

GASTON COUNTY, NC

STAGING AREA GUIDANCE

**This guidance can be altered and modified when
needed for specific conditions and situation**

**In support of North Carolina Emergency Response Plans
for Catawba and McGuire Nuclear Sites**

**On line edition of guidance is current
for the nuclear plan**

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this Guidance is to outline steps for establishing and coordinating an area to receive, inventory and dispatch emergency service units and personnel. The EOC will notify as needed where this site is located and when to respond.

SCOPE

This guidance includes steps to be used in the operation of a staging area, including: establishing an officer in charge of the staging area, communications procedures, procedures for dispatching resources and procedures for releasing resources.

OPERATIONAL GUIDANCE

The First Arriving Officer of GEMS/SMAT or Gastonia HazMat at the staging area will assume direction and control of that area.

The Officer in Charge of the Staging Area will report to the EOC that the Staging Area is established and who is in charge, along with establishing a communications link with the EOC. Information needed about the officer include their name, rank and organization.

The Staging Officer will then allocate space in the Staging Area for incoming equipment and personnel, segregated according to type and use, in a manner to reduce confusion and congestion.

Maintain a list of all units and personnel in the staging area and keep the EOC apprised of the current assets within Staging.

Issue out pre-assemble kits for each assignment and ensure that KI, TLD and dosimeters are in each kit.

Conduct on site refresher training as needed to units in Staging prior to being given assignments.

Advise all units prior to being sent on a mission upon returning to report to Emergency Worker Decon station to be monitored and decon if needed.

Dispatch units according to EOC instructions.

Report the return of units to Staging so the EOC is ensured they know a mission has been accomplished.

Release units to return home as directed by the EOC.

Collect and restock kits used during assignments.

Ensure each organization maintains a record of their expenditures, including cash and equipment use, by type of equipment or personnel name and the time expended in a mission.

STAGING AREA LOCATIONS OPTIONS:

McGuire Nuclear Site:

Emergency Services Building, Gastonia; County Courthouse, Gastonia;
Stuart Cramer High School, Cramerton

Catawba Nuclear Site:

Emergency Services Building, Gastonia; County Courthouse, Gastonia;
Stuart Cramer High School, Cramerton