

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
POLLUTION/SITUATION REPORT  
R2 Hurricane Irene/TS Lee (NY) Response - Removal Polrep  
Initial Removal Polrep



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
Region II

**Subject:** POLREP #1  
Region II Hurricane Irene Response  
R2 Hurricane Irene/TS Lee (NY) Response  
Edison, NJ  
Latitude: 40.5159553 Longitude: -74.3550459

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**Date:** 8/26/2011

**Reporting Period:** 1500 Friday Aug 26

## 1. Introduction

### 1.1 Background

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| <b>Site Number:</b>        | <b>Contract Number:</b>        |           |
| <b>D.O. Number:</b>        | <b>Action Memo Date:</b>       |           |
| <b>Response Authority:</b> | <b>Response Type:</b>          | Emergency |
| <b>Response Lead:</b> EPA  | <b>Incident Category:</b>      |           |
| <b>NPL Status:</b>         | <b>Operable Unit:</b>          |           |
| <b>Mobilization Date:</b>  | <b>Start Date:</b>             | 8/26/2011 |
| <b>Demob Date:</b>         | <b>Completion Date:</b>        |           |
| <b>CERCLIS ID:</b>         | <b>RCRIS ID:</b>               |           |
| <b>ERNS No.:</b>           | <b>State Notification:</b>     |           |
| <b>FPN#:</b>               | <b>Reimbursable Account #:</b> |           |

#### 1.1.1 Incident Category

At 0500 hrs EST, **Category 2 Hurricane Irene** was located 420 miles S-SW of Cape Hatteras, NC and moving north at 14 mph. The maximum sustained winds are 110 mph and the minimum central pressure is 942 mb. Irene will pass near or over the NC coast Saturday. Irene is expected to be a Category 2-3 as it reaches the NC Coast.

#### 1.1.2.1 Location

As of 0500 hours, Hurricane Irene was situated 420 miles South to Southwest of Cape Hatteras, NC.

#### 1.1.2.2 Description of Threat

Hurricane Warning:  
Little River Inlet, NC to SandyHook, NJ

**Hurricane Watch:**  
Sandy Hook, NJ to the Merrimack River

**Storm Surge:**  
Surge will raise water levels 3 to 6 feet above ground level along the Jersey Shore

#### Rainfall

Total rainfall accumulations of 6 to 10 inches with isolated amounts of 15 for New Jersey & New

## **York through Monday morning.**

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## **2. Current Activities**

### **2.1 Operations Section**

#### **2.1.1 Narrative**

##### **2.1.2 Response Actions to Date**

###### **NEW YORK STATE:**

- Governor declared a State of Emergency on August 25
- Request made for Pre-Disaster Emergency Declaration
- NY EOC has been partially activated
- NYC OEM fully activated at 0800 hours
- NYC Mayor calling for evacuation of parts of NYC (specifically the Rockaways)

###### **NEW JERSEY:**

- Governor declared a State of Emergency on August 25
- NJ EOC will be activated today on August 26
- Coastal portions of New Jersey are being evacuated

###### **PUERTO RICO:**

- State of Emergency Declared; received an Emergency Declaration on August 22
- PR EOC at full activation
- 12 shelters open with approx. 549 occupants
- 73,000 customers w/o power; restoration date is not known
- 36,250 customers are without water
- 7 medical facilities operating on emergency generator power

###### **US VIRGIN ISLANDS:**

- Isolated power outages
- Water shortages continue to effect St. Thomas

### **2.2 Planning Section**

#### **2.2.1 Anticipated Activities**

Hurricane preparedness activities are underway.

- staffing plan and communications plan has been generated
- coordinated with OSCs to demobilize their removal sites
- coordinate with other EPA regions for backup personnel/resources, EPA-ERT, USCG-Atlantic Strike Team (AST) and removal cleanup (ERRS) and support (RST) contractors
- Generate sitreps
- Mobilize to the EOCs and the FEMA RRCC on Saturday, August 27, 2011.

##### **2.2.1.1 Planned Response Activities**

EPA staffing plan has been generated:

AFTERHOURS: National Response Center (NRC): 800-424-8802

WEBSITE: <http://www.epaosc.org/R2HurricaneIreneResponse>

Regional Incident Commander: James Daloia (908) 420-4505

Afterhours phone: Kim Staiger (908) 42-4510

Afterhours responder: Eric Daly (908) 420-1707

EMERGENCY OPERATION CENTER (EOC) Representatives:

NYC EOC (Albany) - Michael Solecki (908) 420-4501

NJ EOC (Trenton) - Carl Pellegrino

NYC EOC - EPA not requested at this time

FEMA District 1 RRCC (NYC) - Margaret Chong (908) 420-4477

##### **2.2.1.2 Next Steps**

Updates will be posted in the REOC mailbox, on the Hurricane Irene Response website and in the forthcoming EPA Situational reports to be generated every 24 hours at 1200 hours, until operations have been stood down.

##### **2.2.2 Issues**

### **2.3 Logistics Section**

No information available at this time.

## **2.4 Finance Section**

### **2.5 Other Command Staff**

No information available at this time.

## **3. Participating Entities**

No information available at this time.

## **4. Personnel On Site**

No information available at this time.

## **5. Definition of Terms**

No information available at this time.

## **6. Additional sources of information**

### **6.1 Internet location of additional information/report**

For additional updates on Hurricane Irene response activities, please visit [www.epaosc.org/R2HurricaneIreneResponse](http://www.epaosc.org/R2HurricaneIreneResponse)

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If you find that you are having trouble viewing the website, please give the EPA duty officer a call.

### **6.2 Reporting Schedule**

24 hour reporting period. Next sitrep to be generated at 1200 hours Saturday, August 27

## **7. Situational Reference Materials**

No information available at this time.

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