

Planned, Limited Notice and Emergency Outage Guidelines

Applies to: All Operations & Facilities Management Department Employees

GUIDELINES:

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PURPOSE:

The purpose of these guidelines is to define roles and responsibilities in requesting, coordinating scheduling and executing utility outages and restoration procedures for outages related to emergencies, daily operations and construction projects.

STRATEGIC VISION:

Strategic Goal: Resources and Business Continuity

Safeguard resources by proactively managing all outages to minimize operational impacts.

DEFINITIONS:

- OUTAGE NOTIFICATION FORM: A document that is sent by the Operations and Facilities Management Department to all Stakeholders notifying them of the details of the Outage.
- **PRIMARY CONTACT**: The person (Facilities Operations Technician/Supervisor or Project Manager) with overall stewardship and accountability for a utility outage.
- **STAKEHOLDER:** Individuals and groups who are involved in and/or are impacted by an Outage, typically a Business Manager.
- **UTILITY:** Any service provided by an outside source, or manufactured in house (gas, water, electricity, chilled water, steam, DI water, vacuum, etc.), which facilitates building operations.
- **FISC:** Facilities Integrated Service Center
- **CSR:** Customer Service Representative (in the FISC)
- **HRMS:** Human Resources Management System
- **KMC:** Key Management Contact
- **BLL:** Building Lab Liaison

SCOPE:

This outage procedure covers the operation of all building systems under the direct support of Washington University School of Medicine (WUSM) Operations and Facilities Management Department (OFMD) and Facilities Capital Projects. Periodic building system outages may be required for the purposes of construction, renovation, isolation, maintenance, replacement, or repairs to existing systems, subsystems or component parts thereof. Outages may also occur as a result of natural or Operations and Facilities Management Department (Facilities Operations Notification Page 1 of 18 Template Guidelines)



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human-caused hazards such as floods, tornadoes, or severe storms. Systems that could experience outages may include but are not limited to:

- Steam and condensate
- Domestic hot and/or cold water
- Chilled water supply and return
- Compressed air
- Electrical
- Natural gas
- Vacuum systems
- DI water systems
- Elevator systems
- Fire alarm testing
- HVAC
- Sprinkler systems
- Heating hot water systems
- CO2 systems
- Climate rooms

These procedures <u>do not</u> apply to isolation valves, switches or other such devices that isolate a point of service device that will result in only the loss of service of the specific piece of equipment, fixture or other device. Examples of such situations would include but not be limited to:

- Plumbing fixtures (sinks, toilets, showers, drinking fountains, etc.)
- Redundant devices such as pumps, fans or other equipment that are being appropriately backed-up by operational duplicate devices.
- Individual VAV boxes, air terminals, reheat valves, coils, radiators, fan coils, unit heaters or other HVAC devices controlling a single space.
- Lighting and power circuits serving a single space or device including discrete electrical devices such as occupancy sensors, light fixtures, light switches and receptacles.
- Climate rooms

In these cases, the primary contact must still notify all affected stakeholders regarding the impact of the outage.

SITUATION AND ASSUMPTIONS:

A. Situations

1. All utility or building system outages and service interruptions will be classified in one of three possible categories:

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- a. **Planned Service Interruption -** An interruption in utility services which can be foreseen. Planned outages include all repair projects, with enough lead time (preferably 10 or more business days) to allow them to be accomplished on a non-emergency basis and all capital and renovation projects, which require outages during construction.
- b. **Limited Notice Service Interruption** An interruption in utility services initiated by OFMD that cannot be foreseen or which does not allow for extensive pre-planning or coordination prior to the interruption. Limited Notice Outage and Service Interruptions outages may be required when repairs <u>must</u> be accomplished within a short time frame (which may not allow for time to personally meet with customer) to safeguard property, research and occupant health.
- c. **Facilities Emergency** An interruption in utility services that has occurred and was not initiated by OFMD. This may occur as the result of a natural or human-caused hazard. Examples of facilities emergencies may include but are not limited to mechanical failure, flooding within buildings, electrical outages or "power blips", or hazardous materials incidents.
- 2. The designated OFMD primary contact is the person who will remain as the single primary point of contact throughout any outage.

B. Assumptions

- 1. WUSM OFMD staff will work diligently to ensure that every possible action is taken to minimize the length and severity of outages in order to provide the least amount of interruption to campus customers
- 2. WUSM OFMD will strive to use Planned Service Interruption if possible and will only utilize Limited Notice Service Interruption when deemed necessary for work to be done immediately in order to safeguard property, research and occupant health.

PROCESS:

A. Planned Service Interruptions – [PLANNED]

1. A Planned Service Interruption is an interruption in utility services, which can be foreseen. Planned service interruptions include all repair projects, with enough lead time to allow them to be accomplished on a non-emergency basis and all capital and renovation projects, which require outages during construction.



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2. All Planned Service Interruptions that will result in an interruption of normal system service will be reviewed, approved, and implemented with the full knowledge and involvement of the appropriate stakeholders. The appropriate Facilities Operations (FO) supervisors will be contacted for approval for operations that affect the delivery of services to facilities. In particular, all actions affecting building HVAC operations must be done with the prior knowledge and approval of the applicable FE technicians.

3. Planned Service Interruption Notification Process

- a. **Evaluate Outage** Evaluate the potential outage to determine if it appropriately meets the criteria for classification as a Planned Service Interruption including criticality of system, impact on property, research and occupant health, and necessary time needed to meet with stakeholders.
- b. **Plan Outage** The primary contact will meet in person with appropriate stakeholders in physical spaces that may be impacted by the outage to discuss:
 - Impacts of outage/service interruption
 - Preferred Scheduling
 - Outage Duration
 - Contingency plans to minimize disruption and protect the building systems and program operations
 - Special logistical considerations such as room access, etc.

c. Communicate Outage

- The primary contact will complete the appropriate <u>Outage</u>
 <u>Notification Form</u> and submit it to FO Supervisor. For Planned service interruptions the outage notification form will be labeled in green as [PLANNED].
- Outage notifications using the appropriate <u>Outage Notification</u>
 <u>Form</u> will be issued as early as possible (preferably ten (10)
 business days prior to the scheduled outage) to the Facilities
 Integrated Service Center (FISC) designee via ServiceNow. FISC
 designee will forward the notification to the appropriate
 stakeholders.
- Notifications will be distributed through various outlets depending

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on the level of impact. Outlets may include but are not limited to:

- Emails to Faculty/Staff/Student groups
- Emails to Department Business Managers, Designated Building/Lab Liaisons (BLL), and/or Key Management Contacts (KMC).
- Postings to the OFMD Website
- Postings in elevator lobby areas

d. **Execute Outage**

- The primary contact will coordinate all aspects of the outage.
- If the outage is unsuccessful (i.e. the intended scope of work could not be accomplished) the primary contact will notify and/or meet the appropriate stakeholders to correct problems and propose a rescheduled date.

B. Limited Notice Service Interruptions - [LIMITED NOTICE]

- 1. A Limited Notice Service Interruption is an interruption initiated by OFMD that cannot be foreseen or which does not allow for extensive pre-planning or coordination prior to the interruption.
- 2. Limited Notice Service Interruptions may only be initiated when repairs must be accomplished within a short time frame (which may not allow for time to personally meet with customer) to safeguard property, research and occupant health.
- 3. Limited Notice Outages and Service Interruptions Notification Process
 - a. Evaluate Outage Evaluate the potential outage to determine if it would be able to meet the criteria for classification as a Planned Outage instead of a Limited Notice Outage including criticality of system, impact on property, research and occupant health, and necessary time needed to meet with stakeholders. Whenever possible, Planned Service Interruptions should be used as the preferred method over Limited Notice Service Interruptions.
 - b. Communicate Outage
 - The primary contact will complete the appropriate Outage

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<u>Notification Form</u> and submit it to the FO Supervisor. For Limited Notice Service Interruptions, the outage notification form will be labeled in yellow as [**LIMITED NOTICE**].

- Notification Responsibilities:
 - During FISC Business Hours Outage notifications using the appropriate <u>Outage Notification Form</u> will be issued to the FISC designee via ServiceNow. FISC designee will immediately distribute the notification to the appropriate stakeholders.
 - After FISC Business Hours Outage notifications using the appropriate <u>Outage Notification Form</u> will be immediately distributed by the FMD Computer Room to the appropriate stakeholders.
- Notifications will be distributed through various outlets depending on the level of impact. Outlets may include but are not limited to:
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C. Facilities Emergency - [EMERGENCY]

- 1. A Facilities Emergency is defined as an incident that:
 - a. is a no-notice incident, and



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- b. has the potential to adversely affect WUSM research, occupant health, or clinical operations.
- 2. Facilities Emergencies may occur as the result of a natural or human-caused hazard. Examples of facilities emergencies may include but are not limited to mechanical failure, flooding within buildings, electrical outages, tornado damage, or a hazardous materials incident.
- 3. Any other small, unplanned incidents (e.g. flooding in office space managed and cleaned by current shift custodial personnel; minor power outage with quick restoration) will be addressed and communicated at the discretion of the FO supervisory personnel.
- 4. Facilities Emergency notifications are more informative in nature and intended to provide situation information and/or updates related to the incident.
- 5. Facilities Emergencies may result in the need for further Planned or Limited Notice Service Interruptions in order to respond and recover from damages or repair the root cause of the problem.
- 6. Facilities Emergencies will likely result in activation of the Facilities Emergency Response Group (FERG). FERG guidelines outline that "command will have responsibility for notification of the key stakeholders of the impacted area by utilizing the FISC as able" and by following the guidelines outlined in this Facilities Emergency Notification Process (see Facilities Emergency Response Group, Washington University Emergency Operations Plan, Emergency Support Function 3, Appendix 7, p. 3.17).
- 7. Facilities Emergency Notification Process
 - a. Evaluate Emergency Event
 - A Facilities Emergency is reported to Facilities Operations (FO) computer room and/or Protective Services (PS) dispatch by front-line personnel. The two response call centers will coordinate their initial response actions.
 - FO and/or PS personnel will be deployed to assess the situation.



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- If warranted by the situation, the FERG plan will be implemented with Incident Command established (see Facilities Emergency Response Group, Washington University Emergency Operations Plan, Emergency Support Function 3, Appendix 7)
- For events that may adversely impact WUSM operations at non-WUSM facilities (i.e. hospital-owned facilities), the lead FO or PS supervisor will serve as the primary point of contact for WUSM until formal transfer to another WUSM official occurs.

b. Determine Communication Needs

- If it is determined that the incident will, or is highly likely, to cause a disruption of services to faculty, staff, and/or students, the lead FO and/or PS officer will:
 - notify the Assistant Director of FO or the Senior Director of FO
 - notify the designated Washington University (WashU)
 Emergency Management (EM) on-call personnel, via Protective
 Services Dispatch (314-362-4357).
- An assessment of the incident and severity level will be reviewed to confirm if the incident meets Facility Emergency Notification criteria.

c. Communicate Outage

- All notifications will be sent out as soon as reasonably possible following the onset of the incident with updates as significant changes occur.
- The WUSM Faculty Practice Plan (FPP), in coordination with WUSM Incident Command and/or WashU EM, will lead all mass notifications related to specific medical operations targeted to clinical faculty/staff.
- Facility Emergency notifications will be distributed through the following primary outlets:
 - FISC / FO email notification
 - Phone call notifications (for initial message only, not updates)



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- Text message notifications
- Posting to Facilities Management Department (FMD) and the WashU EM website

• FISC / FO email distribution

- During FISC Business Hours (Mon. Sat. 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.; Sun. 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.; no holidays) incident notifications using the appropriate Outage Notification Form will be issued to the FISC designee via ServiceNow. After the FISC designee obtains approval to send an emergency outage notification by an Assistant Director-level or above, the FISC designee will distribute the notification via E-mail to:
 - o designated Building/Lab Liaisons (BLL) for the buildings affected,
 - o designated Key Management Contacts (KMC) for the buildings affected
 - o the "All Outage" notification group.
- After FISC Business Hours, incident notifications using the appropriate <u>Outage Notification Form</u> will be immediately distributed by the FMD Computer room to:
 - o designated Building/Lab Liaisons (BLL) for the buildings affected,
 - designated Key Management Contacts (KMC) for the buildings affected
 - o the All Outage Notification group.

Phone and Text Notifications

Notifications via text message and text-to-speech phone message will be sent by EM personnel (for activation procedures, see WashU Emergency Management Standard Operating Guideline 403.02). Text-to-speech phone messages will **ONLY** be used for the initial notification. All updates will be provided by text only.



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- The narrative for the initial text message and text-to-speech phone notifications will be derived from the message and incident information released on the FISC / FO email notification.
- Text message and text-to-speech phone message notifications will be sent to:
 - o designated Building/Lab Liaisons (BLL) for the buildings affected.
 - designated Key Management Contacts (KMC) for the buildings affected
 - o the "All Outage" Text Message Notification group.

Postings to Website

- All information distributed via FISC / FO email notification and designated as a "facilities emergency" will be posted to the FMD website (http://facilities.med.wustl.edu) by the FMD Communications Coordinator or WashU Emergency Management as soon as reasonably possible following the onset of the incident. This initial notification will also be automatically posted to the WashU Emergency Management website (https://emergency.wustl.edu).
- All necessary incident updates will be posted to the WashU Emergency Management website.
- d. Communicate Updates and Resolution
 - After the issue has been resolved, notifications will be sent via:
 - text message
 - postings to website.

D. Process of Distributing Outage Notification Form

1. In order to send out a communication regarding a planned, limited notice or emergency outage, the following steps will be taken:



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- a. Primary Contact will submit necessary outage information to the appropriate FO supervisor via email or verbally. If necessary, the FISC customer service representative (CSR) or Computer Room technician can also use the ServiceNow form. If a contractor is requesting a shutdown or street closure, the contractor should fill out the Contractor Request for Shutdown or Street Closure Form and send it to the Primary Contact. See attachment 3.
- b. The FO supervisor, FISC CSR or Computer Room technician will log into ServiceNow and fill out the Outage Notification Form and submit it to the FISC. For emergency outage notifications, the FISC designee must obtain approval by an Assistant Director-level or above.
- c. The FISC (or Computer Room after-hours) designee will find the form(s) in the shared address book (www.mse.edu. The designee will click on contacts and pull up the "SOM Facilities Address Books" contacts and click on all applicable distribution lists (building(s) affect and "all outage group"). Then, the designee will click on email at the top of Outlook. The designee will then move all the contacts from the "To" line to the "BCC" line. The designee will copy and paste the information from the outage notification email in the shared address book into the new email and also copy and paste the subject line. The designee should delete any signature block and/or email information above the FMD logo. The designee should briefly review the outage for grammatical errors or any other errors before sending it out.
- d. The designee will then send out the outage.

2. Distribution Lists

a. If a customer contacts the FISC or other FMD personnel and requests to be placed on the distribution list (or if someone requests to be taken off the list), the designee should let the customer know he/she will need to ask his/her business manager or payroll representative to add/remove him/her as a BLL or KMC in HRMS. This will prompt an automated email to the Communication & Facilities Administration Manager with the information. The Communication & Facilities Administration Manager will add/remove the name from the list.



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- b. All updates to "key management contact" or "building lab liaison" in HRMS come through via email to the Communication & Facilities Administration Manager. Each update will be entered into the distribution lists, as applicable.
- c. All "return to sender" types of emails should be forwarded to the Communication & Facilities Administration Manager upon receiving so the lists can be kept up to date.

3. Elevator Sign Holders

a. Elevator sign holders have been placed in all elevator lobbies on the WUSM campus. When the Facilities Technician of each building receives an outage notification, he/she will print the email and will place it in each sign holder in the building, as applicable. When the outage has ended, the Facilities Technician will remove the notification and recycle it. If more than one outage is occurring in the building, the next occurring one will be placed in the front of the elevator sign holder.

<u>Please note</u>, if it is a revised outage/service interruption and it has already been sent out by the FISC (i.e. a Supervisor puts an outage into ServiceNow but uses the wrong date), the Primary Contact should not send through another outage through ServiceNow. Instead, he/she should retrieve the original notification, write "REVISED" in bold, red type at the top (above the FMD logo) and highlight in yellow the changes. Then, he/she should email the revised notification to the FISC with an explanation of the changes. The FISC can then send out to the above distribution lists.

E. Special Guidance for FMD staff responsible for executing Planned and Limited Notice Outages and Service Interruptions

- 1. All isolation operations will comply with proper Lockout Tag out procedures of the University and as stipulated by OSHA Regulations. Lockouts will be of the group type including a lock from the Utilities Department and one from the party performing the work. No system may be restarted or returned to service without the knowledge, approval or involvement of the appropriate Facilities Engineering (FE) personnel.
- 2. Valves associated with these guidelines also include drains, sprinkler control valves, vents, bypasses and any other auxiliary devices associated with the various systems. Switches associated with these guidelines will also include circuit breakers, knife switches, safety switches, disconnects, motor circuit protectors and toggle switches.



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- 3. When work activities conclude, a review of all affected equipment, valves, switches and other such devices will be undertaken either by visual inspection or by operation in such a manner to determine that these devices have been left in the proper position for the respective system to operate normally.
- 4. Should there be a system failure or emergency situation during the outage, necessary actions will be taken to control the situation without the need to explicitly follow the requirements of these guidelines and its procedures. Subsequent to the event, the system configuration and these guidelines will be followed.

F. Restoration of Services

- 1. After restoration of services, technicians representing each technical area of Facilities Management will survey the affected buildings/areas and ensure that systems in their respective areas are operational and that equipment is set in its normal operating position. This includes (but is not limited to): building HVAC and controls, elevators, fire alarm, building electric and emergency power systems and building plumbing systems, etc. The following is a brief outline of the post- event check out by different areas of Facilities Management:
 - a. HVAC and Controls: After restoration of services, the lead mechanical technician will confirm that all equipment and systems (chillers, boilers, airhandlers, pumps, exhaust fans, fume hoods and domestic water system, etc.) that were locked down and tagged out during the outage are ready for start-up (onsite or remotely). For buildings without direct digital control (DDC) systems, the controls technician will physically visit each area of the building and confirm the operations of heating, ventilation and cooling systems. Upon confirmation, these systems will be brought on-line and the services in the building restored to the pre-event operating conditions.
 - Simultaneously, the computer room technician will start the equipment and building check-ups via control workstation interface.
 - b. Electrical: Electricians will de-energize the electrical feeders involved in the outage and rack out breakers and ground when necessary. After work is completed, the steps above will be followed in a reserve order prior to reenergizing the feeders. After re-energizing the feeders amperage readings will be taken again and compared with the pre-event readings to confirm that all systems are back in operation. Critical systems such as domestic pumps, chillers, pumps, and air handlers will be physically checked by electricians.

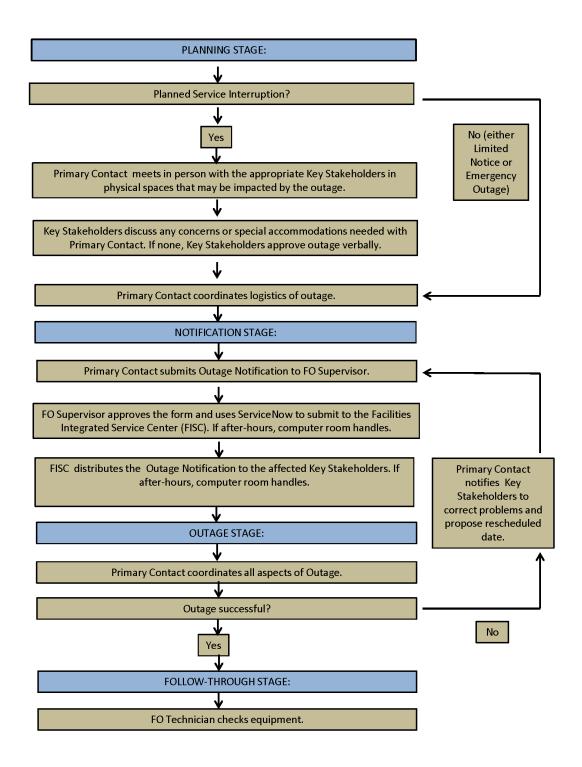


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For outages involving building electrical systems, the building electrical system will be de-energized, locked out and tagged out by the electricians prior to any work or repairs. After the outage event, the electricians will confirm that the electrical systems are ready to be restored.

c. Plumbing: After services are restored, Facilities Management plumbers will walk the affected buildings to confirm all the fixtures and systems are operational and set back to the normal operating conditions.

ATTACHMENT 1: PLANNED SERVICE INTERRUPTION FLOWCHART



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ATTACHMENT 2: SAMPLE PLANNED SERVICE INTERRUPTION NOTIFICATION



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Planned Service Interruption Notification

Please share and post this communication as appropriate.

To: Key WUSM Stakeholders CC: Facilities Management

Buildings Affected:Wohl Clinic

Type of outage: Air Handling Unit

Outage Start Date/Time:

02-20-2015 05:00:00 AM CST

Outage End

Date/Time: 02-20-2015 10:00:00 AM CST

Impact: This will affect the support area on the 1st floor of Chromalloy as well as the 2nd through

the 5th floor of the clinic only. During this time, air flows will be at lower rate. This is

needed to repair a component on the main HVAC system serving these areas.

We thank you for your patience and understanding at this time.

Outage Notice Issued By: Facilities Integrated Service Center

Phone: 314-362-3100

Email: WUSMFacilities@wusm.wustl.edu

Planned—An interruption in utility services, which can be foreseen and includes all projects with enough lead time (preferably 10 or more business days) to allow them to be accomplished on a non-emergency basis

Limited Notice—An interruption in utility services which cannot be foreseen and includes outages which must be accomplished within a short time frame to safeguard property, research and occupant health.

Emergency—An interruption in utility services that has occurred and was not initiated by FMD. This may occur as the result of a natural or human-caused hazard, such as a flood or "power blip".

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ATTACHMENT 3: CONTRACTOR REQUEST FOR SHUTDOWN OR STREET CLOSURE FORM

Washington University in St. Louis School of Medicine Facilities Management Contractor Request for Shutdown			
Type of Outage/Service Interruption: Utility Closure (i.e. electrical, HVAC, domestic hot or cold water) □ (if yes, go to step 1) Street Closure □ (if yes, go to step 2)			
Step 1 – Utility Outage/Service Interruption			
Type of Outage: Planned □ Limited Notice □			
Explain nature of limited notice notification:			
Planned—An interruption in utility services, which can be foreseen and includes all projects with enough lead time (preferably 10 or more business days) to allow them to be accomplished on a non-emergency basis. Limited Notice—An interruption in utility services which cannot be foreseen and includes outages which must be accomplished within a short time frame to safeguard property, research and occupant health.			
This form must be submitted by the Planner/Project Manager and sent to the Facilities Operations Supervisor in accordance with the following: outside contractors/Capital Projects that may be involved with or affected by the Energy Control Procedures must submit their procedures to the FO Building Technician and the FO Supervisor prior to approval for performing any work. Once the Facilities Operations Supervisor receives the form and approves it, her/she will need to submit an outage/service interruption notification through ServiceNow, which will then be distributed by the Facilities Integrated Service Center (FISC) via email.			
Ten (10) working days' notice is required on all planned shutdowns.			
WUSM Planner/Project Manager:			
WUSM Project #:			
WUSM Facilities Operations Supervisor:			
Project Name/Area:			
Building(s) Affected: Floor(s):			
Type of outage: If "other", explain:			
Outage Start Date: Outage Start Time:			
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Facilities Management	Contractor Request for Shutdown
Outage End Date:	Outage End Time:
Explanation of outage/service interruption:	
Project Superintendent:	
Contract:	Telephone #:
Location of Piping, Wiring, Etc.:	
Size of Piping:	Number of Connections:
Is Pipe Insulated? Yes \square No \square	Asbestos? Yes □ No □
Estimated Hours to Perform Work:	Subcontractor Name:
Regular Time ☐ or Premium Time ☐	Estimated Cost: \$
Contractor's Requested Date:	
Request Approved By:	
C.C. Assistant Director of Maintenance	and Engineering & Facilities Tech – Fire Alarms
Date:	
Step 2 – Street Closure	
Type of Outage: Planned \square	Limited Notice □
Explain nature of limited notice notification:	
10 or more business days) to allow them to be accor	nnot be foreseen and includes outages which must be accomplished
This form must be submitted by the Planner/Pro	ject Manager and sent to the Facilities Operations Supervisor in

accordance with the following: outside contractors/Capital Projects that may be involved with or affected by the Energy



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Control Procedures must submit their procedures to the FO Building Technician and the FO Supervisor prior to approval for performing any work. Once approved by all parties, this form must be emailed to the Communications Coordinator (at least ten (10) working days' notice is required on all planned shutdowns). Once the Communications Coordinator receives the form, he/she will approve it and include the notification in the weekly Facilities Operations Update.

WUSM Project #:	
WUSM Facilities Operations Supervisor:	
Project Name/Area:	
Street(s) Affected:	
Explanation of street closure:	
Map of street closure:	
Start Date: Start Time:	
End Date: End Time:	
Project Superintendent:	
Contract: Telephone #:	
Request Approved By:	
Date:	

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http://facilities.med.wustl.edu/about/facilities-management-guidelines/.