

Emergency Response and Planning Checklist for Water Systems

Elements of a Complete Risk & Resilience Assessment and Emergency Response Plan for Community Water Systems Serving Over 3,300 People [PWS Name, #41-0000] [Date]							
Risk and Resilience Assessment Elements	Required by AWIA	Required by Oregon	Complete? Yes No				
Risks to the system from malevolent acts or natural hazards	Х	Х					
Resilience and security of water system infrastructures such as pipes, constructed conveyances, physical barriers, source water, intakes, pre-treatment, treatment, storage, and distribution facilities, electronic computer, network, or other automated systems	х	х					
Monitoring practices	Х	Х					
Financial infrastructure (such as business continuity or rate setting)	х	Х					
The use, storage, or handling of chemicals	Х	Х					
Operations and maintenance of system	Х	Х					
Evaluation of capital and operational needs for risk & resilience management for the system	х						
Systems must review the assessment to determine if updates are needed at least once every 5 years	х	Х					
System must certify that the risk and resilience assessment is complete	Х						
Emergency Response Plan Elements	Required by AWIA	Required by Oregon	Complete? Yes No				
Incorporate findings from the risk & resilience assessment	Х	Х					
Strategies and resources to improve physical and cyber security and resilience of the system	х	Х					
Actions, equipment, plans, and procedures that can be used to lessen impact of an emergency, including how to isolate parts of the water system (if applicable)	Х	Х					
Actions, equipment, plans, and procedures that can be used to lessen impact of an emergency, including the process for emergency disinfection	Х	Х					

Actions, equipment, plans, and procedures that can be used to lessen impact of an emergency, including the process for				
issuing a water advisory and procedure for responding to	Х	Х		
waterborne disease outbreak				
Response procedures for events involving high-risk				
contaminant sources or activities as identified in the water				
system's source water assessment within a one-year time-of-		Х		
travel for wells or zone 1 for springs for				
groundwater sources with a delineated drinking water source				
Area (II applicable)				
Response procedures for events involving high-lisk				
system's source water assessment within a 500 ft, radius of a		x		
aroundwater well spring or infiltration gallery without a		~		
delineated drinking water source area (if applicable)				
Response procedures for events involving high-risk				
contaminant sources or activities as identified in the water				
system's source water assessment within an eight-hour time-				
of-travel or an area within the eight-hour time-of-travel that		Х		
captures high risk sources based on sensitive area				
information in the source water assessment for surface water				
sources (if applicable)				
Provisions for auxiliary power and redundant equipment for		v		
critical components		^		
Identify and develop plans for alternative drinking water	V	V		
sources and supplies	^	^		
Develop plans for water rationing		x		
		X		
Develop a plan for emergency provision of water		X		
Identify strategies that will aid in the detection of malevolent	Х	х		
acts or natural hazards		~		
Describe communications and authority used by water		x		
system staff		Λ		
Coordinate with local emergency planning committees when	x	x		
preparing or revising plans	Л	X		
Identify decision-making authorities and responsibilities for		Y		
staff		~		
Procedure for notification of government agencies,		Y		
customers, and local media		^		
Develop and maintain a list of institutional customers that		V		
serve vulnerable populations		^	_	_
Systems must review the emergency response plan to	V	V		
determine if updates are needed at least once every 5 years	Ň	X		
System must certify that the emergency response plan is	V			

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		Complete?	
Emergency Response Plan Elements	Yes	No	
Must include response procedures for reasonably anticipated emergencies			
Plan for physical security measures			
Procedures for isolating parts of the water system, emergency disinfection and process for			
issuing water advisories to customers	ļ		
Response procedures and process for issuing water advisories to customers in the event of loss of electrical power			
Response procedures and process for issuing water advisories to customers in the event			
of a loss of pressure in the distribution system			
Response procedures and process for issuing water advisories to customers in the event			
of a disruption or failure of disinfection or other treatment systems			
Response procedures and process for issuing water advisories to customers in the event			
of a detection of E. coli bacteria or another contaminant exceeding the MCL			
If computer networks, or automated control or monitoring systems are utilized by the			
system, implement cybersecurity measures such as establishing a password policy based			
on current cybersecurity standards			
If computer networks, or automated control or monitoring systems are utilized by the			
system, implement cybersecurity measures such as creating a software update plan			
If computer networks, or automated control or monitoring systems are utilized by the			
system, implement cybersecurity measures such as monitoring suspicious activity			
If computer networks, or automated control or monitoring systems are utilized by the			
system, implement cybersecurity measures such as installing and updating antivirus or			
anti-malware software			
Coordinate with local emergency management agencies in the event of an emergency			
that overwhelms water system staff's ability to respond			

Additional Resources

- DWS Emergency Preparedness and Planning web page with resources for water systems <u>https://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/HEALTHYENVIRONMENTS/DRINKINGWATER/PREPAREDNESS/Pages/emergency.aspx</u>
- <u>EPA's AWIA requirements for community water systems serving over 3,300 people</u> includes resources on developing a risk and resilience assessment and developing an emergency response plan