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Nationwide Public-Private Hurricane Preparedness Exercise Strengthens Disaster Response Coordination

2025 SISE-net Cross-Sector Virtual Tabletop Exercise Aligns with New White House Disaster Policy

Frederick, Maryland –

The All Hazards Consortium (AHC) working groups of states and private sector representatives have successfully conducted their **2025 Sensitive Information Sharing Environment Network (SISE-net) Cross-Sector Virtual Tabletop Exercise (TTX)**, bringing together state and federal agencies, private sector operators, and trade associations from across the nation to enhance operational coordination and information sharing for the upcoming hurricane season.

The exercise primarily focused on the preparation and execution of their structured, time-sensitive operational coordination calls that occur before and after major hurricane landfall, using the same tools, processes, and agendas employed in real-world disaster response.

Participating organizations included representatives from:

- **Private Sector:** Communications, Electric, Fuel, Gas/Oil, Transportation, Medical/Pharmaceuticals, Healthcare, Food, Water, Retail, Chemical.
- **States:** Florida, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Virginia, Maryland, Alabama, and Pennsylvania.
- **Federal:** Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA).

Participants discuss their process to prepare and generate/share operation information like declarations, waivers, situation reports, infrastructure disruptions, facility status and communicating unmet needs via the SISE-net Operational Information Sharing Hub—a secure, FOIA-protected platform—to share and access vetted operational information and data. (www.siseusa.org)

“This exercise is about speed, accuracy, and trust,” said Tom Moran, Executive Director of the All Hazards Consortium. “When government and industry can share and synchronize the most needed information at the right time, response and recovery move faster, costs drop, survivors get help sooner, and communities get back on their feet sooner.”



Since 2021, the annual SISE-net TTX has produced operational improvements that are now embedded in hurricane and disaster response nationwide:

- **Operational Information Sharing Hub** for centralized trusted operational updates
- **Cross-Sector Coordination Calls** that deliver multi-state, multi-sector updates in under 30 minutes.
- **A vetted nationwide community of state and industry crisis preparedness and response stakeholders** who leverage the SISE's legal framework to share operational updates via a customized app and secure SIGNAL channels.
- **Standardized Playbooks and Checklists** for consistent, relevant reporting.
- **Cross-sector problem solving initiatives** to solve recurring challenges in damage assessments, transportation, streamlining government declaration and waiver processes, aligning multiple states to expedite utility resource movements from around the U.S. and Canada, and new innovations like creating predesignated regional mustering points for out of state crews along certain routes to expedite utility restoration, and more...

Operational Value Across Stakeholders:

- **State and Federal Government:** Rapid access to industry ground-truth data for informed declarations and resource allocation during disasters of any type.
- **Private Sector:** Clear understanding of government actions to reduce delays in restoring operations and supply chains along with access to related information during a crisis.
- **Trade Associations:** Real-time advocacy, situational awareness and information sharing on behalf of their members with other sectors and states.

The SISE-net Cross-Sector TTX directly supports the White House's new disaster response policy, which emphasizes deeper integration of private sector capabilities into federal and state planning and response efforts. With more than 85% of critical infrastructure in private hands, this collaboration is essential to national resilience.

About The All Hazards Consortium

The All Hazards Consortium (AHC) is a state-sanctioned, 501(c)(3) non-profit organization focused on enhancing resilience in both public and private sectors. Established in 2005, AHC addresses various cross-sector issues, including crisis and risk management, sensitive operational information sharing, cybersecurity, infrastructure, mitigation, and collaborative problem-solving.

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