



Inland Rivers, Ports & Terminals Port Resilience Resources Executive Summary

Prepare for, Respond to, and Recover from natural disasters and cyber incidences.

Inland Rivers, Ports & Terminals, Inc. offers resources for port and terminal professionals along the inland river system to help prepare for, respond to, and most importantly, recover from natural disasters.

The increase in frequency and duration of floods and other natural disasters along the inland river system continue to play havoc on the many public ports and private terminals, barge lines and boat companies that work on the river every day. The increase in frequency coupled with the higher-than-normal water levels has deemed it necessary for IRPT to offer resources by way of...

- A handbook to offer resources, such as:
 - Advice on preparing an Emergency Response Plan, where it should be housed, and annual practice drills;
 - Guidance leading up to an event (if possible), including best practices, case studies and checklists (checklist to include (in part) pre-disaster photos, asset inventory, insurance guidance);
 - Important agency information to have on hand in case of situational emergencies (USACE, USCG, DHS, FEMA);
 - Suggestions to ease the chaos during an event;
 - Where to find assistance in the recovery phase;
 - Frequently asked questions.
- Webinar series (in segments) covering similar information for later viewing.
- Coordination of Local, State, and Federal agencies leading up to, during, and immediately following the event.

Why: The frequency and duration of floods along the river system are an increasing concern. The many port and terminal facilities that carry the nation's freight need the ability to rapidly respond and recover from such events. Disaster resiliency of ports is critical to our nation's supply chain. **The first step to responding and recovering is proper planning.**

Proper planning and adoption of best practices require the wisdom from industry leaders previously impacted by the force of nature. That force has, and will continue to impact the operation of port and terminal facilities along the river system.

Inland Rivers, Ports & Terminals (IRPT) wishes to compile, organize, and disseminate to the industry best practices for port/terminal operational use **to help prepare for, respond to, and most importantly recover from natural disasters and cyber incidences.** Each facility should find it a helpful start to developing their own individual-based best practices. It is understood that each facility will need to evaluate their operations and adjust best practices to meet each facility needs.

