

SITUATION REPORT # 15 - HIGHLIGHTS
NEW JERSEY STATE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER
November 2, 2012, 8:00 a.m.

A. CURRENT SYNOPSIS:

The NJ ROIC and NJOEM continue to respond to the effects from Hurricane Sandy. The NJ ROIC and NJOEM operational level is currently at a Level 4 as of 6:00 p.m. October 28, 2012. NJOEM will provide situational awareness reports to the State, County, Local and allied agencies throughout the event.

The President of the United States has approved a Major Disaster Declaration (FEMA-4086-DR-NJ) for the State of New Jersey for Hurricane Sandy on October 30, 2012. The President of the United States approved Individual and Public Assistance for debris removal and emergency protective measures (Categories A and B) including direct federal assistance for Atlantic, Bergen, Cape May, Essex, Hudson, Middlesex, Monmouth, Ocean, Somerset, and Union counties. All counties in the State of New Jersey are eligible to apply for assistance under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP). The Federal Coordinating Officer has been designated as Mr. Michael J. Hall.

Air Space Special Advisory

Effective 9:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 31, 2012, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), issued a Special Advisory for all air traffic, below 1,000 feet, along the coastal counties of Monmouth, Ocean, Atlantic and Cape May. The air space one half mile east and west of the New Jersey coast line, under 1,000 feet should be avoided by private aircraft to allow for safe rescue operations as a result of Hurricane Sandy until further notice.

Governor Chris Christie announced on November 1, 2012 that he has granted the Cape May and Atlantic County government's request to rescind the mandatory evacuation order for the barrier islands.

Mandatory evacuations ordered by the Governor in other areas of the state continue to remain in effect until conditions have been determined to allow for the lifting of travel restrictions and the safe and orderly return of residents.

Mandatory evacuations have been lifted in the following municipalities:

ATLANTIC COUNTY:

Brigantine Beach
Margate City
Longport Borough
West Wildwood

CAPE MAY COUNTY:

Wildwood
Wildwood Crest
North Wildwood
Avalon

Stone Harbor
Sea Isle City
Ocean City

The Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Bob Martin, signed Administrative Order No. 2012-12 which accompanies Executive Order No. 103, issued by Governor Chris Christie, on October 31, 2012. These Orders mandate statewide water use restrictions effective immediately November 1, 2012, and shall remain in effect until suspended or terminated by the Governor or Commissioner of DEP.

B. INCIDENTS

Arthur Kill Motiva Oil Tank Facility in Perth Amboy, Middlesex County
DEP continues to participate in the clean up following the oil spill at Motiva.

Water Systems Subject to a Boil Water Advisory (15)

- Independence MUA - Highland System, [Advisory Issued]
- Atlantic City MUA - [Advisory Issued]
- Brant Beach Water Department - [Advisory Issued]
- Fortesque - [Advisory Issued]
- Ship Bottom - Do Not Drink once well is back online
- Cedar Bonnet Island, population served: limited due to evacuations; bulk purchase system from Ship Bottom
- United Water Sunset Ridge (Vernon Township) - [Advisory issued]
- United Water Highlands Lakes (Vernon Township) - [Advisory issued]
- United Water Predmore (Vernon Township) - [Advisory issued]
- United Water Sammis (Vernon Township) - [Advisory issued]
- United Water Woodridge (Wantage - [Advisory issued]

The US Coast Guard reports that due to post tropical storm Sandy, the Port of New York and New Jersey is closed to all incoming and outgoing vessel traffic. It is not immediately known how long the port will remain closed.

ROAD CLOSURES:

New Jersey Department of Transportation reports 5 Active Road Closures throughout the State.

Garden State Parkway

The Garden State Parkway is open for the entire length of the roadway. Tolls have been re-instated.

NJ Turnpike

The Turnpike is completely reopened. Tolls have been re-instated.
Turnpike Delays at all Service Areas.

Southbound Eastern Spur ramp to Interchange 15-W ramp closed for ongoing repairs from sinkhole.

SJTA - Atlantic City Expressway

The Atlantic City Expressway is completely reopened.

MASS TRANSPORTATION

AVIATION

Teterboro Airport (TEB) is now operating from sunrise to sunset daily. There is no runway lighting for night operations.

Essex County Airport is open as of November 1, 2012, with an adjusted schedule, day time flight operations only 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. until further notice. There is no runway lighting for night operations.

BRIDGES & TUNNELS:

Port Authority of NY/NJ Holland Tunnel will have ONE LANE BUS OPERATIONS ONLY starting tomorrow, Friday, November 2, 2012, as follows:

- 5:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., Mondays thru Fridays, 1 lane of the south tunnel will operate for BUSES ONLY, Eastbound to NYC.
- 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m., Mondays thru Fridays, 1 lane of the south tunnel will operate in the reverse direction for BUSES ONLY, Westbound to NJ.

The Holland Tunnel will remain closed at all other times, including all day on Saturday and Sunday.

MARINE

Ferry System

NY Waterway: Ferry service is running on limited schedules until further notice.

Mass Transit

The Christie Administration announced the restoration of limited rail service on three of NJ TRANSIT's rail lines starting Friday, November 2, 2012, as part of

the Administration's ongoing efforts to restore NJ TRANSIT service as soon as it becomes possible. This service restoration includes service along three lines: Northeast Corridor service between Trenton Transit Center and Newark Penn Station, North Jersey Coast Line service between Woodbridge and Newark Penn Station, and Raritan Valley Line service between Raritan and Newark Penn Station. A special schedule will be posted on njtransit.com by 7:00 p.m. this evening.

Amtrak is reporting the Northeast Regional train service will resume on October 31, 2012, on the Northeast Corridor lines between Washington, DC and Newark, NJ as well as between Boston, MA and Portland, ME. However, due to flooding conditions in the New York City area, all Northeast Corridor service will remain suspended between Newark Penn Station, NJ and Boston, MA.

Acela Express services will remain completely suspended for the duration of the Northeast Corridor until further notice.

C. ACTIVITIES

Postal employees and vehicles will be allowed passage to their respective facilities in order to sort, process, transport and deliver correspondence, which include vital parcels containing medications and Social Security checks.

Any outside company that is assisting New Jersey in our Hurricane Sandy relief effort and travels the New Jersey Turnpike, Garden State Parkway or Atlantic City Expressway will not be charged a toll. Such companies must be in clearly marked company vehicles (i.e. electric utility trucks, tree/debris clearing trucks & equipment, Red Cross, etc) and are instructed to use manned toll booths whenever possible. Drivers should identify themselves as part of the relief effort and will be given free passage. Should drivers inadvertently pass through a dedicated EZ-Pass Lane, an automatic violation will be generated by our toll system. Once a violation notice is received (this can take 30-60 days), a company representative should contact the South Jersey Transportation Authority at (609) 965-6060 for the ACE and The New Jersey Turnpike Authority at (732) 750-5300 X 8750 with information from the violation notice available. At that time, any tolls and fines will be waived.

EPA Waivers

Diesel fuel used in emergency generators or pumps – EPA's waiver, which was issued today (10/31), allows home heating oil to be used in place of diesel fuel in all portable diesel generators. EPA's "no action assurance", also issued today, allows home heating oil to be used in stationary emergency diesels (e.g., generators and pumps). This complements the Governor's Office press release and the DEP Enforcement Alert issued today.

Out-of-State Gasoline – EPA today issued a second waiver, for use of out-of-state gasoline in New Jersey and other hurricane-affected states that require reformulated (cleaner) gasoline. The waiver would allow use of conventional gasoline available outside New Jersey, for example from terminals in Albany, NY.

State/Allied Agencies:

NJ DOC, NJDEP, NJ DHS, NJDHSS, NJBPU, NJDOT, NJDMVA, NJDFS, Agriculture, NJ OHSP, OAG, DCA, Treasury, US Coast Guard, NJ Transit, US ACE, ARC, Salvation Army, Community Food Bank of NJ and FEMA are currently staffing the SEOC. ESF leads and allied agencies are engaged in response to Hurricane Sandy.

County Declarations:

County	Date	Time	Rescinded
Atlantic County	October 27, 2012	6:00 a.m.	November 1, 2012
Bergen County	October 28, 2012	5:30 p.m.	
Burlington County	October 29, 2012	8:00 a.m.	
Camden County	October 28, 2012	7:00 p.m.	
Cape May County	October 28, 2012	4:00 p.m.	
Cumberland County	October 27, 2012	12:10 p.m.	
Essex County	October 28, 2012	4:00 p.m.	
Gloucester County	October 29, 2012	8:30 a.m.	
Hudson County	October 29, 2012	9:10 a.m.	
Hunterdon County	October 28, 2012	7:00 p.m.	
Mercer County	October 27, 2012	8:40 a.m.	
Middlesex County	October 28, 2012	5:00 p.m.	
Monmouth County	October 28, 2012	12:00 p.m.	
Morris County	October 29, 2012	9:30 a.m.	
Ocean County	October 28, 2012	4:00 p.m.	
Passaic County	October 28, 2012	7:00 a.m.	
Salem County	October 26, 2012	2:00 p.m.	
Somerset County	October 30, 2012	12:20 a.m.	
Sussex County	October 28, 2012	5:00 p.m.	
Union County	October 29, 2012	5:00 p.m.	November 1, 2012
Warren County	October 29, 2012	10:30 a.m.	

NJ POWER OUTAGES per NJ County

	PSE&G	ATL Elec	O&R	JCP&L	Sub Tot
Bergen County	139,826		36,448		176,274
Essex County	112,589			9,611	122,200
Hudson County	121,240				121,240
Hunterdon County	50			38,407	38,457
Middlesex County	80,542			65,097	145,639
Morris County	61			132,104	132,165
Passaic County	53,462		10,215	8,309	71,986
Somerset County	45,020			28,225	73,245
Sussex County			247	28,309	28,556
Union County	97,739			21,150	118,889
Warren County				26,142	26,142
Atlantic County		11,032			11,032
Burlington County	12,483	627		4,199	17,309
Camden County	5,155	29			5,184
Cape May County		6,477			6,477
Cumberland County		3,977			3,977
Gloucester County	194	2,400			2,594
Mercer County	23,712			8,762	32,474
Monmouth County	8			216,890	216,898
Ocean County		22,686		131,431	154,117
Salem County		371			371
	692,081	47,599	46,910	718,636	1,505,226

SHELTER: 6,922 persons and 48 pets are being cared for in 104 shelters. Details for each shelter names, pet friendly, addresses, and number of evacuees by County available from www.nj211.org

D. WEATHER FORECAST:

FORECASTER COMMENTS: SKIES WILL REMAIN MOSTLY CLOUDY TODAY WITH JUST A SLIGHT CHANCE FOR A PASSING SHOWER IN THE AFTERNOON. DRY CONDITIONS WILL SETTLE IN TONIGHT. BREEZY CONDITIONS ARE EXPECTED TO DEVELOP LATER TODAY AND AGAIN SATURDAY. FAIR WEATHER IS INDICATED SATURDAY THROUGH MONDAY NOW BUT THE PATTERN WILL TURN A BIT MORE ACTIVE AGAIN NEXT WEEK. RAIN MAY BEGIN TO FALL

LATE TUESDAY, BUT THE GREATEST IMPACT IS EXPECTED WEDNESDAY.
THERE MAY BE ENOUGH COLD AIR TO ALLOW FOR SNOW IN THE HIGHER
ELEVATIONS OF NORTHERN JERSEY.

New Jersey Office of Emergency Management