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## Debris Management Concept of Operations (CONOPS) for Small Scale Events

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This CONOPS outlines the steps for municipalities to take in planning for and conducting debris management operations for small scale events that result in storm related debris.

### **Preparedness Phase:**

- **Pre-designate** sites for **temporary storage and management of disaster debris**. When responding to a storm event, the municipality must contact CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CT DEEP) and request an Emergency Authorization (EA) be issued for the site(s).
  - **Guidance on Site Selection for Debris Management Sites (DMS)** [CT DEEP Fact Sheet –Site Selection Guide for DMS](#)
    - Site considerations such as:
      - Avoid environmentally sensitive areas (wetlands, flood plain, historic, etc.)
      - Consider ingress/egress for heavy truck traffic
      - Consider site location and impacts from noise, dust, traffic
    - Public property, generally 10 acres or more, though smaller sites may be appropriate based on the type of waste being managed and space constraints
    - Private Property (must have lease agreement)
    - CT DEEP Contact information
    - Other CT DEEP Fact Sheets for review:
      - [Management of Downed Trees and Other Vegetative Debris](#)
      - [Solid Waste Management – Household Garbage & Storm Debris](#)
- **Review Federal Debris Contracting Guidance**
  - Debris removal and monitoring contracts must meet the rules for federal grants as provided for in [44 CFR 13.36, Procurement](#) in order to be eligible for reimbursement under the Public Assistance Program.
  - Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) Training Session Presentation: [Procurements under FEMA Awards](#)

### **Response and Recovery Phases:**

- **IMPORTANT Request Emergency Authorizations (EA) from CT DEEP** for use of Sites/Managing Storm Generated Debris. EAs authorize the holder to stage and manage the storm related debris at the DMS, a solid waste facility, for a specified period of time. **Requests must be made prior** to use of temporary staging areas, storage sites and/or predesignated sites.
- **To obtain an EA, contact CT DEEP with DMS location(s) prior to use of the site(s).** For additional guidance and CT DEEP contact information review [CT DEEP Fact Sheet-Emergency Authorizations for Managing Storm Generated Debris](#)
- **Use of State Contracts:**
  - Municipalities choosing to use debris management services from the State’s contractors will contract directly with AshBritt for Disaster Debris Response and Management Services and Tetra Tech for Disaster Debris Monitoring (and documentation) Services. The state contracts have been competitively bid, and municipalities simply need to enter a mutual agreement with the State contractors.
  - These contracts are available for municipalities to use during localized events.
- **State Contracts:**
  - Debris Management Services - AshBritt, Inc. [DAS Contract Award #22PSX0119AA](#)
  - Monitoring debris removal Operations - Tetra Tech [DAS Contract Award #22PSX0118AA](#)

**Additional Information on Debris Management can be found on the [CT DEEP website](#).**