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MRPs for Energy Disasters? Yes, Please!

Power outages caused by extreme weather and natural disasters, deliberate attacks on energy substations, and propane shortages in some areas of the country - these are just a few energy-related events that states are facing.



Recognizing the increasing role of emergency management in supporting the response to and recovery from energy events, NEMA has been working with a subset of western states to facilitate the coordination and development of a **regional catastrophic fuel response framework** among state emergency management and energy offices. As part of that initiative, a number of states have developed **Mission Ready Packages (MRPs)** for resources to be deployed through the **Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC)**. EMAC is the nation's legal mechanism that allows states to share resources across state lines and provides important protections for deploying personnel. MRPs include in a single file all the information that's needed to conduct an EMAC mission, including personnel, equipment, commodities, travel, and more along with costs. Utilizing MRPs can significantly reduce the amount of time from request to deployment, and better prepare resource providers for reimbursement.

The western states collaborative, with technical assistance provided by Hagerty Consulting, developed three MRP templates: **Power Outage/Electricity Shortage Support**, **Natural Gas Shortage Event Support**, and **Liquid Fuels Shortage Support**. States then developed their own state specific MRPs and made them available through the EMAC Mutual Aid Support System (MASS). NEMA would like to commend Arizona, Montana, Nevada, Utah and Washington for completing their MRPs and making them accessible to any state looking for energy event response and recovery resources through EMAC. Oregon is also working on MRPs and NEMA hopes to add theirs to MASS in the near future. The EMAC energy MRP (templates are available to all resource providers).

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