

# GUAM EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN

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## HAZARD-SPECIFIC ANNEXES

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## HAZARD-SPECIFIC ANNEX INTRODUCTION

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### **Hazard-Unique Planning Considerations**

Hazard-specific annexes offer a means of extending functional annexes to address special and unique response procedures, notifications, protective actions, emergency public information, and other needs generated by a particular hazard. They allow the Government of Guam, in the Guam Emergency Response Plan (GERP), to address priorities identified through hazard analysis and to meet detailed regulatory requirements associated with some hazards. A hazard-specific annex has been prepared for any functional annex that does not, by itself, give enough information to perform the function adequately in the face of a particular high-priority hazard. Some hazards may require that annexes be prepared for various functional annexes; others may affect planning for only one or two functions.

### **Development of a Hazard-Specific Annex**

The decision to develop a hazard-specific annex is based on special planning requirements not common to other hazards addressed in the functional annex, and on regulatory considerations that may require extensive, detailed planning that is inappropriate for inclusion in the annex.

When the Government of Guam developed each of the functional annexes, scrutiny has been given to the "unique" characteristics of those hazards that require special attention. Further, the regulatory requirements associated with the hazards faced were identified. This approach promotes consistency and continuity and provides the flexibility to include a hazard-specific annex or not, based on the need to cover information that is relevant to the hazard, but is not appropriate for inclusion in the functional annex.

### **Content of a Hazard-Specific Annex**

The content of a hazard-specific annex focuses on the special planning needs generated by the hazard and does not duplicate the information in the functional annex. The annex contains unique and regulatory response planning details that apply to a single hazard. It addresses the essential operational actions that must be accomplished to facilitate the successful completion of a particular response function. As appropriate, the annex also quantifies the risk area, geography, and demography considerations that apply to the hazard. The hazard-specific annexes follow the same structure-- i.e., includes, as appropriate, the same content sections (Purpose, Situation and Assumptions, Concept of Operations, Organization and Assignment of Responsibilities, Administration and Logistics, Plan Development, and Authorities and References)--as the functional annexes. Appendices and tabs have been used to: identify hazard-specific risk areas and evacuation routes; specify provisions and protocols for warning the public and disseminating emergency public information; and specify the types of protective equipment and detection devices for responders, etc. Tabs also serve as

work aids, and include such materials as maps, charts, tables, checklists, resource inventories, and summaries of critical information.

The responsibility for making the decision on what to include in a hazard specific annexes is vested with the Government of Guam. The flexibility of the planning approach described in this Introduction makes it possible to accommodate and satisfy:

- The planning requirements associated with unique aspects of hazards and with various regulatory authorities.
- The different constituencies in the jurisdiction's emergency response organizations.