

**Annex C**  
**Appendix 2**

**REGION FIVE EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS PLAN**

**C2-100. PURPOSE**

This Emergency Communications (ECOM) Plan provides guidelines in addition to those promulgated in Annex C to this Central Area Operations Guide that are unique to the requirements of Region FIVE for establishment of ECOM procedures to support military and civilian agency activities in the event of an emergency as defined in NTP 8(SERIES), Annex D.

**C2-130. SCOPE**

This Appendix is applicable to all NAVMARCORMARS stations within the boundaries of Region FIVE.

**C2-140. POLICY**

It is the policy that NAVMARCORMARS resources within Region FIVE shall be used to fully support the policies as set forth in NTP 8(SERIES), paragraph D140.

**C2-150. ORGANIZATION**

ECOM organization within Region FIVE shall be in accordance with, NTP 8(SERIES) paragraph D150.

**C2-200. RESPONSIBILITIES**

a. The responsibilities of all directors, stations, and personnel within Region FIVE shall be in accordance with NTP 8(SERIES), paragraph D200.

b. States within Region FIVE are expected to have viable and effective ECOM plans and conduct exercises as specified in NTP 8(SERIES), paragraph D220.

**C2-300. EXECUTION**

Execution shall be in accordance with NTP 8(SERIES), paragraph D300.

**C2-400. ALERTING**

Alerting shall be in accordance with NTP 8(SERIES), paragraph D400.

**C2-500. MINIMIZE**

Minimize shall be in accordance with NTP 8(SERIES), paragraph D500.

**C2-600. OPERATIONS AND PROCEDURES**

**C2-610. GENERAL OPERATIONS**

ECOM operations and procedures shall be in accordance with NTP 8(SERIES), paragraph D600.

**C2-620. NET/FREQUENCY ASSIGNMENTS**

a. Region FIVE ECOM nets shall be called on the following frequencies (users of this Appendix should fill in the frequency from the NAVMARCORMARS Frequency Matrix):

		<u>Designator</u>	<u>Frequency (KHz)</u>
1200Z - 2159Z	Primary	NFM	_____
		NCE	_____
		NCL	_____
	Traffic	NCO	_____
2200Z - 1159Z	Primary	NFK	_____
	Secondary	NCL	_____

NOTE: If propagation conditions or interference require, any Region FIVE frequency may be used.

b. The main purpose of the Region FIVE Primary Frequency shall be Command and Control and to handle administrative traffic. Secondary frequencies should be used to pass traffic for further relay via SCD on the MDS.

c. Members are reminded that if Region frequencies are unusable, the National Frequencies as listed in paragraph C620 of Annex C to this Operations Plan may be used unless otherwise directed by the Chief, NAVMARCORMARS (NNN0ASA) or the Assistant for ECOM (NNN0ASZ).

**C2-630. NECOS ASSIGNMENTS AND DUTIES**

a. In the event that it is necessary to activate a Region FIVE Emergency Net, the station activating the net shall take firm control as Net Control Station (NECOS) and conduct Directed Net Operations until relieved by or directed by higher authority. If the Emergency net is activated during the time a regularly scheduled Region FIVE traffic net (5X1Z) is in progress, NECOS of the Traffic Net will assumed the duties of the Emergency Net NECOS and continue Emergency Net Operations until relieved by the NECOS assigned by the rotation schedule in the following paragraph.

b. States are assigned responsibility for providing a NECOS for Region FIVE ECOM Nets in accordance with the rotation schedule below. State Directors shall assign members of their state to act as NECOS for the assigned time block. The rotation indicated below will then continue until the Emergency Net is secured.

<u>STATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	
MICHIGAN	0001Z - 0200Z	1201Z - 1400Z
WISCONSIN	0201Z - 0400Z	1401Z - 1600Z
MINNESOTA	0401Z - 0600Z	1601Z - 1800Z
ILLINOIS	0601Z - 0800Z	1801Z - 2000Z
OHIO	0801Z - 1000Z	2001Z - 2200Z
INDIANA	1001Z - 1200Z	2201Z - 2359Z*

**\* NOTE: ROTATION CONTINUES WITH MICHIGAN, WISCONSIN, MINNESOTA .... ETC.**

In the event an area does not assume NECOS within one minute, any station shall assume the duties and NNN0AS5 and NNNOAS5 TWO notified. State Directors of each state shall assign members of their area to act as NECOS for the appointed time.

c. All ECOM nets shall be directed nets (unless otherwise designated by NECOS). All stations other than Net Control will maintain **RADIO SILENCE** except to respond to the Net Control, file Emergency Traffic into the system, acknowledge receipt of traffic, and check out of the net.

d. NECOS shall assign a station to guard one or more of the National ECOM frequencies and other frequencies as may be required. Stations guarding other frequencies shall report activity on their guard frequency to the Primary Net at least once per hour.

e. NECOS may utilize any Region FIVE frequency if propagation conditions or interference require. NECOS shall designate a station to remain on the primary frequency and advise late check ins of the new ECOM frequency. The station shall remain on the old frequency for thirty minutes.

f. NECOS shall conduct a net roll call by state at or near the top of the hour and if net activity is low, shall announce that a Region ECOM Net is in progress. This announcement should also include the current COMCON level and the event for which the net is in operation.

g. NECOS shall be responsible for assigning member stations to guard other frequencies as may be required. Stations guarding frequencies other than the primary shall report activity on their guard frequency to the Primary Net at least once per hour.

h. The main purpose of the REGION FIVE Primary Frequency shall be to handle administrative traffic. The main purpose of the REGION FIVE Traffic Frequency shall be to accept voice traffic to relay via AMTOR/FACTOR to the MDS System. The main purpose of the MDS System is to accept AMTOR/FACTOR traffic.

#### **C2-700. REPORTS**

Reports shall be in accordance with NTP 8(SERIES), paragraph D700, Annex C to this Central Area Operations Guide, and paragraph C2-600 of this ECOM Plan.

#### **C2-800. EXERCISES**

##### **C2-810. GENERAL**

All states are expected to conduct a minimum of one exercise per quarter in accordance with NTP 8(SERIES), paragraph D220.f.

##### **C2-820. JOINT EXERCISES**

Joint exercises shall be in accordance with NTP 8(SERIES), paragraph D830.

#### **C2-900. ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF INFORMATION (EEI) MESSAGES**

a. EEI reporting shall be in accordance with NTP 8(SERIES), paragraph D900, and paragraph C900 of Annex C of this Central Area Operations Guide.