



Protecting Infrastructure During Natural Disasters

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This paper reviews ways in which damage to and/or disruption of infrastructure systems, particularly those that house hazardous materials, can be anticipated and what measures can be taken to protect them. Furthermore, the paper reviews ongoing efforts to better understand infrastructure interdependencies in order to aid mitigation and emergency re-sponse planning. Some policy options and risk reduction strategies that can be taken to reduce potential damage and losses during extreme natural disaster events are presented. In addition, the institutional, political and economic pre-conditions needed for protecting infrastructure are discussed.