



FEMA Checklists to Safeguard Emergency Power Supply Systems Before, During and After Disasters

The following checklists for safeguarding emergency power supply systems before, during and after disasters are excerpted from FEMA Document P-1019: *Emergency Power Systems for Critical Facilities: A Best Practices Approach to Improving Reliability*.

<b>Pre-Disaster Checklist</b>	
<b>Table D-1 Checklist for Emergency Planning Prior to Emergency or Disaster for Emergency Power Supply System</b>	
<b>1. Combustion Air Intake and Exhaust Systems</b>	
a. Louvers Operational with no restricted movement and no obstructions	
b. Rain cap has no restricted movement	
c. Exhaust piping has no foreign object blockage, i.e., bird and rodent nesting, condensation drained	
<b>2. Batteries</b>	
a. Batteries installed in conditioned air space to avoid temperature extremes	
b. Interconnecting cables sized to compensate for voltage drop	
c. Charging system operational and alarms tested	
d. Specific gravity and voltages checked and acceptable	
e. Cable connections corrosion free and tight on both ends	
<b>3. Generator set controller</b>	
a. All lock-out faults investigated, corrected, and cleared	
b. AUTO start engaged	
<b>4. Output circuit breakers</b>	
a. Closed or ready and able to close if electrically operated	
<b>5. Load cables</b>	
a. Clean and terminations checked for proper spacing and torque	
<b>6. Engine block, generator space heaters, circulating pump(s)</b>	
a. Operational and circulating warm coolant and oil (if equipped with pump)	
<b>7. Fuel Delivery System</b>	
a. Fuel quality tested and storage vessels maintained to prevent water accumulation and bacterial growth	
b. Storage vessels, including day tanks, topped to appropriate levels	
c. Fuel transfer pumps powered by emergency system and periodically tested	
d. Preferred customer agreements in place with fuel suppliers to assure delivery	
<b>8. Engine oil</b>	
a. Low run time, capable of at least 48-hours continuous run time	
b. Level proper	
c. Scheduled Oil Sample results reviewed and proper actions taken	
d. Spare oil and delivery methods, i.e. funnels, pumps, drum carts, etc. nearby	

e. Leaks inspected and corrected	
<b>9. Consumables - 10-day supply (minimum) in on-site storage</b>	
a. Fuel filters	
b. Oil filters	
c. Air filters	
d. Oil	
e. Coolant	
<b>10. Local, state, and federal authorities and service organizations</b>	
a. Emergency plans developed	
b. Road maintenance crews aware and in agreement that site's public access is critical and shall be maintained and at all times to allow emergency vehicle passage	
c. Aware and in agreement that fuel delivery and engine generator set parts and service organizations are to be considered and labeled as emergency vehicles with authorized site passage	
d. Service organizations have developed emergency plans to assure effective support staffing is available and capable	
<b>11. Communications</b>	
a. Portable cell towers available and capable of being placed and made operational in short time	
b. Site two-way radios and cell phones charged and fully operational	
c. Site data reception and transmission systems inspected and proper operation tested with remote facilities and personnel	
<b>12. Generator</b>	
a. Windings clean	
b. Space heaters operational	
c. Bearings properly greased	
d. Air intake and exhaust air paths cleared of dirt, debris, and obstructions	
<b>13. Cooling system</b>	
a. Proper levels	
b. Leaks Inspect and correct	

<b>Checklist for Operations During Disasters</b>	
<b>D-2 Emergency Power Supply System Checklist for Operating During Emergency from FEMA P-1019 Guidebook</b>	
<b>1. Combustion Air Intake</b>	
a. Louvers Operational with no restricted movement and no obstructions	
<b>2. Output Circuit Breakers</b>	
a. Closed or ready and able to close if electricity operated	
<b>3. Fuel Delivery System</b>	
a. Fuel quality tested and storage vessels maintained to prevent water accumulation and bacterial growth	
b. Storage vessels, including day tanks, topped to appropriate levels	
c. Fuel transfer pumps powered by emergency system and periodically tested	
d. Water separators drained	
<b>4. Engine oil</b>	
a. level checked periodically and determined proper	

<b>5. Consumables – Restock to 10 day supply (minimum) in on-site storage</b>	
a. Fuel filters	
b. Oil filters	
c. Air filters	
d. Oil	
e. Coolant	
<b>6. Local, State and Federal Authorities and Service Organizations</b>	
a. Emergency plans implemented	
b. Road maintenance crews maintaining site’s public access	
c. Fuel delivery and engine generator set parts and service organizations allowed site access	
d. Service organizations implementing emergency plans to assure effective support staffing is available and capable	
<b>7. Communications</b>	
a. Portable cell towers available and capable of being placed and made operational in short time	
b. Site two-way radios and cell phones charged and fully operational	
c. Site data reception and transmission systems properly operating	
<b>8. Generator</b>	
a. Winding temperatures acceptable	
b. Bearings properly greased	
c. Air intake and exhaust air paths cleared of debris and obstructions	
d. Stable output voltage and frequency	
<b>9. Condition Monitoring</b>	
a. Receiving data	
b. Results normal	

<b>Checklist for Operations Following Disasters</b>	
<b>D-3 Emergency Power Supply System Checklist for Recovery Following Emergency from FEMA P-1019 Guidebook</b>	
<b>1. Combustion Air Intake and Exhaust Systems</b>	
a. Louvers closed and no obstructions	
b. Rain cap closed	
c. Exhaust piping inspected and drain condensation	
d. Inspect for wet stacking and develop corrective action plan	
<b>2. Batteries</b>	
a. Charging system operational and alarms tested	
b. Specific gravity and voltages checked and accepted	
c. Cable connections corrosion free and tight on both ends	
<b>3. Generator set controller</b>	
a. All lock-out faults investigated, corrected and cleared	
b. AUTO start engaged	
<b>4. Output circuit breakers</b>	
a. Closed or ready and able to close if electrically operated	
<b>5. Load cables</b>	
a. Cleaned and terminations checked for proper spacing and torque	

6. Engine block, generator space heaters, circulating pump(s)	
a. Operational and circulating warm coolant and oil (if equipped with a pump)	
<b>7. Fuel delivery system</b>	
a. Fuel quality tested and storage vessels maintained to prevent water accumulation and bacterial growth	
b. Storage vessels, including day tanks, topped to appropriate levels	
<b>8. Engine Oil</b>	
a. Change oil and filter(s) and sample as needed	
b. Level proper	
<b>9. Consumables - Re-stock 10 day supply (minimum) in on-site storage</b>	
a. Fuel filters	
b. Oil filters	
c. Air filters	
d. Oil	
e. Coolant	
<b>10. Local, State and Federal Authorities and Service Organizations</b>	
a. Emergency plans reviewed and improved	
b. Road maintenance crews remove debris and repair damage to allow site access	
c. Service organization emergency plans reviewed and improved	
<b>11. Communications</b>	
a. Portable cell towers retracted, maintained and properly stored	
b. Site two-way radios and cell phones charged and fully operational	
c. Site data reception and transmission systems inspected and proper operation tested with remote facilities and personnel	
<b>12. Insulation system test conducted and results analyzed to detect erosion</b>	
a. Space heaters operational	
b. Air intake and exhaust air paths cleared of debris and obstructions	
c. Air gap between rotor pole and stator measured at 12:00, 3:00, 6:00, and 9:00 positions, recorded, and analyzed to detect bearing wear or misalignment	
d. Excitation system inspected and tested	
e. Voltage regulator connections inspected and properly torqued	
f. Insulation system test conducted and results analyzed to detect erosion properly operating	
<b>13. Cooling System</b>	
a. Proper levels	
b. Drain, flush and replace coolant as needed	
c. Inspect and correct leaks	