

Fuel Set-Aside Program

What is the Fuels Set-Aside Program (FSAP)?

FSAP allows the Energy Commission to direct petroleum production and storage facilities to set aside fuel for emergency response activities.

Why is FSAP needed?

Emergency responders may encounter difficulty securing fuel during a catastrophe, such as an earthquake. The Fuel Set-Aside Program ensures fuel is available to support emergency response activities.

When is FSAP activated?

When the Governor declares a state of emergency, the Fuel Set-Aside Program can be activated. FSAP activation happens when voluntary conservation, market forces, or other programs cannot ensure fuel supply for disaster response.

How can I tell if FSAP has been activated?

The Energy Commission will post a notice on its homepage and emergency resource webpage.

How do I submit a fuel request?

Emergency response and support agencies request fuel using the Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS) resource request procedures following their emergency operating center protocols.

Those who are not emergency responders can request fuel through local government. Local government will request fuel using the SEMS resource request procedures.

What happens after I submit a fuel request?

Resource requests will follow the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services' (Cal OES) established process for ordering, tracking, mobilizing, and demobilizing. Depending on the scale of the emergency, limited resources may need to be rationed or controlled. Fuel requests will be reviewed and redirected to the responsible agency or coordinating group. All appropriate requests will be reviewed and the requesting party will receive a request status notification.

Who decides if a request is filled?

The Energy Commission, Cal OES, and key partners work together to decide which requests are prioritized and filled. Additional information regarding resource management can be found in the State of California Emergency Plan.

Who pays for the fuel?

The entity that receives the fuel pays for the fuel. The State of California does not guarantee payment.

Does the Energy Commission set fuel prices during an emergency?

No, the Energy Commission does not set fuel prices. Fuel is bought and sold at market price.

Why is the Energy Commission responsible for FSAP?

The Energy Commission has extensive knowledge of the California petroleum market and fuel supply. The Commission maintains data on petroleum production and inventories throughout the state. This data is updated on a weekly basis. When the Fuel Set-Aside Program is activated, this data will be updated more frequently. This makes the Commission the state agency best suited to managing FSAP.

What allows the Energy Commission to set fuel aside?

The Commission is required to perform the described activities by various statutes and regulations:

- California State Emergency Plan
- California Emergency Services Act
(California Government Code §8550 et seq.)
- Warren-Alquist Act
(California Public Resources Code §25000 et seq.)
- Other authorities

Where can I get more information about emergency preparedness?

Other California Energy Emergency Resources:

- State of California Emergency Plan & Emergency Support Functions
<https://www.caloes.ca.gov/cal-oes-divisions/planning-preparedness/state-of-california-emergency-plan-emergency-support-functions>
- Cal OES Planning and Preparedness Branch
<http://www.caloes.ca.gov/cal-oes-divisions/planning-preparedness>
- State of California Energy Assurance Plan
<http://www.energy.ca.gov/2014publications/CEC-600-2014-006/CEC-600-2014-006.pdf>
- Response to Energy Emergencies in California & Contingency Planning
<http://www.energy.ca.gov/emergencies/>

Federal Energy Emergency Resources:

- Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
<https://www.fema.gov/>
- Department of Energy Office of Cybersecurity, Energy Security, and Emergency Response
<https://www.energy.gov/ceser/state-and-local-energy-assurance-planning>
- The National Association of State Energy Officials
<http://www.naseo.org/energyassurance>

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