

NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM
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NCS DIRECTIVE 3-4

TELECOMMUNICATIONS OPERATIONS

National Telecommunications Management Structure (NTMS)

1. Purpose. This directive establishes the National Telecommunications Management Structure (NTMS), describes its components, and broadly describes the administrative responsibilities of the Manager, NCS and participating NCS member organizations.
2. Applicability. This directive is binding on the Executive Agent, NCS; NCS Committee of Principals and member organizations; and other affected Executive entities. This directive is not intended to interfere with the special operational or security requirements of any agency during normal or wartime situations.
3. Authority. This directive is issued under the authority of Executive Order No. 12472, "Assignment of National Security and Emergency Preparedness Telecommunications Functions," April 3, 1984, 49 Federal Register 13471 (1984); White House letter, National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee (NSTAC) Activities, July 11, 1988; and NCS Directive 1-1, "National Communications System (NCS) Issuance System," November 30, 1987.
4. References.
 - a. The Communications Act of 1934, as amended, Section 706 (47 U.S.C. 151 et seq.).
 - b. National Emergencies Act of 1976 (50 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.).
 - c. Executive Order 12472 of April 3, 1984, "Assignment of National Security and Emergency Preparedness Telecommunications Functions."

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5. Definitions.

a. National Telecommunications Management Structure (NTMS). The NTMS is an emergency telecommunications management structure consisting of national and regional management elements and government and telecommunications industry operating centers that, when activated, shall provide emergency telecommunications management services in response to national security and emergency preparedness (NS/EP) requirements and objectives in accordance with references a. and b.

b. National Telecommunications Coordinating Network (NTCN). The NTCN provides the essential communications connectivity to support NTMS elements.

c. Emergency Preparedness Management Information System (EPMIS). The EPMIS is the telecommunications management information system designed to support NTMS operations at national and regional levels.

d. National Coordinating Center (NCC). The NCC is a jointly staffed and operated government and telecommunications industry center. The NCC assists in the initiation, coordination, restoration and reconstitution of the Federal Government's NS/EP telecommunications service requirements.

e. National Emergency Management Team (NEMT). The NEMT is a functionally organized, national level emergency management team composed of representatives from the Executive Branch of the Federal Government and selected industries.

f. National Emergency Management Team Communications Functional Group (NEMT CFG). The NEMT CFG is one of the functional groups of the NEMT, and is composed of Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP), Office of the Manager, NCS (OMNCS), NCS member organization and telecommunications industry representatives. The NEMT CFG is to be activated by national authorities in response to those crises and national emergency situations in which the President may invoke the provisions of Section 706 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended. When so activated, the NEMT CFG will provide policy, direction and guidance for NS/EP telecommunications management, and serves as the highest level of the NTMS.

g. Regional Emergency Management Team Communications Functional Group/Regional Coordinating Center (REMT CFG/RCC). The REMT is the functionally organized regional equivalent of the

NEMT. The REMT CFG/RCC is the REMT functional group composed of regionally based Federal field establishment and telecommunications industry representatives. It is the NTMS organizational element tasked to provide direction and guidance for NS/EP telecommunications management in the Region. The REMT CFG/RCC is also capable of serving as an alternate NCC.

h. NTMS Government and Industry Operating Centers (OCs). Government and telecommunications industry facilities constitute the basic operating and coordinating organization for the nation's telecommunications management infrastructure. The NTMS OCs are selected to coordinate technical telecommunications activities at the local level in response to guidance and direction from the REMT CFG/RCC to which assigned.

(1) Industry OCs manage and coordinate the restoration and reconstitution of the telecommunications services provided.

(2) Government OCs coordinate communications support, and manage/operate communication facilities.

6. Policy. It is the policy of the United States to develop and implement a survivable and enduring telecommunications management structure to support national security and emergency preparedness requirements for use after the invocation of Section 706 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended. The overall governing objective of the NTMS, as established herein, is to provide for a survivable and enduring functionally organized telecommunications management structure capable of coordinating the recovery and reconstitution of the nation's telecommunications infrastructure to meet essential NS/EP needs.

a. NTMS Components. The NTMS shall be composed of the NCC, the NEMT CFG, REMT CFG/RCCs and NTMS OCs.

b. Activation, Direction and Control. The NTMS shall be activated by and respond to the guidance and direction of the Director, OSTP, in the execution of the functions of the President under Section 706 (a), (c)-(e), of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, should the President issue implementing instructions in accordance with the National Emergency Act (50 U.S.C. 1601).

c. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) In all instances prior to the invocation of Section 706 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, the NCC shall monitor the status of the nation's telecommunication resources and respond to NS/EP requirements as directed by the

Director, OSTP, and the Manager, NCS, or their designated representatives.

(2) Upon invocation of Section 706, the Director, OSTP, shall assume direction and control of national telecommunication resources and determine priorities for their allocation and use. The NTMS shall assist the Director, OSTP, in the exercise of his emergency authority relative to policy direction and management of national telecommunications resources.

7. Responsibilities.

a. NCS Member Organizations Participating in NTMS:

(1) Will support the implementation and operation of the NTMS, as mutually agreed to by the participating NTMS organizations and the OMNCS.

(2) Will assist the OMNCS with government NTMS Operating Center nominations.

(3) Will for those Operating Centers selected, assist in preparations to include necessary modifications for equipment installation, logistics support, equipment and life support supplies storage, and personnel selection and training.

(4) Will assist the OMNCS with the planning and conduct of NTMS tests, exercises and evaluations when requested and as scheduled by the NCS exercise master plan.

b. The NCS Committee of Principals and Executive Agent:

(1) Will consider and approve other NTMS issuances.

(2) Will review and provide comments regarding NTMS operating concepts, plans and policies to the Executive Office of the President.

c. The Manager, NCS:

(1) Will provide overall NTMS program management.

(2) Will ensure the funding for the NTMS.

(3) Will develop NTMS policies, plans and procedures as the designated focal point for NEMT CFG and REMT CFG/RCC operational matters in coordination with OSTP.

(4) Will coordinate NTMS operational issues and requirements with OSTP, NCS member organizations and telecommunications industry entities participating in the NTMS.

(5) Will coordinate NTMS program activities, as appropriate, with the Executive Office of the President; Executive Agent, NCS; NCS Committee of Principals; NCS member organizations and the telecommunications industry.

(6) Will provide for planning, implementation and management of the NTMS program.

(7) May propose subjects for and develop new NTMS issuances, and propose changes in existing issuances.

(8) Will forward NCS NTMS issuances and any comments thereon to the NCS Committee of Principals; Executive Agent, NCS; and/or Executive Office of the President, as required.

(9) Will implement test and exercise programs and develop procedures for the evaluation of the NTMS capability to meet national security and emergency preparedness telecommunications requirements.

d. Federal Emergency Management Agency:

(1) Will assist the OMNCS with NTMS implementation and planning in support of the NEMT and REMT CFG/RCCs.

(2) Will assist the OMNCS with NTMS activities and exercises when the NEMT and REMT CFG/RCCs are to be employed.

(3) Will assist the OMNCS and the telecommunications industry in establishing procedures for connectivity with FEMA FRCs.

e. General Services Administration:

(1) Will provide assistance to the OMNCS with NTMS implementation and planning in support of the NEMT and REMT CFG/RCCs.

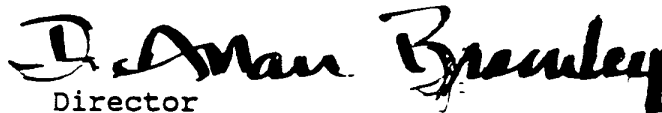
(2) Will provide the REMT CFG/RCC Leader and assist in staffing the NEMT and REMT CFG/RCCs.

(3) Will provide assistance to the OMNCS with REMT CFG/RCC planning, staff selection, training, exercises and other activities.

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8. Authorizing Provisions. NCS circulars, manuals, handbooks, and notices implementing this directive are hereby authorized.
9. Effective Date. This directive is effective immediately.
10. Expiration. This directive will remain in effect until superceded or cancelled.



Director
Office of Science and Technology Policy
Date: May 4, 1992



Assistant to the President for
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Date: *may 4, 1992*

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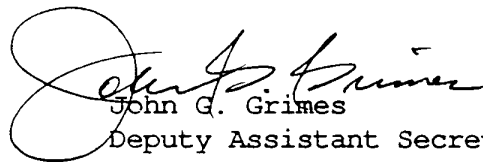
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SUBJECT: Implementation of National Communications System
 Directive 3-4

National Communications System Directive (NCS) 3-4, *National Telecommunications Management Structure (NTMS)*, dated May 4, 1992, (attached) has been issued under the authority of Executive Order 12472 by the Executive Office of the President. NCS 3-4 establishes the NTMS, describes its components, and broadly describes the administrative responsibilities of the Manager, National Communications System (NCS) and participating NCS member agencies.

Defense components are required to support the NTMS pursuant to paragraph 7.a. of NCS 3-4. For additional information on the implementation of NCS 3-4, or to identify operating/command centers to support the NTMS, contact the NCS NTMS Program Office, telephone DSN 222-8506.


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Attachment

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