



Disaster Preparedness

Feeding Alaskans When a Disaster Hits

- SA- State Agency (us)
- RA- Recipient Agency (you)
- EFO- Emergency Feeding Organization (Red Cross, Salvation Army)
- FEMA- Federal Emergency Management Agency
- USDA- United States Department of Agriculture
- USDA Foods - Commodities

ACRONYMS

- Presidentially Declared Major Disaster
- Presidentially Emergency Declaration
- Situations of Distress

TYPES OF DISASTERS

Presidentially-Declared Disaster:

- State agencies have authority to use USDA Foods for congregate feeding
- USDA Foods from child nutrition assistance program's inventory can be used for congregate feeding up to 30 days
- Product replacement or reimbursement is guaranteed by USDA

Presidentially- Declared Major Disaster

Presidentially-Emergency Declaration:

- State agencies have authority to use USDA Foods for congregate feeding with a limited scope and without some of the long-term Federal recovery programs available in a major disaster declaration
- USDA Foods from child nutrition assistance program's inventory can be used for congregate feeding up to 30 days
- Product replacement or reimbursement is guaranteed by USDA

Presidentially-Emergency Declaration

Situation of Distress:

- If no Presidential Major Disaster or Emergency is declared the state agency has the authority to declare a Situation of Distress
- USDA Foods from child nutrition assistance program inventory can be used for congregate feeding up to 30 days
- USDA does not guarantee replacement or reimbursement

Situation of Distress

- The Emergency Feeding Organization (EFO) such as the Red Cross or Salvation Army may contact the recipient agency
- The State Agency must be notified of any disaster feeding activity at the Recipient Agency's site as soon as possible
- Keep records for reimbursement or replacement of the USDA Foods:
 - the description of the disaster situation
 - number of people affected
 - period of time for congregate feeding
 - quantity and types of food used
 - and location of feeding sites

Notification to Assist with Disaster Feeding

- In the early stages of a Presidentially-declared disaster, FEMA will be the first responders and provide Meals-Ready-to-Eat (MRE)
- Once the EFO (Red Cross or Salvation Army) sets up the congregate meal site(s) they will request USDA Foods through the State Agency
- The EFO works closely with the Receipt Agency's food service staff to coordinate the request of USDA Foods ensuring that no USDA Foods are wasted
- The SA will request USDA Foods from RA's to be used in disaster feeding

Who Starts the Process?

- The State Agency reviews and approves applications from EFO for the use of USDA Foods
- The State Agency will contact Recipient Agencies and compile a list of USDA Foods that are available to send to the disaster feeding site
- From that list the EFO selects the USDA Foods that will best meet their menu needs
- The State Agency coordinates the transfer of USDA Foods from the Recipient Agency to the EFO
- The Recipient Agency submits to the State Agency the required documentation requesting replacement or reimbursement of USDA Foods
- The State Agency submits a report to USDA seeking replacement or reimbursement of the donated USDA Foods on behalf of the Recipient Agency

The Process – Presidentially Major Disaster & Emergency Declarations

- The State Agency reviews and approves applications for the use of USDA Foods during the situation of distress
- Some situations of distress may require immediate action; however you must contact the SA as soon as possible when USDA Foods are being used for disaster feeding
- The State Agency will contact other Recipient Agencies and compile a list of USDA Foods that are available to send to the disaster feeding site
- The State Agency coordinates the transfer of USDA Foods to the requesting Recipient Agency at no cost to the Recipient Agency
- The Recipient Agency submits to the State Agency the required documentation for receiving the transfer of USDA Foods

The Process - Situation of Distress

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