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“Call Me When the Lights Go Out” - How to Keep the Lights and Water on When the River Stops Running.

Tonya Ngotel has worked in emergency management for 20 years. Starting her career as a training officer and now serves the most populated areas of Nebraska as the emergency manager for Omaha Public Power. While employed with the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency, she helped create the Nebraska hazardous materials program, led the National Association of SARA Title II Program Officials (NASTTPO), and responded to multiple large-scale wildfires. She was one of the incident commanders for the University of Nebraska Medical Center as the first US Citizens arrived from Wuhan in the beginning of the COVID response. Today she'll share her experience managing an unprecedented event that almost turned into an energy disaster.