

Illinois Emergency Operations Plan

Annex 10 – Damage Assessment

Appendix 1 – Illinois Damage Assessment Teams (I-DAT)

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Appendix 10- X1, Illinois – Damage Assessment Teams (I-DAT)

Primary Agency:	Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA)
Support Agencies:	None
Support Organizations:	American Red Cross (Red Cross) Illinois Emergency Services Management Association (IESMA)
Other Agencies & Organizations:	County and Municipal Governments, Private Sector Organizations and Industry

I. Introduction

A. Purpose

1. Provide operational guidance, coordinating processes and strategies for implementation of state damage assessment teams (I-DAT).

B. Scope

1. This appendix addresses support of damage assessment through the utilization of state agencies and mobile support teams.
2. This appendix addresses the damage assessment process when needed by the Local Authority Having Jurisdictions (AHJ).
3. This appendix does not address response and long-term recovery and assistance programs.
4. The use of state lands and properties for I-DAT operations is addressed in IEOP Annex 9, Resource Management.

C. Policy

1. The governor or designee will authorize and direct the use of state resources to provide support and assistance to response and recovery efforts after consideration of priority and cost.
2. Local AHJs have the primary responsibility for conducting initial damage assessments.



3. Local AHJs and private sector organizations must be engaged in response and recovery prior to the approval of state support.
4. The State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) Manager will approve and direct the use of I-DAT resources.
 - a) I-DAT configuration will be determined by the SEOC based on scope and magnitude of the incident, state capability and capacity, and operational priorities.
 - b) I-DAT may be augmented using state recognized mobile support teams, private sector entities and non-governmental organizations (NGO).

D. Situation Overview

1. An incident has occurred resulting in significant damage to critical infrastructure, private residences or public property.
2. Local AHJs have requested assistance in conducting damage assessments.

E. Assumptions

1. Impacted areas are accessible.
2. Damage assessment information will be provided by a variety of sources.
3. Damage assessment information provided will require confirmation.
4. Mutual aid assistance will be available.
5. Just-in-time training (JITT) will be required.
6. State damage assessment operations will not be dependent on federal response posture.
7. Based on the request for assistance, I-DAT may be tasked with collecting information for an individual assistance damage assessment, a public assistance damage assessment, a rapid needs assessment, or any combination of assessments.

II. Concept of Operations

A. General

1. Requests for assistance in conducting damage assessments will be



directed through the SEOC.

2. SEOC liaisons (LNO) will identify situational considerations affecting I-DAT operations.
3. I-DAT operations will follow recognized and identified standards and practices.
4. Operations conducted by I-DATs are implemented and sustained through existing command, control, coordination and communications processes.
5. I-DAT support is based on resource availability, capability and prioritization of effort.
6. I-DAT shortfalls will be met through activation of additional assets, mobile support teams and emergency management assistance teams (EMAT), as approved by the SEOC.
7. I-DAT personnel will be trained to the assigned mission and be made aware of the potential risks involved.
8. Implementation of I-DATs is contingent upon safe and secure access to impact areas.

B. Operational Priorities for Damage Assessment

1. Damage assessment priorities will be determined based on the scope and magnitude of the incident, geographical locations, resource availability and environmental conditions affecting accessibility for I-DATs.
2. Additional impact areas will be identified and included in operations as part of the ongoing process of damage assessment.
3. The SEOC Manager will work with the State Disaster Recovery Coordinator to assist with damage assessment.

C. Organization

1. Direction, Coordination and Control
 - a) Responding organizations retain operational control of their resources owned or obtained.
 - b) The governor or designee has the authority to exercise overall coordination of resources belonging to the state.



- c) The SEOC is the single point of coordination for state supported damage assessment.
 - d) Implementation of I-DATs will be coordinated between the SEOC Manager and State Disaster Recovery Coordinator based on the phase of operations.
 - 2. Coordinating Elements
 - a) Line of Effort (LOE)– Damage Assessment will be activated at the direction of the SEOC Manager.
 - i) Strategic and operational guidance on LOE operations can be found in IEOP Base Plan-A4, Lines of Effort (LOE) Coordination and Management.
 - b) For the purposes of damage assessment operations and situational awareness, the SEOC Manager and State Disaster Recovery Coordinator will coordinate with local AHJs, private sector entities and Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD).
 - 3. Federal Coordination
 - a) SEOC liaison officers (LNOs) and state agencies, boards and commissions will coordinate with their federal counterparts in accordance with enabling authority to collect, receive, compile and develop situational reports on damage impacts.
- D. System Capabilities and Structure
 - 1. The SEOC utilizes pre-identified resources for the delivery of assistance, regardless of the type of operation.
 - 2. The SEOC will formulate strategy, develop plans and utilize immediately available resources, including state agency personnel and mobile support teams to conduct damage assessment.
 - 3. The SEOC is responsible for ensuring the alignment of damage assessment operations with AHJ efforts, private sector entities and federal activities.
 - 4. State employees are the primary source of personnel for I-DAT operations.
 - a) State personnel may be augmented by mobile support teams



having met specialized training requirements and approved for deployment by the SEOC Manager.

- b) Specific roles, responsibilities and acceptable training for I- DAT personnel are defined in IEOP Annex 10-X1-A1, I-DAT Typing.

E. Resource Management and Logistics

- 1. Resources and logistics support necessary to implement and sustain damage assessment will be provided through processes established in IEOP Annex 9, Resource Management and Logistics.
- 2. Local governments and private sector organizations must be capable of providing timely, accurate and actionable intelligence to support damage assessment.

III. Roles and Responsibilities

A. Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA)

1. SEOC Manager

- a) Authorize and direct the use of state resources and coordinate actions of SEOC LNOs to complete rapid needs assessment (RNA) using resources in impact areas.
- b) Coordinate with IEMA regional office staff to receive RNA information for situational awareness.
- c) Request that the State Disaster Recovery Coordinator and staff report to the SEOC.
- d) Coordinate with the State Disaster Recovery Coordinator to determine the need for notification and activation of LOE – Damage Assessment.
- e) Coordinate with GIS SEOC LNO to ensure maps, visual aids and displays are developed to guide situational awareness.
- f) Coordinate with the SEOC private sector LNO to develop and disseminate updates, briefings and intelligence to private sector entities.
- g) Upon Business Emergency Operations Center (BEOC) activation, coordinate situational awareness and information exchange with the BEOC LNO.



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- h) Coordinate with the SEOC Statewide Terrorism and Intelligence Center (STIC) LNO for coordination and deconfliction of disaster intelligence.
 - i) Coordinate with the State Disaster Recovery coordinator to determine the need for activation of I-DAT.
 - j) Activate resource and coordinate LOEs.
 - k) Ensure coordination of damage assessment processes between the State Disaster Recovery Coordinator, SEOC private sector LNO, EMAT and the Red Cross LNO.
 - l) Coordinate and disseminate public information, crisis communications and educational messaging with the SEOC public information officer (PIO) and Red Cross PIO.
 - m) Coordinate with the State Disaster Recovery Coordinator to establish and maintain briefing schedules and stakeholder participation requirements for implementation of I-DAT operations.
2. State Disaster Recovery Coordinator
- a) Assist with the integration of recovery personnel into the SEOC.
 - b) Coordinate receipt of RNA information from SEOC LNOs.
 - c) Compile, analyze, track, record and disseminate damage assessment information.
 - d) Coordinate the development of maps, visual aids and displays to guide situational awareness.
 - e) Coordinate with IEMA Regional Office Staff to collect damage assessment information.
 - f) Coordinate with the SEOC private sector LNO to develop and disseminate updates, briefings and intelligence to the private sector.
 - g) Upon BEOC activation, coordinate with the BEOC LNO to ensure situational awareness and information exchange.
 - h) Coordinate state supported damage assessment processes and implementation between the BEOC LNO, EMAT and the Red Cross



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- i) Determine the need for notification and activation of LOE – Damage Assessment.
- j) Coordinate with SEOC Manager to determine the need for notification and activation of I-DAT.
- k) Prepare reports and supportive documentation on damage assessment information.
- l) Coordinate and disseminate public information, crisis communications and educational messaging with the SEOC PIO and Red Cross PIO.

3. SEOC Public Information Officer

- a) Serve as the single point of public information, crisis communications and rumor control for the state.
- b) Coordinate with the SEOC Manager, State Disaster Recovery Coordinator and SEOC Red Cross LNO on damage assessment information and messaging.
- c) Coordinate with SEOC agency PIOs, key decision makers, executive officials, local and federal government agencies and media organizations to develop and disseminate public information, crisis communications and educational messaging.

4. Business Emergency Operations Center (BEOC)

- a) Coordinate with the SEOC Manager and State Disaster Recovery Coordinator to ensure situational awareness and information exchange between the private sector and the state.
- b) Coordinate with the SEOC PIO and Red Cross LNO on damage assessment information and messaging to be sent to private sector entities.

B. American Red Cross (Red Cross)

- 1. Coordinate damage assessment operations with the SEOC and federal agencies as appropriate.
- 2. Coordinate collection, receipt, compilation and dissemination of situational reports, maps, visual aids and displays regarding damage



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assessment activities to the SEOC.

3. Disseminate situational reports regarding state and local damage assessment activities to the Red Cross disaster operation.
4. Deconflict damage assessment information with the SEOC and other sources.
5. Coordinate state support to Red Cross damage assessment operations.

C. Illinois Emergency Services Management Association (IESMA)

1. Coordinate with the SEOC Manager and State Disaster Recovery Coordinator to determine the need for additional staffing in support of I-DAT operations.
2. Coordinate with the SEOC Manager and State Disaster Recovery Coordinator on LOE – Damage Assessment, I-DAT operations and I-DAT requirements.
3. Serve as the LOE – Damage Assessment coordinator.
4. Collect damage assessment data to provide to the SEOC for the development of maps, visual aids, displays, and other situation awareness tools necessary to guide LOE – Damage Assessment and I-DAT operations.
5. Identify sustainment requirements for I-DAT.
6. Compile, analyze, track, record and disseminate damage assessment information.
7. Prepare reports and supportive documentation regarding damage assessment.

D. Other Agencies and Organizations: General Considerations

1. Be prepared to provide resources, as necessary, for administrative processes and implementation of I-DAT operations.
2. Be prepared to provide resources necessary to disseminate maps, visual aids and situational reports on impact areas and priorities.

IV. Authorities and References

A. Authorities



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1. Title 44, Chapter I of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Emergency Management and Assistance.

B. References

1. Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 5121 et seq.
2. National Response Framework (NRF), as amended.
3. National Disaster Recovery Framework (NDRF), as amended.
4. FEMA Damage Assessment Operations Manual, as amended.
5. Public Assistance Preliminary Damage Assessment Manual, as amended.
6. IS-559: Local Damage Assessment, as amended.