

DC Resilience Workshop Briefing

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DC's hazard mitigation planning and emergency preparedness efforts

Highlight severe weather risks:

Power Outages



Flooding



Public Preparedness



Public Alerting with protective actions



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Where all-hazards planning can also enhance severe weather resilience:

- I. Identify functions that could become inoperable during severe weather and/or all hazard events.
- II. Encourage and educate the public and private sectors the importance of having a resilience plan.
- III. Practice and rehearse the plans.



Thoughts on long term resilience planning

HSEMA's thinking on climate change impacts (Global Warming):

- I. The Global warming situation is a concern to HSEMA since it could present mass flooding from heavy rain or snow fall which could result into power, water and energy outages. The planning situation for HSEMA is that we plan for the worst case incident to allow adjustments to the plan depending on the incident that occurs.

- II. The HSEMA has started proactive planning for Global Warming incidents. A Hazard Vulnerability Assessment (HVA) was conducted for the city covering all wards. An Executive Summary, along with Ward-Specific Fact Sheets are being prepared for distribution to the general public. They summarize the community risks and provide protective action measures.



Publications

- I. Washington DC - District Response Plan
- II. Washington DC - 2012 Heat Emergency Plan
- III. Washington DC - Shelter-In-Place Guide
- IV. Be Ready DC - Family Emergency Preparedness Guide
- V. It's A Disaster Guide
- VI. Washington DC - Security Guidance for Commercial Buildings Guide

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