

**US GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
CONTINGENCY PLAN Q & A DOCUMENT
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Will the USGS continue to provide streamgage information to the National Weather Service if there are floods?

Yes, flood response efforts will continue by providing data to emergency flood managers.

What will happen if there is a major earthquake in the United States?

The scientists at the National Earthquake Information Center will be on duty to monitor the earthquake activity. However, USGS personnel will not be available to service the seismic network stations in the event of a station outage. Additional staff would be called upon to respond to an earthquake disaster.

Will Landsat satellite coverage continue?

Yes, Landsat 7 and 8 satellite operations will continue to ensure the protection and maintenance of government property.

What will happen if there is a volcanic eruption in the United States?

USGS will continue to operate our five volcano observatories to monitor volcanic activity. Research activities will be discontinued. Additional staff will be called upon to respond to a volcanic event affecting life and safety.

Will animals at USGS facilities be cared for?

Yes, caring for animals will continue as will activities related to the detection and analysis of wildlife disease outbreaks including those that pose risks to humans.

Will the USGS continue ecosystem restoration efforts?

All research activities related to ecosystem health and restoration will be discontinued.

Will water quality monitoring and analyzing continue?

Water quality data will not be received, analyzed or disseminated to the public.

What are some other impacts to citizens?

Access to publications, maps, and data will be limited and most of the USGS scientific publications will not be available on the website.

Is there anyone I can contact if I have questions?

Please visit the DOI website at www.DOI.gov.