FEMA Releases Public Works Resource Typing Definitions

Today, FEMA releases, for final publication and distribution, seven Public Works resource typing definitions. The guidance contained in these definitions provides a standardized set of criteria for use by the whole community when building, sustaining and cataloging resources; and when planning to deliver or delivering core capabilities through a national mutual aid network to achieve the National Preparedness Goal of a secure and resilient nation. The Public Works resource typing definitions are:

1. Damage Assessment, Repair and Start-Up Team – Water Production Facilities
2. Damage Assessment, Repair and Start-Up Team – Wastewater Treatment Facilities
3. Maintenance and Repair Team – Light Equipment Public Works
4. Damage Assessment, Repair and Start-Up Team – Wastewater Lift and Pump Station
5. Damage Assessment and Repair Team – Sewer Mains
6. Damage Assessment and Repair Team – Water Pump Facilities
7. Emergency Management Support Team – Water/Wastewater

FEMA developed these resource typing definitions in collaboration with emergency management and public safety practitioners, and subject matter experts. These stakeholders suggested guidance for specific overall functions, components, capabilities, and ordering specifications for these resources.

This guidance addresses standardized criteria for requests that are made under a variety of mutual aid scenarios from automatic aid to mutual aid provided through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) during declared disasters.

This guidance aligns with the National Incident Management System (NIMS) to provide a common and standard understanding about the tools and resources needed to sustain, build, and deliver the core capabilities necessary to achieve the National Preparedness Goal. For more information on the NIMS and its implementation, visit FEMA’s NIMS website.

Questions can be submitted to the National Integration Center through e-mail at: FEMA-NIMS@fema.dhs.gov or by telephone: (202) 646-3850.

This effort is part of the National Preparedness System and continues the implementation of the National Incident Management System (NIMS), a process that organizes the tools and resources needed promote unity of effort and achieve the National Preparedness Goal. For more information on national preparedness efforts, visit FEMA’s National Preparedness website.