
5. Local governments will provide staff to assist state and federal teams in locating and identifying damages and costs.

B. Notifications

1. Local governments will notify IEMA that an Initial Damage Assessment has occurred in their jurisdiction.
2. IEMA will notify the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) that an Initial Damage Assessment has been completed and the results warrant a request for a Preliminary Damage Assessment.
3. IEMA will advise local governments of the date(s) of the Preliminary Damage Assessment and will request local personnel to be available to assist the state/federal teams.

C. Operational Structure

1. Local governments will evaluate the damage within their jurisdiction. The local government will identify areas needing additional assistance. This information will be provided to the state.
2. The state will review the information provided by the local government and, if appropriate, will conduct a Preliminary Damage Assessment to determine if federal assistance should be requested.
3. If requested by the governor, FEMA will send teams to the affected areas

to conduct Preliminary Damage Assessments in coordination with local and state governments.

D. Federal Coordination

IEMA will coordinate with federal teams to conduct the Preliminary Damage Assessment. IEMA will arrange meeting locations and local government staff support for the teams.

## IV. Responsibilities

A. Primary Agency - Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA):

1. IEMA will provide assistance to local governments in surveying damage, if requested.
2. IEMA will provide Initial Damage Assessment forms and instructions.
3. IEMA will compile Initial Damage Assessment information submitted by local governments to determine the need for a Preliminary Damage Assessment.
4. IEMA will advise the Governor on the need for State Disaster Proclamations.
5. IEMA will request the Preliminary Damage Assessment and coordinate logistics for the Preliminary Damage Assessment with FEMA and local governments.
6. IEMA will inform support agencies of damage assessment activities and provide damage assessment information, as appropriate.
7. IEMA will coordinate public information activities related to damage assessment activities.

B. Support Agencies:

1. American Red Cross (ARC)

The ARC will provide ARC summary damage assessment data to IEMA.

2. Illinois Capital Development Board (CDB)

CDB will maintain and provide a list of qualified building inspectors and may participate in mobile support teams.

3. Illinois Department on Aging (IDoA)  
  
IDoA will report senior citizen issues in the impacted area.
4. Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS)  
  
IDHS will report mental health issues in the impacted area.
5. Illinois Department of Transportation–Highways (IDOT-H)  
  
IDOT-H may provide staff for the Public Assistance Preliminary Damage Assessment, as requested.
6. Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA)  
  
IEPA will assess and evaluate public water supply systems, publicly owned sewage collection and treatment systems, landfills, and other IEPA regulated sites in the impacted area.

## **V. Authorities**

- A. The Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (P.L.93-288, as amended)
- B. 44 CFR Part 206, Federal Disaster Assistance for Disasters Declared on or after November 23, 1988
- C. The Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act (20 ILCS 3305/)
- D. The Disaster Relief Act (15 ILCS 30/1-3)

## **VI. References**

- A. The Illinois Emergency Operations Plan (IEOP), as amended
- B. State of Illinois, Public Assistance Program Administrative Plan, as amended
- C. IEMA Directive/Standard Operating Procedure for Damage Assessment, 8/24/04