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Spotlight: Powering Up

Try this in your Tim “The Toolman” Taylor voice: “Four generators, each with 1,450 horsepower, V12 diesel engines cranking out 1,000 kilowatts of power at 480 volts.”

That’s what will keep the state’s data flowing if the electricity went off at Information Services main building. Most would hardly notice as the generators located within the labyrinth of the building’s bottom floor would kick in almost immediately. Here are a few other tidbits about the emergency backup system.



- At max load, each generator could burn up to 68 gallons of diesel an hour.
- The generators can fire and produce maximum power in eight seconds if there is an electrical issue.
- At the current capacity, the generators can run for six days before needing to be refueled.