



State of  
**North Dakota**

*Office of the Governor*

**Doug Burgum**  
*Governor*

**EXECUTIVE ORDER 2017-17**

**WHEREAS**, Doug Burgum, Governor of the State of North Dakota, by the authority granted under Article V, Section 1 of the North Dakota Constitution, hereby orders the North Dakota State Emergency Operations Plan (SEOP) inclusive of its Mission Area Operation Plans and other supporting documents be put into effect and promulgated to all appropriate entities in the state; and,

**WHEREAS**, the State Emergency Operations Plan incorporates the use of the Incident Command System (ICS)/Unified Command System (UCS) and critical components of the National Incident Management System (NIMS) as its foundation; and,

**WHEREAS**, it is directed that NIMS, in conjunction with ICS/UCS for command and management, be used and incorporated by all appropriate entities in the state, local emergency agencies and personnel to facilitate a standardized approach to effective and efficient incident management; and,

**WHEREAS**, it is directed that an adaptation of the National Preparedness Goal (NPG) and National Preparedness System (NPS) introduced in Presidential Policy Directive #8 (PPD-8), inclusive of its Mission Areas and Core Capabilities, become the standard framework from which to address state preparedness; and to better ensure synergy between all levels of government as well as Non-Government and Private Sector Organizations supporting emergency management efforts in the state; and,

**WHEREAS**, the SEOP is compatible with NIMS, National Planning Frameworks and Operations Plans for each Mission Area of the NPG/NPS; PPDs, the North Dakota State Standard Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan, the Emergency Management Accreditation Program (EMAP), and other directives as applicable; and,

**WHEREAS**, the SEOP assigns tasks and responsibilities to state government agencies and subordinate organizations within state agencies, as well as boards and commissions; and establishes a broad concept for conducting prevention, protection, mitigation, response, and recovery operations daily; as well as if an emergency, disaster or catastrophe threatens or occurs anywhere in the state; and,

**WHEREAS**, those state agencies, boards, and commissions identified in the SEOP with responsibilities to maintain internal emergency plans are directed to do so in a manner compatible with the SEOP; to maintain resource capability inventories for executing their assignments pursuant to their internal emergency plans and the SEOP; to maintain Continuity of Operations (COOP)

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plans and support Continuity of Government (COG) planning if directed to do so in the SEOP; and to fully support prevention, protection, mitigation, response, and recovery activities as coordinated by the Division of Homeland Security on a daily and emergency basis; and,

**WHEREAS**, it is further directed that all state agencies, boards, and commissions identified in the SEOP maintain internal emergency plans and resource capability inventories to provide them to the Division of Homeland Security annually, or when there are significant changes; and,

**WHEREAS**, the authority for continued development, maintenance, and revision of the SEOP to the Division of Homeland Security is directed herein; all state agencies, boards, and commissions are directed to support SEOP development, maintenance, and revision efforts in a cooperative and collaborative manner.


**NOW, THEREFORE**, this order is issued upon the following bases and for the following reasons:

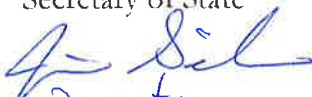
1. The Governor is vested with the executive authority pursuant to Article V, Section 1, of the North Dakota Constitution; and,
2. The Governor is vested with statutory authority to issue executive orders to minimize or avert the effects of a disaster or emergency pursuant to Chapter 37-17.1, North Dakota Century Code; and,
3. A coordinated and effective effort of all state agencies, boards, and commissions is required to minimize the impact of emergencies and disasters in this state.

This order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until further notice or upon revocation. All previous executive orders pertaining to the implementation of the SEOP are hereby revoked, and previous versions of the SEOP and supporting documents are hereby superseded where applicable.

Executed at Bismarck, North Dakota, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of October 2017

  
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Doug Burgum  
Governor

Attest:   
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Alvin A. Jaeger  
Secretary of State

  
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Deputy