

The Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) and Its Application for Public Health Emergency Response and Recovery Operations

Satellite Conference and Live Webcast

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Adopted by each of the fifty states, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, the District of Columbia and ratified by Congress (Public Law 104-321), the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) is an interstate mutual-aid agreement that provides a system and process for sharing of personnel, equipment, and other resources among states during emergencies and disasters. EMAC has traditionally been used by states for National Guard, firefighting, and other types of emergency management assistance. Recently, however, it was used with much success during the 2005 hurricane season to provide public health and environmental health assistance.

This broadcast will provide an introduction to EMAC – its organization, processes, and procedures. The presenters will also discuss how EMAC was used to provide public health and environmental health emergency response assistance during the 2005 hurricane season and how it can be used to mitigate resource shortfalls in future disasters. Finally, other key mutual-aid agreements will be briefly highlighted.

Program Objectives:

1. Summarize EMAC and its key features and characteristics.
2. Identify the primary benefits and challenges of using EMAC.
3. Explain specific examples of how EMAC was used for public health and environmental health emergency response during the 2005 hurricane season.
4. List several other intrastate, interstate, and international mutual-aid agreements.

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Conference Details:

Target Audience: Emergency management professionals; public health professionals; environmental health professionals; and other federal, state, local, territorial and tribal professionals with emergency response roles and responsibilities.

Registration: www.adph.org/alphntn

CEUs: None for this program

Satellite Technical Information: Ku & C bands

Webcast Access: On the day of the program, go to www.adph.org/alphntn and click on the “view webcast” link.

Conference Materials: Posted on ADPH website approximately one week before the program.

PROGRAM FORMAT:

You are invited to join an in-depth question and answer session hosted by Joshua Klapow, PhD from the South Central Center for Public Health Preparedness. Dr. Klapow will interview leading public health professionals from around the country, and your questions will be answered live as they are received throughout the broadcast.

The content of the discussions will be determined by you!

For a preview of the program format, visit:

www.adph.org/alphntn and click the Preparedness Video Link.

You can email your questions in advance to: alphntnquestions@adph.state.al.us

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