

# Appendix 2

## DHS National Preparedness Guidelines and Priorities

DHS established the National Preparedness Guidelines (formerly the National Preparedness Goal) in September 2007. The guidelines include a series of national priorities to guide preparedness efforts that meet the nation's most urgent needs. The priorities reflect major themes and recurring issues identified in national strategies, presidential directives, State and Urban Area Homeland Security Strategies, the Hurricane Katrina Reports, and other lessons-learned reports. The priorities will be updated or refined over time as the nation implements the National Preparedness Guidelines or encounters changes in the homeland security strategic environment. These priorities are also applicable to public health preparedness.

The Guidelines provide three planning tools to help government officials achieve these priorities: the National Planning Scenarios, the Target Capabilities List (TCL), and the Universal Task List (UTL). The National Planning Scenarios are designed to identify the broad spectrum of tasks and capabilities needed for all-hazards preparedness. The TCL is a comprehensive catalog of capabilities to perform homeland security missions, including performance measures and metrics for common tasks. The UTL is a library and hierarchy of tasks by homeland security mission area. For more information, see [www.fema.gov/pdf/government/npg.pdf](http://www.fema.gov/pdf/government/npg.pdf).

### National Preparedness Priorities

- Expand Regional Collaboration
- Implement the National Incident Management System and National Response Plan
- Implement the National Infrastructure Protection Plan
- Strengthen Information Sharing and Collaboration Capabilities
- Strengthen Interoperable Communications Capabilities
- Strengthen Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive Detection, Response, and Decontamination Capabilities
- Strengthen Medical Surge and Mass Prophylaxis Capabilities
- Strengthen Planning and Citizen Preparedness Capabilities