

### **Sub-Element 6.c— Temporary Care of Evacuees**

<b>What the Policy Says</b>	<p><b>Intent</b> NUREG-0654 provides that OROs demonstrate the capability to establish relocation centers in host areas. The American Red Cross (ARC) normally provides congregate care in support of OROs under existing letters of agreement.</p> <p><b>Criterion 6.c.1:</b> Managers of congregate care facilities demonstrate that the centers have resources to provide services and accommodations consistent with American Red Cross planning guidelines. (Found in MASS CARE--Preparedness Operations, ARC 3031). Managers demonstrate the procedures to assure that evacuees have been monitored for contamination and have been decontaminated as appropriate before entering congregate care facilities. (NUREG-0654, J.10.h, J.12).</p> <p><b>Minimum Frequency</b> Criterion 6.c.1 is to be evaluated once in 6 years. Facilities managed by the American Red Cross (ARC), under the ARC/FEMA MOU, will be evaluated once when designated or when substantial changes occur; all other facilities not managed by the ARC must be evaluated once in the 6-year exercise cycle.</p> <p><b>Extent of Play</b> Under this criterion, demonstration of congregate care centers may be conducted out of sequence with the exercise scenario. The evaluator should conduct a walk-through of the center to determine, through observation and inquiries, that the services and accommodations are consistent with ARC 3031. In this simulation, it is not necessary to set up operations as they would be in an actual emergency. Alternatively, capabilities may be demonstrated by setting up stations for various services and providing those services to simulated evacuees. Given the substantial differences between demonstration and simulation of this objective, exercise demonstration expectations should be clearly specified in extent-of-play agreements.</p> <p>Congregate care staff should also demonstrate the capability to ensure that evacuees have been monitored for contamination, have been decontaminated as appropriate, and have been registered before entering the facility. This capability may be determined through an interview process.</p> <p>If operations at the center are demonstrated, material that would be difficult or expensive to transport (for example, cots, blankets, sundries, and large-scale food supplies) need not be physically available at the facility (facilities). However, availability of such items should be verified by providing the evaluator a list of sources with locations and estimates of quantities.</p> <p>All activities associated with this criterion must be based on the ORO's plans and procedures and completed as they would be in an actual emergency, unless noted above or otherwise indicated in the extent of play agreement.</p>
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<p><b>Preparing to Evaluate This Criterion</b></p>	<p>Before the exercise, determine, according to the ORO's plan/procedures and the Extent of Play agreement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What agency is responsible for managing the congregate care center?</li> <li>• How will the congregate care center be set up for the demonstration?</li> <li>• How will personnel at the congregate care center ensure that evacuees entering the facility have been monitored and found to be clean of contamination?</li> </ul>
<p><b>During the Exercise</b></p>	<p>During the exercise, in addition to evaluating activities related to the items listed above, be sure to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Note whether the congregate care center is set up in accordance with the extent of play agreement. If equipment (cots, blankets, sundries, food supplies) has not been brought in for the demonstration, the center staff should have a list of sources of equipment with locations and estimates of quantities.</li> <li>• Document available resources for evacuees (real or simulated) arriving at the congregate care center.</li> <li>• Document how the American Red Cross Guidelines on mass care will be met at this facility.</li> <li>• Note whether congregate care staff check to see if evacuees have been monitored and, if necessary, decontaminated.</li> </ul>