ESF Coordinator: Loudoun Cooperative Extension

Primary Agency: Loudoun Cooperative Extension

Section: Operations

Support Agencies:
Department of Animal Services
Department of Building and Development
Loudoun County Health Department
Environmental Health Services

Branch: Infrastructure

Group: Agriculture and Natural Resources

INTRODUCTION

Purpose

Emergency Support Function (ESF)-11 Agriculture and Natural Resources provides guidance and direction to designated agencies responsible for assessing and protecting the viability of the commercial food supply, agriculture, and natural resources.

Scope

ESF-11 Agriculture and Natural Resources coordinates the resources necessary to assess and protect the viability of the commercial food supply, agriculture, and natural resources during a significant event. Activities within the scope of ESF-11 functions include: assesses damage to agricultural resources; ensures safety and security of the food supply; responds to animal and plant disease outbreaks; and coordinates protective actions associated with natural, cultural, and historic resources.

For the purpose of this document, bulk food or commodity distribution is coordinated through ESF-7 Logistics Management and Resource Support.

Relevant Laws, Statutes, Plans, and Policies

- Loudoun County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Policies and Procedures Guide
ESF Planning Assumptions

- There is no direct tie between traditional damage assessment and agricultural damage assessment. Timelines, forms, and reporting requirements will be different.
- Coordination with many non-traditional regional, state, and federal agencies may become necessary for certain natural, cultural, or historic resources.

**Organization**

ESF Responsibilities

- Reports to and takes direction from the Infrastructure Branch Director.
- Provides informational updates to the Planning Section.
- Develops plans, policies, and procedures necessary to resolve agriculture and natural resources issues during the significant event.
- Documents information and actions related to agriculture and natural resources missions and assignments.
- Utilizes current methods and procedures to process requests for assistance.
- Submits a detailed record of costs and expenditures to the Finance and Administration Section.

Agency Roles and Responsibilities

**Loudoun Cooperative Extension (LCE)**

- The agency recognized with ESF coordination. Loudoun Cooperative Extension is responsible for overall ESF leadership and coordination associated with agriculture and natural resources during a significant event. Emergency operational policies and procedures developed by Loudoun Cooperative Extension provide the framework for carrying out these activities.

**Department of Animal Services (AS)**

- Provides personnel, equipment, and resources to assist with animal disease outbreaks.

**Department of Building and Development (DBD)**

- Serves as the agency with primary responsibility for protecting, managing, and monitoring natural, environmental, and cultural resources.
Loudoun County Health Department (LCHD)
Environmental Health Services

▷ Serves as the agency with primary responsibility for conducting food safety inspections in establishments impacted by the significant event.

**MISSIONS AND ASSIGNMENTS**

**Mission 1:** Coordinates the resources necessary to assess and protect the viability of the commercial food supply, agriculture, and natural resources during a significant event.

- **Assignment 1-1:** Identifies, prioritizes, procures, and allocates available resources to protect the commercial food supply, cultural, and natural resources.
- **Assignment 1-2:** Considers future (in the subsequent 12 to 24-hour period) resource requirements and conveys to EOC leadership.

**Mission 2:** Assesses damage to agricultural resources assessments and documents, analyzes, and reports results.

- **Assignment 2-1:** Conducts assessments on all damaged crops and agricultural facilities.

**Mission 3:** Ensures safety and security of the food supply.

- **Assignment 3-1:** Coordinates with ESF-13 Law Enforcement to ensure adequate security of the commercial food supply.
- **Assignment 3-2:** Conducts food safety inspections in establishments impacted by a significant event.

**Mission 4:** Responds to animal and plant disease outbreaks.

- **Assignment 4-1:** Inspects, verifies, and reports the presence of animal or plant disease outbreak with significant economic ramifications.

**Mission 5:** Coordinates protective actions associated with natural, cultural, and historic resources

- **Assignment 5-1:** Manages and protects natural and cultural resources impacted by a significant event.
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