



HAZARD-SPECIFIC ANNEX F
DROUGHT

Primary Agency: OCD, GWA

Supporting Agency: GFD, DOAG, GEPA, DPW, GNG, ML

I. Purpose

The purpose of this annex is to provide an outline of activities that would be implemented when a Drought emergency is declared. This annex establishes a format that identifies actions that must be taken in as a drought year is predicted, and actions that are taken as the condition is realized.

Preparation first, but prepare to respond.

- Water conservation
- Grassland Fire awareness
- MOU agreements with other jurisdictions

Weekly meetings will be required to coordinate activities and functions

II. Situation and Assumptions

A. Situation

Drought conditions usually follow El Nino or wet years. As annual rainfall precipitation rates drop, the Western Pacific experiences prolonged periods when the island experiences drought conditions.

B. Assumptions

The greatest threat surrounding conditions of drought are grass or wild-land fires and low water tables in reservoirs and subterranean aquifers. The vulnerability to the people and property in Guam is 100%. Therefore, the entire population, public and private, must prepare for the event so that response to its aftermath can be coordinated efficiently and effectively.

III. Concept of Operations

The Office of Civil Defense (OCD), along with Guam Waterworks Authority (GWA), will keep the Office of the Governor informed so that appropriate actions can be taken to minimize the effect on the Guam residents, businesses and commerce.

OCD and GWA will coordinate the monitoring and tracking of events that will result in a drought condition or the possibility of a drought condition. The OCD will establish a Workgroup from appropriate Government of Guam, federal, and military Response Agencies, which will meet on a periodic basis to develop a Plan of Action which can be presented to the Governor for his approval.

The Plan of Action will address preparations and conservation measures that can be taken as the drought becomes more evident. Elements of the Plan of Action will include, but not limited to:

- Water Conservation
- Grassland Fire Awareness
- MOUs with other agencies and jurisdictions
- Public Service Announcements and Instructions to the residents
- Notification to DHS/FEMA

After the Plan of Action as been approved by the Governor, OCD will convene the Workgroup to meet on a weekly basis, or as the situation dictates, to coordinate activities and functions identified in the Plan of Action.

IV. Organization and Assignment of Responsibilities

A. Organization

The OCD will coordinate the Response Agencies comprising of the Drought Workgroup, establishing work-sessions, meeting schedules and implementation of the Plan of Action as the situation dictates. The Drought Workgroup will meet at the EOC and remain activated at the Governor's pleasure.

B. Assignment of Responsibilities

The Response Agencies participating in the Drought Workgroup will include but not be limited to: OCD, GFD, DOAG, GEPA, DPW, GNG, ML, GWA MCOG.

V. Administration and Logistics

Upon the activation of Response Agencies the Department of Administration (DOA) will manage and track all emergency related expenses. DOA will establish accounts when required to accommodate expenditures and activities through deactivation of the effort.

The General Services Administration (GSA) will provide the logistics to source, acquire and distribute all materials and resources. Along with the Office of Civil Defense, GSA will oversee the Distribution and Supply of materials and resources required.

VI. Plan Development and Maintenance

The Administrator of the Office of Civil Defense will be responsible for the maintenance and revision of this annex

The Office of Civil Defense will review plans and meet with the Response Agencies comprising the Drought Workgroup on a periodic basis. Updates and revisions to the Annex will be made accordingly.

VII. Direction and Control

All issues of policy, coordination of operations and the direction and control of preparation and response efforts rests with the Office of Civil Defense. All Response Agencies will, by their activation, coordinate activities within the structure and organization of the Operations Section.

VIII. Authorities and References

A. Authorities

This plan is issued under the authority of, and in accordance with the provisions of the Guam Civil Defense Act of 1951, and supersedes the Territorial Emergency Plan of October 1978. References governing the enactment and implementation of this are:

- The Organic Act of Guam, as amended and related statutes, Chapter 8A-Guam-Title-48 U.S.C.A. 1422
- Public Law 93-288, Disaster Relief Act of 1974
- Guam Government Code 8501-8515, (Public Law 1-21)
- Guam Government Code 62020
- Executive Order of the Governor 91-09, dated March 25, 1991.
- Guam Government Code 40400

B. References

The following publications/planning documents were utilized in formulating this Plan:

- The Federal Response Plan (9230.1 PL, FEMA)
- Guide for All-Hazard Emergency Operations Planning (SLG 101, FEMA)

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