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Cspan recently broadcast a presentation made by LTG Honore in Houston on his thoughts on Katrina. One of his main points was the need for BAG's ("Big Ass Generators") since without power you don't have communications or much else. A few of his sub-points on this item were:

Where do they put the back-up generators that do exist? *In the basement!*

How many gas stations have emergency generators? *If you cannot get the fuel out of the tanks, how can you refuel generators, emergency vehicles, evacuation vehicles, or IBB's ("Itty Bitty Boats") when a disaster occurs.*

That raises the question of what ARES has available for emergency power. How many generators are available and when would the fuel come from? How many fully charged battery packs do you have for your handhelds? How long will backup batteries last? Can you charge or operate your handheld off a car battery? What about your HF rigs?

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