

Self-Assessment for Jurisdictional Readiness to Manage Hospital Generator Failures During a Power Outage (Developed by Disaster Safety Strategies, www.disastersafetystrategies.com)

This assessment tool was developed to help jurisdictions assess their current ability to respond to emergency power failures at hospitals during a power outage. This tool is informed by a comprehensive emergency power resilience initiative undertaken by the Los Angeles County Emergency Medical Services Agency. The LA County initiative uncovered serious vulnerabilities in hospital emergency power systems and led to new EMS Agency protocols to accelerate emergency power threat reporting, hasten government response when generator failures arise, and help hospitals identify emergency power vulnerabilities that would not likely be discovered during routine testing. These protocols are considered the new gold standard for emergency power resilience.

Questions	Yes		No		Partial	
1. Does your jurisdiction have documented protocols for emergency power status reporting during power outages for facilities that rely on emergency power?		15 pts		0 pts		5 pts
1a. If yes to Question 1						
a. Do these protocols apply to:						
1. Hospitals		5		0 pts		0 pts
2. Water/Wastewater treatment plants		5		0 pts		0 pts
3. Public safety facilities, i.e., 911 call centers, police or fire stations.		5		0 pts		0 pts
b. Do these protocols include details on how a critical facility would request deployment of temporary emergency power assets?		6 pts		0 pts		3 pts
c. Has your jurisdiction ever exercised these protocols with critical facilities?		6 pts		0 pts		3 pts
2. Does your jurisdiction have a response plan for addressing emergency power failures at critical facilities?		20 pts		0 pts		10 pts
2a. If yes to Question 2						
a. Has your jurisdiction ever exercised this response plan with critical facilities?		6 pts		0 pts		6 pts
3. Has your jurisdiction identified available temporary emergency power assets owned or leased by government agencies that could be deployed to facilities facing a loss of emergency power during an outage?		15 pts		0 pts		7.5 pts
3a. If yes to Question 3						
a. Are these assets currently in the possession of local or county agencies?		6 pts		0 pts		3 pts

b. Do you have the ability to deliver these assets to a critical facility?		6 pts		0 pts		3 pts
4. Has your jurisdiction conducted a census of emergency power systems in your hospitals or other critical facilities to document emergency power capabilities and vulnerabilities?		15 pts		0 pts		7.5 pts
Total Number of Points						

Emergency Power Resilience Scoring Key	
Score	
0 to 34 – Seriously deficient	Don't panic! We can help you get started or do more.
35 to 70 - On track	You're ahead of many jurisdictions. With some extra effort, you could be among the elite.
71 to 110 – Way ahead of the curve!	You're among the elite!

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