



Regional Post-Disaster Phased Re-Entry Plan

May 24, 2011



Regional Post-Disaster Phased Re-Entry Plan Standard Operating Procedure

Purpose. The purpose of this Standard Operating Procedure is to facilitate the public's safety and security in the event of a natural or man-made disaster where an official Emergency Declaration has been made and remains in effect. This process has been coordinated and agreed upon by all Parish and Municipal governments in Orleans, Jefferson, Plaquemines and St. Bernard (UASI Region 1) under a Memorandum of Agreement. Maintaining public safety and ensuring a rapid economic recovery of the area through a coordinated return to normalcy is the ultimate goal of these procedures.

Overview of the Plan. This plan provides a tiered, sequenced plan for repopulating the Region in the aftermath of a catastrophic disaster resulting in significant degradation to the Region's ability to provide a safe and secure environment for its residents. The plan is only activated when large areas of one or more parishes in the Region have suffered a natural or man-made event or incident catastrophic disaster that affects all or some portion of a parish or Region and results in significant damage to infrastructure and the ability to sustain human services. The Governor of the State or a Chief Executive of one or more of the participating parishes must have declared a State of Emergency and ordered a Mandatory Evacuation. Under these conditions, the ability of residents to return to their homes may be delayed until environmental conditions have improved to the extent that parish governments can reasonably assure public safety, the availability of utilities, and access to life support commodities.

The Placard System. The Regional re-entry Placard system is divided into a series of tiers based on the contribution or capability of agencies, organizations, businesses to reestablish safety, security, and viability of damaged areas. There are four Tiers in the plan: Emergency Response, Tier 1, 2, and 3.

Emergency Response includes Federal, State, and Local Fire, Police, EMS, and Medical personnel, emergency management, Active and Reserve military forces, Urban Search & Rescue Teams, Animal Rescue, logistics and transportation support, government contractors, and any other critical, pre-designated public safety contractors, agencies and organizations invited or authorized by the Chief Executive or Homeland Security Director of a participating parish.

Tier 1 includes Federal State, and local agencies and those who provide critical services to the government and public agencies such as: government contractors, and their subcontractors who provide critical services to parish and municipal governments and other public agencies and primary critical infrastructure and major utility companies and their pre-designated sub-contractors who restore electricity, natural gas, and potable water service. Also included are volunteer rescue and response organizations, and certain private business and industry disaster assessment teams so long as they remain on site and are self-sustaining/securing.

Tier 2 is for major employers or businesses that are essential to the return of residents and the City's economic viability such as financial institutions, maritime operations companies, wholesale food suppliers, bulk fuel distributors, manufacturing companies (fragile inventory, designated hazardous waste facility, world-wide distribution, multiple-parish service area, etc.),

building supply companies, other businesses determined, non emergency healthcare providers, medical supply companies, security companies and other businesses as determined by the Mayor to be essential to the return of residents and/or to the economic vitality of the parish.

Regional. Some Tier 1 and 2 Placards may also bear the letter “R.” The letter “R” indicates that the placard holder because of the nature of the business is authorized to move between multiple business locations in the participating Parishes that make up the New Orleans UASI Region.

Tier 3 Should circumstances require, the Chef Executive or Homeland Security Director of a parish may choose to implement a Tier 3 for all other business and residents not included in Tier 1 and 2. Tier 3 re-entry is based on possession of an official Louisiana Driver’s License or Identification Card with owners’ Postal ZIP Code and, in the case of owners of retail or personal service businesses, a valid business license. Tier 3 includes accountants, apparel sales, appliance sales & service, automotive sales, services, and/or parts, banking, broadcasting, church, cleaners, cleaning specialist, computer sales and service, construction services, contractor, financial services, food service, garbage/waste, gasoline stations, non-essential government agencies, healthcare, home improvement, hospitality, industrial supplies, insurance, attorneys, retail pharmaceutical stores, real estate, restaurants, retail groceries, storage, towing, and transportation.

Approved re-entry Access Identification. Tier 1 and 2 access is identified by possession of a unique serial numbers tamper-proof dashboard placard issued by the participating parishes. In all cases, all occupants of vehicles entering the affected areas of the City under a Tier 1 or 2 placard must also have government issued personal identification and, for approved business employees, identification issued by the same employer identified on the placard.

Re-entry Placard Application. The New Orleans UASI Region has purchased a centrally managed, regionally accessible, secure, online software that provides an efficient means whereby each member parish can receive re-entry placard applications, validate information against parish records, correspond with applicants, and provide re-entry decision support tools to administrators. The software provides the four UASI Parishes with an independent ability to electronically accept re-entry placard applications and evaluate them for approval against existing databases in a manner that is transparent to the user.

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Date: 3/24/11

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SAMPLE PLACARDS

OFFICIAL
RE-ENTRY
AUTHORIZATION

Bearer allowed temporary and controlled access to the affected area pursuant to all conditions and controls imposed by the Parish President/Mayor, the Chief Law Enforcement Officer of the affected jurisdiction, and any other law enforcement agency in control of the affected area. Those permitted to enter the affected area do so willingly and knowingly assume any and all risks associated with access to a disaster area.

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