

WILSON COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN DEBRIS DISPOSAL

I. PURPOSE

This section outlines procedures for disposal and containment of debris in the event an emergency/disaster situation results in wide spread debris (downed trees, building materials, etc.).

II. SITUATION AND ASSUMPTIONS

A. Situation

1. The Wilson County Landfill is the only site in Wilson County presently approved for solid waste disposal (construction and demolition, white goods, tree debris)
2. A private contractor maintains and operates a transfer station for household waste.

B. Assumptions

1. In an emergency/disaster situation, large amounts of debris may be produced. This debris will need to be disposed of properly.
2. Depending on location of heavily damaged areas, temporary landfills may need to be opened to store certain types of debris until disposal can be achieved.
3. In the event of an emergency/disaster, Wilson County may need to be granted a variance in state burning regulations in order to dispose of certain types of debris.

III. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

- A. The Wilson County Solid Waste Director is responsible for solid waste management in Wilson County. He/she will direct the flow of debris disposal within the County during an emergency/disaster situation.
- B. The Solid Waste Director will direct other agencies (DOT, Forestry Service, private contractors, etc.), as to locations for temporary storage of debris.
- C. The Solid Waste Director will work in conjunction with the Health Department in the event that waste products become a threat to the health and welfare of the community.
- D. All debris removed to landfill sites will not be disposed of until after being viewed by Federal Damage Assessment personnel to facilitate reimbursement of removal and disposal costs.

IV. TEMPORARY LANDFILL SITES

- A. In the event that debris is wide spread, the Solid Waste Director, in conjunction with state regulations, may need to locate temporary landfill sites to store debris such as trees, branches, and building materials.

- B. When disaster conditions permit, and an estimate can be made as to the amount of debris to be contained, temporary landfill sites will be selected and activated.
- C. Temporary landfill sites should be selected in regards to distance from the damaged areas, access to the site, and types of debris to be contained.
- D. Information will be publicized as to the location of the temporary landfill sites and as to what type of material will be accepted at each site.

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