



National Response Framework Update (Fourth Edition)

A lifeline provides indispensable service that enables the continuous operation of critical business and government functions, and is critical to human health and safety, or economic security.

Why a lifelines construct?

Decision-makers must rapidly determine the scope, complexity, and interdependent impacts of a disaster. Applying the lifelines construct allows decision-makers to:

- Prioritize, sequence, and focus response efforts towards maintaining or restoring the most critical services and infrastructure
- Utilize a common lexicon to facilitate unity of purpose across all stakeholders
- Promote a response that facilitates unity of purpose and better communication amongst the whole community (Federal, state, tribal, territorial, and local governments, and private sector and non-governmental entities)
- Clarify which components of the disaster are complex (multifaceted) and/or complicated (difficult), requiring cross-sector coordination

How will lifelines be used?

- Enhance the ability to gain, maintain, and communicate situational awareness for the whole community in responding to disasters
- Analyze impacts to the various lifelines and develop priority focus areas for each operational period during response
- Identify and communicate complex interdependencies to identify major limiting factors hindering stabilization
- Update the National Response Framework to reflect use of lifelines in response planning

What are the opportunities of lifelines?

- Enable a true unity of effort between government, non-governmental organizations, and the private sector, including infrastructure owners and operators
- Integrate preparedness efforts, existing plans, and identify unmet needs to better anticipate response requirements
- Refine reporting sources and products to enhance situational awareness, best determine capability gaps, and demonstrate progress towards stabilization

Lifelines



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Strategic Plan

Helping People. Together.

FEMA Mission: **Helping people before, during, and after disasters.**

STRATEGIC GOALS

I. BUILD A CULTURE OF PREPAREDNESS



II. READY THE NATION FOR CATASTROPHIC DISASTERS



III. REDUCE THE COMPLEXITY OF FEMA



OBJECTIVES



1.1 Incentivize investments that reduce risk, including pre-disaster mitigation, and reduce disaster costs at all levels



2.1 Organize the "BEST" (Build, Empower, Sustain, and Train) scalable and capable incident workforce



3.1 Streamline the disaster survivor and grantee experience



1.2 Close the insurance gap



2.2 Enhance intergovernmental coordination through FEMA Integration Teams



3.2 Mature the National Disaster Recovery Framework



1.3 Help people prepare for disasters



2.3 Posture FEMA and the whole community to provide life-saving and life-sustaining commodities, equipment, and personnel from all available sources



3.3 Develop innovative systems and business processes that enable FEMA's employees to rapidly and effectively deliver the agency's mission



1.4 Better learn from past disasters, improve continuously, and innovate



2.4 Improve continuity and resilient communications capabilities



3.4 Strengthen grants management, increase transparency, and improve data analytics

FEMA Vision:
A prepared and resilient Nation.



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