

Operational Levels (NEK)

NEK operational levels are determined from current and anticipated activity levels and information gathered from the Eastern Area Coordination Center (EACC) and the Minnesota Interagency Fire Center (MIFC). The following described the operational levels for the NEK in conjunction with the Eastern Area Mob Guide.

Level 1

- Open five days per week with Cache Manager on call.
- Work done by regular Cache staff.
- No need for overtime

Level 2

- Extended hours to meet situation
- Work is normally done by regular Cache staff. AD Emergency workers may be hired.
- Overtime and On-Call approved by State Fire Administrative Supervisor, Fire Staff Officer or Fire Cache Manager.

Level 3

- Cache Manager monitors critical supply inventories.
- Additional help is likely needed beyond normal Cache personal for hose washing, tool reconditioning, restocking, and filling resource orders.
- This is the complexity level where the Cache may be expected to support one type 1 or type 2 fire or a series of type 3 and 4 fires.
- Additional funding (FireCode, work orders, project dollars) is available to pay for Cache workers.
- This is generally, the level where Cache management must supervise a number of activities occurring simultaneously.
- Resource orders for National Cache Material Handlers (WHHR) are placed directly to EACC Coordinator.
- Extended cache hours are likely in effect.
- Overtime and On-Call authorized by State Fire Administrative Supervisor, Fire Staff Officer or Fire Cache Manager.

Level 4

- Extended shifts, possibly covering 18 - 24 hours may be worked.
- Activity level requires 6 – 10 additional cache workers to handle heavy work demands.
- Almost all costs of work are paid for by FireCode or State Fire Fund.
- DNR Warehouse staff has assumed work leader roles in their assigned sections.
- Resource orders for National Cache Material Handlers (WHHR) are placed directly to EACC Coordinator.
- Overtime and On-Call are likely a daily occurrence, authorized by the State Fire Administrative Supervisor, Fire Staff Officer or Fire Cache Manager.

Level 5

- 12-hour shifts, possibly covering 18 - 24 hours are likely in effect.
- Activity Level requires 6-20 Cache Workers to handle heavy work demands
- Almost all costs of work are paid for by P-Code or State Fire Fund.
- Resource orders for National Cache Material Handlers (WHHR) and Material Handler Leaders (WHLR) are placed directly to EACC Coordinator.
- Expanded organization is in effect with ground support and supply positions added.