

One Day We Will Wake Up in an America Without Electricity and Society Will Totally Break Down

What would you do if the power grid went down and never came back up? One of these days, and it could be a lot sooner than most people think, we will all wake up in a country without electricity. Considering how utterly dependent we have become on technology, not having electricity is a very frightening scenario to consider.

How would Americans react if nothing worked? Imagine a world where everything electronic is dead. I am talking about lights, cellphones, computers, televisions, ATMs, heating and cooling systems, credit card readers, gas pumps, cash registers, refrigerators, hospital equipment and so on.

The power going out for a few hours can be a major inconvenience, but what if it went out all over the nation and didn't come back on for months or even years? This is one of the greatest potential threats that the United States faces, and yet very few people are even talking about it.

An electromagnetic pulse attack could potentially send our nation back to the 1800s in a single moment, but very few of us are equipped to handle life without technology. Tech guru John McAfee recently wrote an article in which he expressed his belief that 90 percent of the population would be dead within two years of such an attack:

Experts agree that an all-out cyberattack, beginning with an EMP (electromagnetic pulse) attack on our electronic infrastructure, would wipe out 90 percent of the human population of this country within two years of the attack.

That means the death of 270 million people within 24 months after the attack.

You may think that is an unreasonably high estimate, but it turns out that it is the exact same number that the EMP Commission used in their report to Congress back in 2008:

*What would a successful EMP attack look like? The EMP Commission, in 2008, estimated that within 12 months of a nationwide blackout, **up to 90 percent of the U.S. population could possibly perish from starvation, disease and societal breakdown.***

In 2009 the congressional Commission on the Strategic Posture of the United States, whose co-chairmen were former Secretaries of Defense William Perry and James Schlesinger, concurred with the findings of the EMP Commission and urged immediate action to protect the electric grid. Studies by the National Academy of Sciences, the Department of Energy, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and the National Intelligence Council reached similar conclusions.

So what has Barack Obama done to protect us from such an attack?

Absolutely nothing.

But there are others in the government that are concerned about this threat. For example, NORAD recently moved back into Cheyenne Mountain, and the potential for an EMP attack was given as the primary reason for the move:

The Pentagon is moving the headquarters for the North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) back into Cheyenne Mountain near Colorado Springs, Colorado, a decade after having largely vacated the site.

Why the return? Because the enormous bunker in the hollowed-

out mountain, built to survive a Cold War-era nuclear conflict, can also resist an electromagnetic-pulse attack, or EMP. America's military planners recognize the growing threat from an EMP attack by bad actors around the world, in particular North Korea and Iran.

An EMP strike, most likely from the detonation of a nuclear weapon in space, would destroy unprotected military and civilian electronics nationwide, blacking out the electric grid and other critical infrastructure for months or years. The staggering human cost of such a catastrophic attack is not difficult to imagine.

For years, most experts have assumed that an EMP attack would be conducted by exploding at least one nuclear weapon high up in our atmosphere. That could definitely happen someday. But now governments all over the world are working on other ways to deliver an EMP strike, and many of them do not involve nuclear weapons at all.

The U.S. government is among those that have been doing this kind of research. The U.S. Air Force now reportedly has the capability to conduct an EMP assault against individual buildings or power stations. The following comes from the *Daily Mail*:

For years, scientists have been attempting to create such a weapon as part of Champ, or the Counter-electronics High-powered microwave Advanced Missile Project.

Now, the U.S. Air Force claims it has advanced the technology, and says it can deploy it using the stealthy Joint Air-to-Surface Standoff Missile-Extended Range (JASSM).

There are fears a well targeted attack could knock out multiple power stations.

'This technology marks a new era in modern-day warfare,' said

Keith Coleman, CHAMP program manager for Boeing Phantom Works.

And we also know that Russia, China, Iran and North Korea have also been developing EMP weapons. This next excerpt comes from *DefenseNews*:

*The possibility of man-made EMP events has grown in tandem with the technological sophistication of America's adversaries. It is widely known that **both Russia and China already have this capability**, and both countries have carried out serious work relating to the generation of EMP in recent years as part of their respective military modernization programs.*

*Now, rogue states Iran and North Korea may not be that far behind. Iran, for example, **is known to have simulated a nuclear EMP attack several years ago using short-range missiles launched from a freighter**. North Korea, meanwhile, **has acquired the blueprints to build an EMP warhead**, and in July of 2013, a North Korean freighter made it all the way to the Gulf of Mexico with two nuclear capable missiles in its hold.*

Why are these other nations developing these technologies?

To use them against us someday of course.

Many are particularly concerned about what Iran has been doing. In a piece for an Israeli news source, author Dr. Peter Vincent Pry explained that Iranian military documents actually discuss conducting such an attack against the United States:

Iranian military documents describe such a scenario, including a recently translated Iranian military textbook that endorses nuclear EMP attack against the United States.

Thus, Iran with a small number of nuclear missiles can by EMP attack threaten the existence of modernity and be the death knell for Western principles of international law, humanism and freedom. For the first time in history, a failed state like Iran could destroy the most successful societies on Earth and convert an evolving benign world order into world chaos.

And it wouldn't take much to completely disrupt electricity generation in America. In a previous article, I discussed a Federal Energy Regulatory Commission report which made the following jaw-dropping statement:

“Destroy nine interconnection substations and a transformer manufacturer and the entire United States grid would be down for at least 18 months, probably longer.”

Are you starting to get the picture?

We are far more vulnerable than most people realize.

And even if we are **never** attacked by an EMP weapon, scientists tell us that it is **inevitable** that a massive solar storm will produce a similar result someday anyway. Back in 1859, a massive solar storm that came to be known as “the Carrington Event” fried telegraph machines all over Europe and North America.

NASA says that there is a 12 percent chance that a similar solar storm will hit us within the next 10 years, and if that happens the consequences will be absolutely catastrophic:

NASA is warning that there's a 12 percent chance an extreme solar storm will hit Earth in the next decade, sending out massive shock waves that would knock out grids across the world.

*The economic impact of this doomsday scenario **could exceed \$2***

trillion—or 20 times the cost of Hurricane Katrina, according to the National Academy of Sciences.

I don't know why more people aren't concerned about this. There are things that the federal government could do to harden our electrical grid, but they aren't doing them.

This is a foreseeable danger, but our "leaders" are not taking it seriously.

And even if nobody ever purposely attacks us, scientists insist that it is only a matter of time before the sun unleashes an electromagnetic pulse that fries our electronics. In fact, we have had some very close calls in recent years. The following is an excerpt from a book that I co-authored with Barbara Fix entitled *Get Prepared Now*:

Most people have absolutely no idea that the Earth barely missed being fried by a massive EMP burst from the sun in 2012 and in 2013. And earlier in 2014 there was another huge solar storm which would have caused tremendous damage if it had been directed at our planet. If any of those storms would have directly hit us, the result would have been catastrophic. Electrical transformers would have burst into flames, power grids would have gone down and much of our technology would have been fried. In essence, life as we know it would have ceased to exist—at least for a time. These kinds of solar storms have hit the Earth many times before, and experts tell us that it is inevitable that it will happen again.

It amazes me that such a small percentage of the population is taking this threat seriously.

An electromagnetic pulse could bring down our entire society in a single moment at any time, and all of the experts assure us that it **will** happen someday.

But our politicians are just sitting on their hands and most Americans mock the idea that we need to be concerned about this.