GETS NS/EP Criteria

A. National Security Leadership

This user performs NS/EP functions essential to national survival when nuclear attack threatens or occurs. In addition, this user provides support to critical orderwire and services necessary to ensure the rapid and efficient provisioning or restoration of other NS/EP services. These user functions may include the following:

1. Critical orderwire or control service supporting other NS/EP functions
2. Presidential support critical to continuity of Government and national security leadership
3. National Command Authority support for military command and control critical to national survival
4. Intelligence critical to warning of potentially catastrophic attack
5. Support for the conduct of diplomatic negotiations critical to arresting or limiting hostilities

B. National Security Posture and US Population Attack Warning

This user type performs additional NS/EP functions essential to maintaining an optimum defense, diplomatic, or continuity of government posture before, during, and after crisis situations. Such situations are those ranging from national emergencies to international crises, including nuclear attack. These user functions may include the following:

1. Threat assessment and attack warning
2. Conduct of diplomacy
3. Collection, processing, and dissemination of intelligence
4. Command and control of military forces
5. Military mobilization
6. Continuity of Federal Government before, during, and after crisis situations
7. Continuity of state and local government functions supporting the Federal Government during and after national emergencies
8. Recovery of critical national functions after crisis situations
9. National space operations

C. Public Health, Safety, and Maintenance of Law and Order

This user type performs NS/EP functions necessary for giving civil alert to the US population by maintaining law and order and the health and safety of the US population in times of national, regional, or serious local emergency. These user functions may include the following:

1. Population warning (other than attack warning)
2. Law Enforcement
3. Continuity of critical state and local government functions (other than support of the Federal Government during and after national emergencies)
4. Hospitals and distribution of medical supplies
5. Critical logistic functions and public utility services
6. Civil air traffic control
7. Military assistance to civil authorities
8. Defense and protection of critical industrial facilities
9. Critical Weather Services
10. Transportation to accomplish foregoing NS/EP functions

D. Public Welfare and Maintenance of National Economic Posture

This user type performs NS/EP functions necessary for maintaining the public welfare and national economic posture during any national or regional emergency. These user functions may include the following:

1. Distribution of food and other essential supplies
2. Maintenance of national monetary, credit, and financial systems
3. Maintenance of price, wage, rent, and salary stabilization, and consumer rationing programs
4. Control of production and distribution of strategic materials and energy supplies
5. Prevention and control of environmental hazards or damage
6. Transportation to accomplish the foregoing NS/EP functions

E. Disaster Recovery

This user type performs NS/EP functions of managing a variety of recovery operations after the initial response has been accomplished. These user functions may include the following:

1. Managing medical resources such as supplies, personnel, or patients in medical facilities
2. Other activities such as coordination to establish and stock shelters, to obtain detailed damage assessments, or to support key disaster field office personnel may be included. Examples of those eligible include:
   a. Medical recovery operations leadership
   b. Detailed damage assessment leadership
   c. Disaster shelter coordination and management
   d. Critical Disaster Field Office support personnel

WPS NS/EP Criteria

Priority 1 - Executive Leadership and Policy Makers

Users who qualify for the Executive Leadership and Policy Makers priority will be assigned priority one. A limited number of CMRS technicians who are essential to restoring the CMRS networks shall also receive this highest priority treatment. Examples of those eligible include:

1. The President of the United States, the Secretary of Defense, selected military leaders, and the minimum number of senior staff necessary to support these officials
2. State governors, lieutenant governors, cabinet-level officials responsible for public safety and health, and the minimum number of senior staff necessary to support these officials
3. Mayors, county commissioners, and the minimum number of senior staff to support these officials

Priority 2 - Disaster Response/Military Command and Control

Users who qualify for the Disaster Response/Military Command and Control priority will be assigned priority two. Individuals eligible for this priority include personnel key to managing the initial response to an emergency at the local, state, regional and federal levels. Personnel selected for this priority should be responsible for ensuring the viability or reconstruction of the basic infrastructure in an emergency area. In addition, personnel essential to continuity of government and national security functions (such as the conduct of international affairs and intelligence activities) are also included in this priority. Examples of those eligible include:

1. Federal emergency operations center coordinators, e.g., Manager, National Coordinating Center for Telecommunications, National Interagency Fire Center, Federal Coordinating Officer, Federal Emergency Communications Coordinator, Director of Military Support
2. State emergency Services director, National Guard Leadership, State and Federal Damage Assessment Team Leaders
3. Federal, state and local personnel with continuity of government responsibilities
4. Incident Command Center Managers, local emergency managers, other state and local elected public safety officials
5. Federal personnel with intelligence and diplomatic responsibilities.

Priority 3 - Public Health, Safety, and Law Enforcement Command

Users who qualify for the Public Health, Safety, and Law Enforcement Command priority will be assigned priority three. Eligible for this priority are individuals who direct operations critical to life, property, and maintenance of law and order immediately following an event. Examples of those eligible include:

1. Federal law enforcement command
2. State police leadership
3. Local fire and law enforcement command
4. Emergency medical service leaders
5. Search and rescue team leaders
6. Emergency communications coordinators

Priority 4 - Public Services/Utilities and Public Welfare

Users who qualify for the Public Services/Utilities and Public Welfare priority will be assigned priority four. Eligible for this priority are those users whose responsibilities include managing public works and utility infrastructure damage assessment and restoration efforts and transportation to accomplish emergency response activities. Examples of those eligible include:

1. Army Corps of Engineers leadership
2. Power, water and sewage and telecommunications utilities
3. Transportation leadership

Priority 5 - Disaster Recovery

Users who qualify for the Disaster Recovery priority will be assigned priority five. Eligible for this priority are those individuals responsible for managing a variety of recovery operations after the initial response has been accomplished. These functions may include managing medical resources such as supplies, personnel, or patients in medical facilities. Other activities such as coordination to establish and stock shelters, to obtain detailed damage assessments, or to support key disaster field office personnel may be included. Examples of those eligible include:

1. Medical recovery operations leadership
2. Detailed damage assessment leadership
3. Disaster shelter coordination and management
4. Critical Disaster Field Office support personnel