

# State Energy Security Plan Optional Drop-In: Energy Emergency Assurance Coordinators (EEAC) Program

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This resource was produced by the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Cybersecurity, Energy Security, and Emergency Response (CESER) to aid states in the development of State Energy Security Plans (SESPs). States may choose to incorporate parts or all of the provided material in their SESP (optional). States are encouraged to adapt or supplement the provided material to align with existing state roles, authorities, and plans; and to better address state-specific needs and situations. This document is not intended to be prescriptive or suggest non-statutory expansion of State Energy Office responsibilities, which may vary significantly from state to state.

## THE ENERGY EMERGENCY ASSURANCE COORDINATORS PROGRAM

The Energy Emergency Assurance Coordinators (EEAC) Program is a cooperative effort between the U.S. Department of Energy’s (DOE) Office of Cybersecurity, Energy Security, and Emergency Response (CESER), the National Association of State Energy Officials (NASEO), the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), the National Governors Association (NGA), and the National Emergency Management Association (NEMA).

### PURPOSE

The EEAC Program provides states with a means of sharing and receiving credible, accurate, and timely information with other states and DOE leading up to and during energy emergencies. Structured communications are essential for understanding the severity, magnitude, and consequences of energy disruptions regardless of the causes.

### DESIGNATION

EEACs serve as points of contact for DOE in the event of an emergency. Membership is made up of representatives from state energy offices, public utility commissions, state ESF-12 responders, emergency management agencies, homeland security agencies, local governments, and governors’ offices. Additional guidance can be found [here](#).

[STATE] has designated a primary and secondary EEAC contact, who have planning and/or response roles during energy emergencies. These individuals are registered on ISERNet, which DOE hosts. States should review and update their EEAC contacts annually.

ISERNet Designation	Contact	Role
Primary	<i>Provide:</i> Full Name, Email, Phone Agency/department	<i>Ex:</i> ESF-12 lead for electricity
Secondary		
Additional* (optional)		

\* there is no limit to number of contacts a state may enroll.

## EXAMPLES OF PRODUCTS DOE HAS SHARED WITH [STATE]

DOE leverages the EEAC network to communicate important notices, such as situation reports and outage estimate reports. DOE distributes [TLP:AMBER](#) information (situational awareness/ analysis, alerts, etc.) to EEAC email listservs leading up to and during energy emergencies. For example, during the COVID-19 pandemic, CESER disseminated weekly COVID-19 situation reports to all states in addition to situation reports for emergency events like Hurricane Laura.

States can also share information with other states or directly with DOE.

## EXAMPLES OF PRODUCTS [STATE] HAS SHARED WITH DOE

*[Insert 1-2 past examples when your state utilized the EEAC listserv to communicate w/ DOE or with other states]*

Current status, unmet needs, ground truth, status of waivers/ overall restoration efforts, questions from state leadership.

## BACKGROUND RESOURCES

- The EEAC Program was established in 1996 by DOE and NASEO through a memorandum of understanding. The [agreement](#) has been expanded to include NARUC, NEMA and NGA.
- NASEO [background](#) on the Energy Emergency Assurance Coordinators (EEAC) Program.

## TO SIGN-UP AS AN EEAC, REGISTER FOR AN ISERNET ACCOUNT [HERE](#)

- Username should be your first initial and (partial) last name – there is a limit of eight characters.
- Briefly note your role and if you are an ESF #12 responder in the comments section.
- Once your account is approved, your email will be added to the appropriate listserv for your FEMA region.