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County Emergency Operations Center

The County of Los Angeles' Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is prepared to activate in the event that "one hour rolling blackouts" caused by the California Independent System Operator (ISO) "Stage 3 Alert" warrant it. Due to long-range planning on the part of the County, and to ensure a continuity of power supply, two diesel generators, which can support the entire 33,000 square foot facility, were installed when the EOC facility was built. To further increase the reliability of the emergency power supply, one additional redundant generator, which can power the central system, was also installed. To power these generators, 25,000 gallons of diesel fuel is stored on-site.

"Los Angeles County is one of the best prepared areas in the nation and the design of this EOC is one of the primary reasons why we are considered one of the best," Los Angeles County Office of Emergency Management Administrator Constance Perett said.

Because of today's "Stage 3 Alert" and because of Southern California Edison's indication that there is likelihood that power may be interrupted at some point today, the possibility of "one hour rolling blackouts" does exist. The Los Angeles County Office of Emergency Management is monitoring this evolving situation.

As is the case with all emergencies, the public is urged to store essential supplies such as a first aid kit, portable radio, flashlight and spare batteries in their home in the event of a "rolling black out."