

# Appendix A

## Terms and Definitions

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Terms and definitions in the Federal Response Plan (FRP) generally are consistent with current terminology used in the emergency management community. A number of these terms are defined below. Others are defined in the Basic Plan and individual annexes. Many of these terms are cross-referenced in this appendix.

**Accountable Property.** See Logistics Management Support Annex.

**Action Plan.** See ESF #5.

**Aerial Port of Debarkation.** See ESF #9 (military synonym for point of arrival).

**Aerial Port of Embarkation.** See ESF #9 (military synonym for point of departure).

**After-Action Report.** See Occupational Safety and Health Support Annex.

**Agency Emergency Coordinator (AEC).** See ESF #8.

**Agency Logistics Center (ALC).** See Logistics Management Support Annex.

**Assembly Point.** A designated location for responders to meet, organize, and prepare their equipment prior to moving to the point of departure. Because emergency teams, organizations, and resources involved in a disaster or emergency can originate from a variety of geographic locations, each typically has its own Assembly Point.

**Asset Visibility.** See Logistics Management Support Annex.

**Assets.** See Logistics Management Support Annex.

**Atmospheric Release Advisory Capability (ARAC).** See ESF #8.

**Base Camp.** The designated location under State or local control within the disaster area that is equipped and staffed to provide sleeping facilities, food, water, and sanitary services to response personnel.

**Base Support Installation.** See ESF #9.

**Biological Agents.** See Terrorism Incident Annex.

**Casualty Collection Point (CCP).** See ESF #8.

**Catastrophic Disaster Response Group (CDRG).** See Basic Plan, pages 10 and 23.

**Chemical Agents.** See Terrorism Incident Annex.

**Civil Air Patrol (CAP).** See ESF #5.

**Civil Transportation Capacity.** See ESF #1.

**Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA).** See ESF #10.

**Congressional Affairs Representative (CAR).** See Congressional Affairs Support Annex.

**Congressional Relations Officer (CRO).** See Congressional Affairs Support Annex.

**Consequence Management.** See Terrorism Incident Annex.

**Contingency Plan.** See ESF #5.

**Credible Threat.** See Terrorism Incident Annex.

**Crisis Management.** See Terrorism Incident Annex.

**Defense Coordinating Officer (DCO).** See Basic Plan, page 15.

**Department of Homeland Security Voluntary Agency Liaison (VAL).** See Donations Management Support Annex.

**Designated Agency Safety and Health Official (DASHO).** See Occupational Safety and Health Support Annex.

**Designated Area.** The geographic area designated under a Presidential major disaster declaration that is eligible to receive disaster assistance in accordance with the provisions of the Stafford Act.

**Direct Federal Assistance.** Is provided to the affected State and local jurisdictions when they lack the resources to provide specific types of disaster assistance either because of the specialized nature of the assistance, or because of resource shortfalls (e.g., providing debris removal, potable water, emergency medical services, urban search and rescue).

**Disaster Field Office (DFO).** See Basic Plan, pages 15 and 19.

**Disaster Finance Center (DFC).** See Financial Management Support Annex.

**Disaster Information Systems Clearinghouse (DISC).** See Logistics Management Support Annex.

**Disaster Medical Assistance Team (DMAT).** See ESFs #1, #8, and #9.

**Disaster Mortuary Operational Response Team (DMORT).** See ESF #8.

**Disaster Recovery Center (DRC).** See Basic Plan, page 24, Occupational Safety and Health Support Annex, and Recovery Function Annex.

**Disaster Recovery Manager (DRM).** See Basic Plan, page 7, and Financial Management Support Annex.

**Disaster Response Support Facility (DRSF).** See Logistics Management Support Annex.

**Disaster Safety Officer (DSO).** See Occupational Safety and Health Support Annex.

**Disaster Transportation Management System (DTMS).** See ESF #1.

**District Response Group.** See ESF #10.

**Domestic Emergency Support Team (DEST).** See Terrorism Incident Annex.

**Donation Coordination Center.** See Donations Management Support Annex.

**Donations Coordination Team.** See Donations Management Support Annex.

**DOT Crisis Coordinator.** See ESF #1.

**Emergency Medical Response Team (EMRT), VA.** See ESF #8.

**Emergency Response Team (ERT).** See Basic Plan, pages 9, 18, and 19.

**Emergency Response Team — Advance Element (ERT-A).** See Basic Plan, page 18.

**Emergency Support Function (ESF).** See Basic Plan, pages 1, 5, and 13.

**Emergency Support Function Leaders Group (ESFLG).** See Basic Plan, page 30.

**Emergency Support Team (EST).** See Basic Plan, pages 10, 21, 22, 23, and 24.

**Emergency.** As defined in the Stafford Act, an emergency is any occasion or instance for which, in the determination of the President, Federal assistance is needed to supplement State and local efforts and capabilities to save lives and to protect property, public health, and safety, and includes emergencies other than natural disasters.

**Environmental Response Team.** See ESF #10.

**Essential Elements of Information (EEI).** See ESFs #3 and #5.

**Federal Coordinating Center (FCC), NDMS.** See ESF #8.

**Federal Coordinating Officer (FCO).** See Basic Plan, page 7.

**Federal Emergency Support Coordinator (FESC).** See ESF #7.

**Federal Operations Support.** Is available to DHS or other Federal responding agencies when they require logistical or technical support of their Federal operations — ESF activation, personnel for preparing damage survey reports, equipment, and supplies for DFO and DRC operations.

**Federal Radiological Monitoring and Assessment Center (FRMAC).** See ESF #8.

**Federally Arranged Transportation Support.** See ESF #1.

**Fire Suppression Support Coordinator.** See ESF #4.

**Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) Disaster Task Force.** See ESF #11.

**Functional Plan.** See ESF #5.

**Global Patient Movement Requirements Center (GPMRC).** See ESF #8.

**Goods.** See Donations Management Support Annex, Financial Management Support Annex, Logistics Management Support Annex, and Recovery Function Annex.

**Governor's Authorized Representative (GAR).** See Basic Plan, page 7.

**Hazardous Materials.** See ESF #3, #4, #5, #8, #9, and #10.

**Hazardous Substances.** See ESF #10.

**Homeland Security Center (HSC).** See ESF #8.

**Incident Command System (ICS).** See Basic Plan, page 11, and ESF #4.

**Incident Support Team (IST).** See ESF #9.

**Incident Support Team — Advance Element (IST-A).** See ESF #9.

**Information Coordination Unit (ICU).** See ESF #5.

**Initial Response Resources (IRR).** See Basic Plan, page 7 and Logistics Management Support Annex.

**In-Kind Donations.** See Donations Management Support Annex.

**Joint Information Center (JIC).** See Basic Plan, page 26, Congressional Affairs Support Annex, Public Affairs Support Annex, and Terrorism Incident Annex.

**Joint Operations Center (JOC).** See Terrorism Incident Annex.

**Lead Agency.** See Terrorism Incident Annex.

**Lead Federal Agency (LFA).** See Basic Plan, page 11.

**Logistics Information Management System (LIMS).** See Logistics Management Support Annex.

**Long-Range Management Plan.** See ESF #5.

**Major Disaster.** As defined under the Stafford Act, any natural catastrophe (including any hurricane, tornado, storm, high water, wind-driven water, tidal wave, tsunami, earthquake, volcanic eruption, landslide, mudslide, snowstorm, or drought), or, regardless of cause, any fire, flood, or explosion, in any part of the United States, which in the determination of the President causes damage of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant major disaster assistance under this Act to

supplement the efforts and available resources of States, local governments, and disaster relief organizations in alleviating the damage, loss, hardship, or suffering caused thereby.

**Management Support Team (MST), NDMS.** See ESF #8.

**Medical Emergency Radiological Response Team (MERRT), VA.** See ESF #8.

**Memorandum of Agreement (MOA).** See ESF #9.

**Mitigation.** Those activities designed to alleviate the effects of a major disaster or emergency or long-term activities to minimize the potentially adverse effects of future disaster in affected areas.

**Mobilization Center.** See ESF #9, Logistics Management Support Annex, and Occupational Safety and Health Support Annex.

**Monitoring Period.** See ESF #5.

**Movement Coordination Center (MCC).** See Basic Plan, page 24, and ESFs #1 and #9.

**National Disaster Medical System (NDMS).** See ESFs #8 and #9.

**National Disaster Medical System Operations Support Center (NDMSOSC).** See ESF #8.

**National Fire Suppression Liaison Officer.** See ESFs #4 and #8.

**National Interagency Coordination Center (NICC).** See ESFs #4 and #8.

**National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP).** See ESF #10.

**National Processing Service Center (NPSC).** See Recovery Function Annex.

**National Response Center.** See ESF #10.

**National Response Team (NRT).** See ESF #10.

**National Security Council (NSC).** See Terrorism Incident Annex.

**National Strike Force.** See ESF #10.

**National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (NVOAD).** See Donations Management Support Annex and Recovery Function Annex.

**Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).** See ESFs #5, #10, and #12.

**Nuclear Weapons.** See Terrorism Incident Annex.

**On-Scene Commander (OSC).** See Terrorism Incident Annex.

**On-Scene Coordinator (OSC).** See ESF #10.

**Operating Site.** See ESF #9.

**Operational Period.** See ESF #5.

**Patient Reporting Activity (PRA).** See ESF #8.

**Personal Property.** See Financial Management Support Annex, Logistics Management Support Annex, and Recovery Function Annex.

**Point of Arrival (POA).** The designated location (typically an airport) within or near the disaster-affected area where newly arriving staff, equipment, and supplies are initially directed. Upon arrival, personnel and other resources are dispatched to either the DFO, a mobilization center, a staging area, or directly to a disaster site. (See Aerial Port of Debarkation.)

**Point of Departure (POD).** The designated location (typically an airport) outside the disaster-affected area from which response personnel and resources will deploy to the disaster area. (See Aerial Port of Embarkation.)

**Preliminary Damage Assessment (PDA).** See Basic Plan, page 7.

**Presidential Decision Directive (PDD)-39.** See Terrorism Incident Annex.

**Primary Agency.** See Basic Plan, pages 1, 13, 15, and 29.

**Radiation Emergency Assistance Center/Training Site (REAC/TS).** See ESF #8.

**Radiological Assistance Program (RAP).** See ESF #8.

**Radiological Emergency Response Team.** See ESF #10.

**Reconstruction Information Center (RIC).** See Basic Plan, page 24, and Recovery Function Annex.

**Recovery.** Activities traditionally associated with providing Federal supplemental disaster relief assistance under a Presidential major disaster declaration. These activities usually begin within days after the event and continue after response activity ceases. Recovery includes individual and public assistance programs that provide temporary housing assistance, as well as grants and loans to eligible individuals and government entities to recover from the effects of a disaster.

**Regional Emergency Coordinator (REC).** See ESFs #2, #7, and #8.

**Regional Evacuation Point (REP).** See ESF #8.

**Regional Emergency Transportation Coordinator (RETCO).** See ESF #1.

**Regional Operations Center (ROC).** See Basic Plan, pages 17 and 18.

**Regional Response Teams (RRTs).** See ESF #10.

**Regional Support Team (RST).** See Basic Plan, page 17.

**Regional/Area Fire Coordinator.** See ESF #4.

**Requirements Processing.** See Logistics Management Support Annex.

**Resource Tracking.** See Logistics Management Support Annex.

**Resources.** See Logistics Management Support Annex.

**Response.** Activities to address the immediate and short-term effects of an emergency or disaster. Response includes immediate actions to save lives, protect property, and meet basic human needs. Based on the requirements of the situation, response assistance will be provided to an affected State under the FRP using a partial activation of selected ESFs or the full activation of all ESFs to meet the needs of the situation.

**Scientific Support Coordinator.** See ESF #10.

**Secretary's Command Center (SCC), HHS.** See ESF #8.

**Senior Department of Homeland Security Official.** See Terrorism Incident Annex.

**Situation Assessment.** See ESF #4, #5, #8, and #10.

**Situation Report (SITREP).** See ESFs #5 and #8.

**Situation Room.** See ESF #5.

**Staging Area.** See ESFs #9 and #11.

**State Coordinating Officer (SCO).** See Basic Plan, page 7.

**Status Briefing.** See ESF #5.

**Strategic Information and Operations Center (SIOC).** See Terrorism Incident Annex.

**Strategic Plan.** See ESF #5.

**Supervisor of Salvage and Diving (SUPSALV).** See ESF #10.

**Support Agency.** See Basic Plan, pages 13 and 29.

**System to Locate Survivors (STOLS).** See ESF #9.

**Technical Assistance.** Is provided to State and local jurisdictions when they have the resources but lack the knowledge and skills needed to perform a required activity (such as mobile-home park design and hazardous material assessments).

**Technical Operations.** See Terrorism Incident Annex.

**Territory Logistics Centers (TLCs).** See Logistics Management Support Annex.

**Terrorist Incident.** See Terrorism Incident Annex.

**Time-Phased Force and Deployment List (TPFDL).** ESF #1.

**Unaffiliated Volunteer.** See Donations Management Support Annex.

**Undesignated Goods.** See Donations Management Support Annex.

**Unsolicited Goods.** See Donations Management Support Annex.

**Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD).** See Donations Management Support Annex and Recovery Function Annex.

**Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD).** See Terrorism Incident Annex.