

## DPAS Priority Ratings

A DPAS priority rating consists of two elements:

- A priority level (“DX” or “DO”), and
- A program identification symbol (e.g., N1 through N8 for Department of Homeland Security (DHS)).

### Priority Levels:

- The DPAS provides for two levels of rated order priority: DX and DO.
  - The symbols DX and DO are not acronyms for any terms. They simply indicate the level of priority.
  - The DX level of priority is reserved only for use by the Department of Defense (DOD) to support our Nation’s most critical weapons system programs.

▪ **Under DPAS Delegation 4, DHS is permitted only to use the DO level of priority.**

- All DX rated orders have equal priority with each other and all DO rated orders have equal priority with each other.
- DX rated orders take precedence over DO rated orders and unrated orders (commercial orders without a DPAS priority rating), as necessary to meet the delivery or performance requirements of the DX orders.
- DO rated orders only take precedence over unrated (commercial) orders, as necessary to meet delivery or performance requirements of the DO rated orders.

### Current DHS-Approved Program Identification Symbols (PISs):

- N1: Federal emergency preparedness, mitigation, response, and recovery
- N2: State, local, and tribal government emergency preparedness, mitigation, response, and recovery
- N3: Intelligence and warning systems
- N4: Border and transportation security
- N5: Domestic counter-terrorism, including law enforcement
- N6: Chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear countermeasures
- N7: Critical infrastructure protection and restoration
- N8: Miscellaneous

**Most FEMA program DPAS rating authorizations will use a priority rating of “DO-N1,” to indicate DPAS support for Federal emergency preparedness, mitigation, response, and recovery programs.**

For further information about DPAS priority ratings, please contact the Office of Policy and Program Analysis (OPPA) at (202) 646-3350 or go to <http://www.fema.gov/about/programs/dpa>.