

## Capability Standards – Economic and Community Recovery, Structural Damage Assessment, and Restoration of Lifelines

**Economic and Community Recovery** is the capability to implement short- and long-term recovery and mitigation processes after an incident. This will include identifying the extent of damage caused by an incident, conducting thorough post-event assessments and determining and providing the support needed for recovery and restoration activities to minimize future loss from a similar event.

**Structural Damage Assessment** is the capability to conduct damage and safety assessments of civil, commercial, and residential infrastructure and to perform structural inspections, and mitigation activities.

The capability includes being able to provide contractor management, construction management, cost estimating, technical assistance, and other engineering services to support and manage response and recovery operations.

**Restoration of Lifelines** is the capability to initiate and sustain restoration activities. This includes facilitating the repair/replacement of infrastructure for oil, gas, electric, telecommunications, drinking water, wastewater, and transportation services.

**Associated Target Capabilities:** [Economic and Community Recovery](#), [Restoration of Lifelines](#) and [Structural Damage Assessment](#). Additional information on building this capability can be found on pages 557 (Restoration of Lifelines), 567 (Economic and Community Recovery) and 545 (Structural Damage Assessment) of the U.S Department of Homeland Security’s September 2007 document: *Target Capabilities List: A Companion to the National Preparedness Guidelines*.

**Desired Outcomes** – The economic impact of the incident is estimated; priorities are set for recovery activities; business disruption is minimized; and individuals and families are provided with appropriate levels and types of relief with minimal delay. Lifelines to undertake sustainable emergency response and recovery activities are established. Accurate situation needs and damage assessments occur. The full range of engineering, building inspection, and enforcement services are implemented, managed, and coordinated in a way that maximizes the use of resources, aids emergency response, implements recovery operations, and restores the affected area to pre-event conditions. Mitigation projects to lessen the impact of similar future events are identified and prioritized. Lifelines to undertake sustainable emergency response and recovery activities are established.

**The jurisdiction has created and maintains an Emergency Operations Plan and a Resource Manual that:**

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- Describes the coordination mechanisms and requirements for post-incident assessments, plans, and activities.
  - Describes the methods of identifying long-term recovery needs of special needs populations and incorporating these needs into recovery strategies.
  - Describes the methods of identifying long-term environmental restoration issues.
  - Describes the method of coordination with animal welfare and agricultural stakeholders and service providers in long-term community recovery efforts.

Comments and Notes:

**A fully-functioning Recovery capability for emergency response operations includes:**

- The jurisdiction's recovery response operations have been established, are maintained in EOP/SOP/SOG, and addresses the following elements:
  - The jurisdiction's individual and public assistance program coordination function is established and is maintained in EOP/SOP/SOG.
  - The jurisdiction has designated coordinator of the Individual & Public Assistance Programs.
  - The jurisdiction has developed/disseminated IA/PA information to the necessary recipients.
  - The jurisdiction has coordinated disaster housing assistance programs.

Comments and Notes:

**Capability Assessment - Economic and Community Recovery**

- 1 2 3 4 5 The jurisdiction has engaged an integrated team to develop this capability.
- 1 2 3 4 5 The jurisdiction has developed an integrated plan for this capability.
- 1 2 3 4 5 The jurisdiction has identified the hazards/threats that would necessitate the application of this capability.
- 1 2 3 4 5 The jurisdiction's local responders have the necessary training to effectively carry out this capability.
- 1 2 3 4 5 The jurisdiction has access to the necessary resources to effectively carry out this capability (either local or identified through MOUs).

- 1 2 3 4 5      The jurisdiction's local responders have received the necessary training to be able to carry out this capability.
- 1 2 3 4 5      The jurisdiction's local responders have the expertise to carry out this capability.
- 1 2 3 4 5      The jurisdiction has tested this capability within the last year through exercise or activation.

**Scale Key:**

- 1- The jurisdiction has not started to develop this measure.
- 2- The jurisdiction has started to develop this measure, but we are not far along in the process.
- 3- The jurisdiction has developed this measure, but it needs to be improved.
- 4- The jurisdiction has fully developed this measure.
- 5- The jurisdiction has fully developed and tested this measure.