



APPENDIX 1 TO EMERGENCY SUPPORT FUNCTION #8 NATIONAL DISASTER MEDICAL SYSTEM ACTIVATION PROCEDURES

PRIMARY AGENCIES:

State: Division of Emergency Management

Federal: Federal Emergency Management Agency

A. ACTIVATION

In emergencies/disasters requiring federal health and medical assistance, activation of the National Disaster Medical System (NDMS) may be requested by the Director, ADEM, after consultation with and the concurrence of the Governor.

B. ACTIVATION REQUEST PROCEDURES

All requests for NDMS activation will be made by the Director, ADEM, to FEMA's National Emergency Coordination Center (NECC). The NECC is staffed on a 24-hour basis.

C. INFORMATION REQUIREMENT FOR SYSTEM ACTIVATION

Before an official request for assistance and activation of the NDMS, local government will provide the Director, ADEM, or his/her designee with the following information:

1. The location of the incident where assistance is being requested;
2. A description of the incident and the resultant health/medical problems; and
3. A description of the assistance required (i.e., medical assistance teams, medical supplies/equipment, aeromedical evacuation, acute hospital care, etc.).

D. ACTIONS TAKEN FOLLOWING INITIAL REQUEST

All requests for NDMS assistance will be immediately transmitted to an NDMS Duty Officer, who will take action to validate the request and arrange for activation of the appropriate elements. Confirmation of the activation of the NDMS will be made by telephone to the requesting official or his/her designee. Instructions regarding direct communications with the National Disaster Medical Operations Support Center (NDMOSC) will be provided at the time of confirmation of NDMS activation.

E. FEDERAL COORDINATING CENTERS

Luke Air Force Base, Glendale and the Tucson VA Medical Center have been established as Federal Coordinating Centers for the NDMS program.