WILSON COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN
VITAL FACILITIES

I. PURPOSE

This section provides for the identification and management of critical/vital facilities.

II. SITUATION AND ASSUMPTIONS

A. Situation

1. Many of these identified facilities would be vital to emergency response during a major emergency or disaster situation. Other facilities would be critical for immediate and long-term recovery operations.

2. Several categories of vital facilities and resources have been identified in Wilson County, including:

   Vital Facilities:

   a. Public Shelter Facilities

   b. Health/Medical Facilities

   c. Government Facilities

   d. Communications Facilities

   e. Public Buildings

   f. Emergency Service Facilities

   Vital Utilities:

   a. Communications Network Components

   b. Electric Distribution System Components

   c. Transportation Networks

   d. Water Distribution/Waste Water Facilities

   Special Needs Facilities

   a. Correctional Facilities

   b. Congregate Care Facilities

   c. Day Care Facilities

Vital Resource and Services Sites

a. Private Shelter/Reception Centers

b. Landfill and Debris Collection Sites

c. Public/Private Supply Centers

d. Helicopter Landing Sites

3. Wilson County Emergency Management maintains a list of public and private sector resources that could be utilized during an emergency/disaster situation.

4. Wilson County vital facility information is updated on a regular basis.

B. Assumptions

1. Identification of vital facilities will make it possible to predict the consequences of disaster, and to expedite the response of necessary resources from outside the area of impact.

2. Knowledge of vital facilities will reduce the dependence on "unwritten" and "assumed" information.

3. Knowledge of vital facilities will expedite damage assessment and loss estimation.

4. The identification of vital facilities allows for the prioritization of post-disaster areas and restoration.

III. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

A. Information pertaining to vital facilities and resources will be maintained in the Wilson County Emergency Management Agency and will be accessible to the Wilson County Emergency Operations Center.

B. Continuous update of the vital facilities inventory will be maintained.

C. Vital facilities may serve as the basis for establishing mutual aid and statements of understanding with other governmental and non-governmental agencies.

D. Knowledge of vital facilities allows for the implementation of planned mitigation approaches/projects in an attempt to reduce vulnerabilities.