

State Capability Assessment Project



Draft Questions

SITUATIONAL ASSESSMENT

Capability Description:	Provide all decision makers with decision-relevant information regarding the nature and extent of the hazard, any cascading effects, and the status of the response.
Mission Area:	Response
Resources Used to Develop Questions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Target Capabilities List (No compatible TCL capabilities) • Comprehensive Preparedness Guide (CPG) 101 • Emergency Management Standard by EMAP

PLANNING

1. Does your jurisdiction have plans that address situational assessment actions? *Answer: radio button, yes/in progress/no*
2. If yes, do the plans include the following elements: *Answer: multi-answer*
 - a. Determining the nature and extent of the hazard
 - b. Conducting risk assessments
 - c. Reporting on the status of the response (Situation Reports)
 - d. Identification of potential or actual cascading effects
 - e. Determining impacted populations
 - f. Calculating expected timeframe of response
 - g. Assessing capacity to perform response activities
 - h. Feasibility of response actions
 - i. Critical resource status (available, assigned, out-of-service)
 - j. Coordination with local and mutual aid partners
 - k. Coordination with state and federal agencies
 - l. Coordination with the private sector
3. Have planning efforts included decision makers to determine the type and format of information various decision makers require during all-hazards or hazard specific responses? [TCL]
4. Have planning efforts included decision makers to establish response priorities and ensure adequate resources are available? [CPG]
5. Do your plans clearly describe the process and mechanisms by which situational assessment information, data, and intelligence are transmitted to decision makers throughout a response?

6. Based on your responses to the questions above, how would you rate your overall situational assessment capability as it relates to planning? *Answer: dropdown, 1 - 10*

ORGANIZATION

7. Have you identified primary and supporting agencies responsible for coordinating situational assessment efforts? *Answer: radio button, yes/in progress/no*
8. Do you have a mechanism in place to engage local partners in planning for situational assessment operations? *Answer: radio button, yes/in progress/no*
9. Is a procedure in place to request additional situational assessment resources through: *Answer: multi-answer*
- Mutual Aid
 - Private vendors
 - Regional resources (i.e. hazmat)
 - State agencies
 - Federal agencies
10. Based on your responses to the questions above, how would you rate your overall situational assessment capability as it relates to organization? *Answer: dropdown, 1 - 10*

EQUIPMENT

11. Do you have adequate equipment and supplies to implement situational assessment actions for your jurisdiction? *Answer: radio button, yes/in progress/no*
12. If not, which of the following equipment and/or associated resources are you most in need of to support situational assessment actions? *Answer: multi-answer*
- Conference calling capability
 - Dedicated secure telephone lines
 - Incident management software
 - GIS and mapping resources
 - Mobile communication units
 - Couriers
 - Other (text box)
13. Do you have mechanisms and resources (conference calls, videoconferencing, etc.) in place to simultaneously engage decision makers of multiple partners during response?
14. Based on your responses to the questions above, how would you rate your overall situational assessment capability as it relates to equipment? *Answer: dropdown, 1 - 10*

TRAINING

15. Have you identified staff and key partners responsible for implementing situational assessment actions? *Answer: radio button, yes/in progress/no*

16. Have identified staff been trained on situational assessment actions? *Answer: radio button, within the past year/within the past 2 years/within the past 5 years/no*
17. Are decision makers made aware of the various mechanisms and formats used within your jurisdiction to transfer situational assessment data, information and intelligence? *Answer: radio button, yes/in progress/no*
18. **Based on your responses to the questions above, how would you rate your overall situational assessment capability as it relates to training? *Answer: dropdown, 1 - 10***

EXERCISES

19. Have you identified staff and key partners responsible for implementing situational assessment actions? *Answer: radio button, yes/in progress/no*
20. Have identified staff been trained on situational assessment actions? *Answer: radio button, within the past year/within the past 2 years/within the past 5 years/no*
21. Has exercising of the situational assessment capability led to identification of corrective actions in regard to this capability? Please identify in the gaps section of this question. *Answer: radio button, yes/in progress/no*
22. **Based on your responses to the questions above, how would you rate your overall situational assessment capability as it relates to exercises? *Answer: dropdown, 1 - 10***

GLOBAL

23. **Based on your responses to the questions above, how would you rate your overall situational assessment capability? *Answer: dropdown, 1 - 10***
24. **Based on your responses to the questions above, what priority (high, medium, low) would you assign to the situational assessment capability for your jurisdiction? *Answer: radio button, H, M, L***
25. **Please identify which hazard/threat would most likely tax your ability to perform the situational assessment capability? *Answer: dropdown, hazards***
26. **Have you identified any planning barriers or do you have any additional notes or comments regarding the situational assessment capability? *Answer: Text***