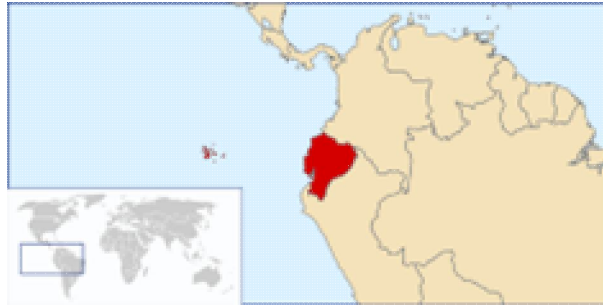


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## Project Management News from Ecuador

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***Electricity rationing and its impact***

Since November 5th, Ecuador is carrying electricity rationing throughout the whole country. Ecuador has a deficit of electricity generation of 4,500 megawatts per hour. The situation is aggravated by severe drought in the south, where is the largest hydroelectric plant that generates 35% of national consumption.

During power rationing, major cities had cut up to 8 hours daily. Currently, rationing is an average of 3 hours daily. The national government has budgeted more than \$ 300 million to purchase thermoelectric plants and fuel. In addition, financial compensation will be given to the private sector.

According to a local newspaper, the cost of electricity rationing is over U.S. \$ 1,000 million. The commercial sector, industry and services have losses of \$ 20 million a day. María Gloria Alarcón, president of the Chamber of Commerce, said that the country loses the taxes that are not received and jobs that are not generated.



Although there are no official figures on the impact of public and private projects, it is predictable that the impact of power rationing is affecting time and cost estimates. Small and medium enterprises have had to invest in power generation systems with, and have had to adjust work schedules.

According to the president of Ecuador, Rafael Correa, in the worst scenario, the rationing will conclude on February 12.

**More information at:**

- <http://www.elnuevoherald.com/finanzas/negocios-ap/story/614967.html>
- <http://www.eluniverso.com/2009/12/19/1/1356/correa-rationamientos-electricos-concluiran-maximo-febrero.html>
- <http://www.eluniverso.com/2009/12/13/1/1356/factura-rationamientos-llegaria-millones.html>

***Ecuador Chapter News***

Last month, the new Board of the PMI Ecuador Chapter was elected. The board consists of the following members:

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<b>VP Professional Development</b>	Principal: José Franco, PMP

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