



NYS Office of Emergency Management

State Emergency Operations Center

The State response organization is activated based upon the scope and magnitude of an incident, and the level of capability and management structure needed to effectively address the consequences of the event. The State EOC has three levels of activation that are preceded by day-to-day Steady State operations and Enhanced Monitoring.

Steady State – Continuous Monitoring

During Steady State operations, NYSOEM ensures the State EOC is in a state of readiness while conducting day-to-day, Steady State operations.

The New York State Watch Center (NYSWC) maintains situational awareness of any potential or actual emergency 24 hours per day, seven days a week.

Enhanced Monitoring

This elevated posture may be initiated to meet increased information gathering, sharing, and/or resource support requirements. This may include staffing augmentation of the NYSWC, and/or minimal EOC staffing, and/or other staffing increases, to support managing information, resources, and consequences beyond the Steady State posture.

Level 3 – Limited Activation

This level may be initiated to meet multi-agency coordination requirements deemed necessary for information, resources, and consequence management support efforts.

Staffing may include several State EOC command and general staff positions, a select number of State Emergency Support Functions (ESF), and initial representation from federal partners.

Level 2 – Partial Activation

This level may be initiated to meet increasing multi-agency coordination requirements deemed necessary for information, resources, and consequence management support efforts.

Staffing may include all State EOC command and general staff positions, multiple State ESFs, and additional representation from federal partners.

Level 1 – Full Activation

This level is initiated when it is necessary to meet significant multi-agency coordination requirements for information, resources, and consequence management support efforts.

Staffing may include all State EOC command and general staff positions, most or all of the State's ESFs, and a federal/State Unified Command element.