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**Snow Emergencies:** When Onondaga, Cayuga and/or Oswego County declares a snow emergency, supervisors Dawn Conley-Morelli or Ryan Conley will determine whether or not the Facilities will shut down. If you are not able to travel safely to your destination, you will remain at the Facilities until the emergency ends. Equines will be brought into the barn from the fields so that we can continue to provide care for them. Dawn will determine a caretaking schedule for all PEWRRR animals for the duration of the snow emergency.

**Storms:** (Thunderstorms and High Winds): Get indoors. Keep away from windows or doors during periods of high winds, lightning, hail or any combination of these events. If possible, equines/animals will be brought in from the fields in advance of these events. It is possible that severe storms or high winds may cause a power line to come down, causing potential for fire or electrocution. Know the PEWRRR protocol for downed power lines (see page 14).

**Tornado:** When a tornado watch is issued for Onondaga, Cayuga and/or Oswego County, activities will proceed as normal. Staff will stay alert for any changes or weather updates. If possible, equines will be moved to their indoor concrete stalls, opposite the indoor riding arenas. When a tornado warning is issued, all personnel should immediately seek shelter in the interior of the main barn (in the breezeway aisle, the open concrete stalls or under the stairwell).

**Earthquake:** Earthquakes are extremely rare. Go to an open space, away from tall structures, trees or other things that may strike you if they fall. Avoid going into paddocks with horses in them, as frightened animals may become dangerous.

## PEWRRR Downed Power Line Protocol

After a storm, be aware that there may be downed power lines at the facilities. You may see a downed line, or smell smoke from one. If you see a power line on the ground, don't assume that it is not energized or that it is insulated. Stay at least 10 feet away from the wire and secure the area by keeping other personnel and consumers away. If you discover a low or fallen line, do the following:

- Consider all wires **ENERGIZED** and dangerous. Even lines that are de-energized could become energized at any time. Observe the minimum approach distance of 10 feet. A live wire touching the ground can cause electricity to travel through the ground, radiating outward from the contact point. **STAY CLEAR!**
- Once the site is secure, call for emergency services. Call National Grid's emergency hotline at: 1-800-867-5222. This number is located on the emergency contact sheet near the phones.
- **DO NOT** attempt to remove a tree limb or other object from a power line. Electricity can travel through limbs, especially when they are wet. When cleaning up after the storm, make absolutely sure that no power lines are near before cutting or trimming damaged trees and removing debris from the property.
- If a broken power line should fall on your vehicle, stay inside the vehicle. Use your cell phone to call for help. The vehicle can become energized; you are safer remaining inside until help arrives. Metal objects like fences and guardrails can also become energized if a downed power line contacts them. Warn others not to approach or touch the vehicle, and have them call for help.
- If you **MUST** get out of the vehicle because of fire or other life-threatening hazards, jump clear of the vehicle so that you do not touch any part of it and the ground at the same time. Jump as far as possible away from the vehicle with both feet landing on the ground at the same time. Once you clear the vehicle, shuffle away, with both feet on the ground, or hop away, with both feet landing on the ground at the same time. Do not run away from the vehicle as the electricity forms rings of different voltages. Running may cause your legs to "bridge" current from a higher ring to a lower voltage ring. This could result in a shock. Get a safe distance away.
- If someone makes contact with a downed power line, don't try to rescue them because you risk becoming a victim yourself. Call 911 for help.