

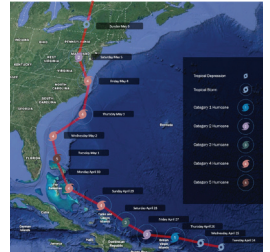
National Level Exercise 2018

FACT SHEET FOR PRIVATE SECTOR AND INFRASTRUCTURE SECTOR PARTNERS

OVERVIEW AND SCENARIO

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) leads national-level exercises every two years. National Level Exercise (NLE) 2018 will examine the ability of all levels of government, private industry, and nongovernmental organizations to protect against, respond to, and recover from a major Mid-Atlantic hurricane. The functional and full-scale portions of NLE 2018 will occur in the first two weeks of May, focused on themes identified from ongoing real-world continuous improvement efforts from Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria last fall. This provides a well-timed opportunity to apply lessons in advance of the 2018 Atlantic hurricane season, which begins on June 1.

The scenario involves a major hurricane that makes landfall near Hampton Roads, Virginia, causing severe damage to residences, businesses, and critical infrastructure throughout the Mid-Atlantic. The scenario will include power outages and cascading effects, including impacts to communications, transportation, water/wastewater, and hospital systems.



NATIONAL-LEVEL OBJECTIVES

01 PRE-LANDFALL PROTECTIVE ACTIONS




02 SUSTAINED RESPONSE IN PARALLEL WITH RECOVERY PLANNING



03 CONTINUITY IN A NATURAL DISASTER



04 POWER OUTAGES AND CRITICAL INTER-DEPENDENCIES



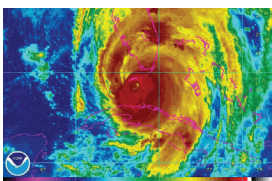
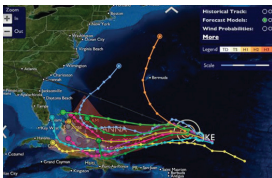
CAPABILITIES AND OBJECTIVES

Private and infrastructure sector participants will focus on testing the following capabilities during NLE 2018:

- **Information Sharing:** Test the use of a benchmarking system to self-assess information sharing situational capabilities based on the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Incident Management Information Sharing (IMIS) Capability Maturity Model (CMM), as well as the ability to provide updates to the community regarding the status of operations.
- **Request, Acquisition, and Movement of Resources:** Test the ability to identify and coordinate delivery of resources from private-to-government, government-to-private, and private-to-private requests, as well as the ability to transport resources through waivers and exemptions.
- **Business Emergency Operations Center (BEOC) Capabilities:** NLE 2018 will test and evaluate the coordination capabilities of State, Regional, and National BEOCs.

Private sector participants are invited to set their own exercise objectives as they align to one of the following three categories:

- **Organization-Led:** The objective is specific to what an individual company or organization wishes to achieve during the exercise.
- **Market-Segment:** The objective is specific to a group of organizations or companies, such as small businesses, telecommunications companies, healthcare networks, or electric utilities.
- **Cross-Sector:** The objective is specific to a group of market segments or sectors and aligned to interdependencies between those markets and/or sectors.



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HOW TO PARTICIPATE

There are many ways to participate in NLE 2018 and become better prepared for hurricanes. If your organization is vulnerable to hurricanes, it is important that you understand your risk, develop a preparedness and mitigation plan, and take action. Doing so will not only increase the safety of employees and customers, but will help you remain in business after disasters strike. Maintaining business continuity is important. When you are able to continue operations after a disaster, you also improve your community's ability to recover.



PARTICIPATE IN NATIONAL LEVEL EXERCISE 2018

Over 200 organizations, including all levels of government, private businesses, and nonprofit organizations, will **participate in NLE 2018 between April 30 and May 11, 2018**. Participation options are available for all levels of play and businesses of all sizes. Businesses can also participate through National, Regional, and State Business Emergency Operations Centers. Contact nle@fema.dhs.gov for more information on participating in NLE 2018.



CONDUCT AN EXERCISE INTERNAL TO YOUR BUSINESS

Conduct an exercise on your own using the **NLE 2018 Exercise Starter Kit**, available to **PrepToolkit** account holders. This starter kit is an "exercise in a box," and includes exercise templates, a sample scenario, discussion questions, and scene-setting videos to help your business prepare for hurricanes. Visit <https://preptoolkit.fema.gov/web/em-toolkits/nle-2018> to access these resources.



GET YOUR BUSINESS HURRICANE READY

Significant portions of the United States are at risk for the effects of tropical storms and hurricanes. It is important that organizations throughout the country, including associations, businesses, and community groups, understand the risks and potential impacts and prepare accordingly. The **Hurricane Ready Business Toolkit** allows businesses to take action to protect employees, protect customers, and help ensure business continuity for hurricanes and tropical storms. Visit www.ready.gov/business for more information.



JOIN THE NATIONAL BUSINESS EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER

The **National Business Emergency Operations Center (NBEEOC)** is FEMA's virtual clearinghouse for two-way information sharing between public and private sector stakeholders in preparing for, responding to, or recovering from disasters. Participation in the NBEEOC is completely voluntary and open to all members of the private sector with a national footprint. Email nbeoc@fema.dhs.gov for more information on joining.



SPREAD THE PREPAREDNESS MESSAGE WITH YOUR EMPLOYEES AND CUSTOMERS

Help spread the word to your employees and customers. Share hurricane preparedness resources like our **How to Get Involved** fact sheet, which explains how to get alerts, insure property, strengthen your financial preparedness, and more. Visit www.fema.gov/nle to download hurricane preparedness materials and resources.

WHEN TO PARTICIPATE

The functional and full-scale portions of NLE 2018 will occur between April 30 and May 11, 2018.

Private sector participants should focus their play on NBEEOC calls and during targeted private sector play May 7-9. Participants from the infrastructure sector are encouraged to focus their play on May 8.

NLE 2018 Functional Exercise Conduct												
KEY	Mon 4/30	Tue 5/1	Wed 5/2	Thu 5/3	Fri 5/4	Sat 5/5	Sun 5/6	Mon 5/7	Tue 5/8	Wed 5/9	Thu 5/10	Fri 5/11
Hurricane Landfall												
NBEEOC Calls												
Targeted Private Sector Play												
Targeted Infrastructure / Utility Play												



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