

## **Debris Removal**

Primary Agency	Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA)
Support Agencies	Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC) Illinois Department of Labor (IDOL) Illinois Department of Military Affairs (IDMA) Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) Illinois Department of Transportation-Highways (IDOT-H) Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

### **I. Introduction**

#### **A. Purpose**

The purpose of this Annex is to describe the overall concept for managing and conducting disaster related debris removal in the state of Illinois.

This Annex will identify the primary and supporting state agencies and their responsibilities relating to disaster related debris removal.

#### **B. Scope**

The provisions set forth in this Annex specify the means by which disaster related debris removal is managed and conducted.

### **II. Assumptions**

A. There will be disasters or emergencies in Illinois that will surpass the capabilities and resources of local agencies to recover.

B. State assistance may be required to supplement local resources to ensure an efficient recovery effort.

C. Debris removal may be an immediate concern following a disaster. Roadways and structures may need to be cleared to allow access to disaster victims and damaged areas.

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

#### **A. General**

1. The local government will initially handle debris removal based on the immediate need. Access to disaster areas and victims is the highest priority following a disaster.

2. A request for assistance will be made to the state if the local government determines that they do not have the resources needed to effectively handle debris removal.
3. The State Incident Response Center (SIRC) and the Unified Area Command (UAC) will be staffed with liaisons from various state agencies. These liaisons will assist in fulfilling requests for state debris removal assets.

**B. Notifications**

1. Local governments will notify IEMA when assistance is required for debris removal.
2. IEMA will notify the appropriate state agency for acquisition and deployment of personnel and equipment for debris removal.

**C. Operational Structure**

Deployment and use of state personnel and resources for the purpose of disaster recovery, such as debris removal, will be done through the Incident Command Structure (ICS) as required by the National Incident Management System (NIMS).

**D. Federal Coordination**

The state will coordinate debris removal activities with federal agencies involved in recovery efforts.

## **IV. Responsibilities**

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

1. IEMA is responsible for coordinating recovery operations for the state of Illinois.
2. IEMA is responsible for the Statewide Communications Interoperability Plan (SCIP).
3. IEMA will process requests for personnel and equipment relating to recovery operations.

B. Support Agencies

1. Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC)

- a. IDOC will provide and supervise offender labor, when available, for disaster related debris removal.
- b. IDOC will provide vehicles with operators for hauling materials and equipment.
- c. IDOC will provide officers to perform (limited duty) security for affected areas.

2. Illinois Department of Labor (IDOL)

IDOL will ensure emergency work is done in compliance with Illinois labor rates and standards.

3. Illinois Department of Military Affairs (IDMA)

When activated, IDMA will provide personnel and equipment for disaster related debris removal,.

4. Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR)

- a. IDNR will provide information on and assistance with disaster debris removal associated with natural resources in Illinois (i.e. state parks, lakes, etc.).
- b. IDNR will provide trucks, bulldozers, excavators, scrapers, and tractors that can be used for debris removal or infrastructure repairs.
- c. IDNR will provide chainsaws, generators and pumps that can be used for conducting debris removal.
- d. IDNR will provide police/security for recovery personnel at state natural resource sites following a disaster.

5. Illinois Department of Transportation-Highways (IDOT-H)

- a. IDOT-H will provide trucks, equipment, and personnel for disaster related debris removal.
- b. IDOT-H maintains a list of trucking firms that could be contracted to haul materials, equipment, and debris.

6. Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA)
  - a. IEPA will oversee the removal of hazardous material debris resulting from a disaster.
  - b. IEPA maintains contracts with commercial hazardous materials cleanup contractors for emergency response work.

## **V. Authorities**

- A. The Robert T. Stafford Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (P. L. 93-288, as amended)
- B. The Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act (20 ILCS 3305/)
- C. All IDOT authorities for emergency response and recovery related activities are derived from the IEMA Act.
- D. National Environmental Policy Act

## **VI. References**

- A. The Illinois Emergency Operations Plan (IEOP), as amended
- B. IDOT Emergency Operations Manual