

**Tri-State Montrose-Nucla-Cahone Transmission Line
Improvement Project**

Draft Plan of Development

Montrose, Ouray, San Miguel, and Dolores Counties, Colorado

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The objective of this Draft Emergency Preparedness Plan is to detail practices designed to address potential impacts from construction of the Tri-State Montrose-Nucla-Cahone Transmission Improvement Project (Project). Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association (Tri-State) has developed this plan as part of the Plan of Development (POD) that accompanies its application to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) for a Right of Way (ROW) grant. If the ROW grant is approved, the final POD and all appendices will be attached to the Decision Record. This plan provides guidance to construction and field personnel on measures identified by Tri-State, BLM and US Forest Service (FS) to minimize effects during construction activities associated with the Project. It will be the responsibility of Tri-State and its project contractors, working with designated environmental inspectors, to comply with measures identified in this plan.

This plan provides an overview of the methods to be implemented should emergency management become necessary. Specific response plans to *Blasting (Appendix H)*, *Fire (Appendix K)*, *Hazardous Materials Management and Oil Spill (Appendix N)* are included in other appendices of this POD. Health and Safety protocols for transmission line construction activity are included in *Appendix O* and construction contract.

The construction contract bidders will develop a written emergency action plan (“EAP”) in accordance with Occupational Health and Safety Administration (OSHA) standard 29 C.F.R. §1910.38 and other applicable federal, state and local occupational safety and health laws, regulations and standards as part of their bids. Bidder will include the EAP in Bidder’s Project Safety Plan (PSP). The winning Bidder (Contractor) will train all Contractor Representatives on the provisions of the EAP.

The Contractor will report to Owner any of the following incidents and complete an incident investigation and corrective action report: all OSHA recordable injuries and illnesses; all property damage; all fires; and near misses which could have resulted in personal or property damage.

In the event of a medical emergency or injury requiring offsite treatment, oral notification must be made to Owner’s Authorized Technical Representative (OATR) within twenty (20) minutes after attending to the affected employee. All other incidents require oral notification within one (1) working day. Written incident reports are due to Owner’s OATR within one (1) working day of the incident. Completed investigations with corrective actions are due within seventy (72) hours. Corrective actions must be tracked to completion.

This response plan addresses the following potential emergency events:

- Natural Disaster (tornado, flooding, mud/rock slide, lightning caused fire or blizzard)
- Serious Personal Injury
- Security Threats

To be prepared to respond to these types of emergencies, construction staff must be aware of chain of command responsibilities, communication protocol, and resources available for response.

Communication Protocol/Chain of Command Responsibilities

All personnel are responsible and expected to report emergencies. In an emergency, personnel identifying the threat will contact a supervisor equipped with radio and/or telephone communications who will contact the Contractor’s and Tri-State’s Construction Supervisors. The Tri-State Supervisor will contact

dispatch. Emergency numbers/cards will be provided to all staff equipped with radios and telephones. The highest ranking supervisor at any location is considered the person in charge of the emergency. Emergency protocol will be communicated to staff during routine weekly safety meetings. Radio communication may be stopped/cleared to allow for emergency communication. Emergency incidents will be reported to federal agencies as soon as possible by phone and in detail in weekly reports.

Natural Disasters

Weather bulletins for severe storms will be monitored from the construction laydown and staging yard and emergency weather alerts will be relayed to construction staff on site. In the case of severe weather or lightening the immediate supervisor will advise personnel of the need to take shelter or evacuate. Access routes will be kept clear and open at all times and road conditions monitored to ensure passage is possible in the event evacuation of personnel and/or access for first responders if needed.

Medical Emergency

Personnel identifying a life threatening injury will call 911 first and then the closest foreman or supervisor. In a serious medical emergency the site will be made safe and the victim not moved unless necessary to prevent further injury. The person in charge may position staff at the nearest access points to direct or lead outside responders.

Construction personnel trained in first aid, Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and Automated External Defibrillators (AED) use and vehicles and staff with basic first aid kits will be identified to personnel at safety meetings or otherwise identified such as with hardhat or vehicle stickers or signs. All crews will have access to a fully stocked first aid kit.

Security Threats

Gun shots, vandalism, presence of unknown vehicles or objects, or suspicious activity will be reported to the immediate supervisor. Risk will be evaluated and communicated to the appropriate authorities. Construction personnel will not pursue investigating situations that may constitute a potential threat.

The following list provides specific contacts for emergencies within the project area.

Table J-1: Emergency Contact Numbers

Contact	Address	Phone Number
Montrose County		
Emergency	—	911
Contractor Construction Supervisor		TBD
Tri-State Authorized Technical Representative		TBD
Tri-State Construction Supervisor		TBD
Tri-State G&T Dispatch	1100 W 116 th Avenue Westminster, CO 80234	303-332-9135
Montrose County Sheriff	1200 North Grand Avenue Montrose, Colorado 81401	970.252.4023
Nucla Fire Department	555 Main St. Nucla, Colorado 81424	970.864.7331
Naturita Fire Department	320 E Main St. Naturita, Colorado 81422	970.865.2320

Contact	Address	Phone Number
San Miguel County		
Emergency	—	911
San Miguel County Sheriff	851 63L Road Telluride, Colorado 81435	970.728.1911
Norwood Fire Department	1605 Summit St. Norwood, Colorado 81423	970.327.4800
Telluride Fire Department	131 W. Columbia Telluride, Colorado 81435	970.728.3801
Dolores County		
Emergency	—	911
Dolores County Sheriff	490 N Main Street Dolores, Colorado 81324	970.677.2257
Dove Creek Fire Department	102 S Main Street Dove Creek, Colorado 81423	970.677.2570
Cortez Fire Department	23 N Washington Street Cortez, Colorado 81435	970.564.0212
San Juan National Forest	15 Burnett Court Durango, CO	970.247.4874
GMUG National Forest	2250 Highway 50 Delta, Colorado 81416	970.874.6600
BLM SW District Office	2465 Townsend Avenue Montrose, CO 81401	970.240.5300