

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



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
Region II

**Subject:** POLREP #2  
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:** 8/27/2011

**Reporting Period:** 1500 August 26 to 1400 August 27

## 1. Introduction

### 1.1 Background

<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

##### 1.1.2.1 Location

### **IRENE BATTERING EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA...TROPICAL STORM CONDITIONS SPREADING NORTHWARD ALONG THE DELMARVA COAST...**

At 11am EDT, Hurricane Irene is located 50 miles west of Cape Hatteras, North Carolina and moving to the north-northeast at 15 mph. The maximum sustained winds are 85 mph and the minimum central pressure is 952 mb.

##### 1.1.2.2 Description of Threat

On the forecast track the center of Irene will move across northeastern North Carolina this afternoon. The hurricane is forecast to move near or over the mid-Atlantic Coast tonight and move over southern New England Sunday. Irene is a Category 1 Hurricane on the Saffir-Simpson Scale. Slight weakening is forecast as Irene crosses eastern North Carolina but Irene is forecast to remain near hurricane strength as it moves near or over the mid-Atlantic states and approaches New England.

## 2. Current Activities

### 2.1 Operations Section

#### 2.1.1 Narrative

#### 2.1.2 Response Actions to Date

NEW YORK –

Mandatory evacuations currently underway in NYC Zone A and the Rockaway Peninsula.  
Tolls on Marine Parkway and Cross Bay Bridges waived until further notice.

MTA planning system-wide shutdown at noon tomorrow, 27 August. Last eastbound train from Penn Station departs 11:45 a.m. Last westbound train departs Long Beach at 12:26 pm. Possible bridge closures if wind conditions exceed 60 mph.

#### NEW JERSEY –

Evacuations currently underway in coastal counties.

Beginning at 6 p.m. this evening, 26 August, contraflow will be in effect to expedite evacuation from Long Beach Island in Ocean County.

Both PATH and NJ transit rail suspend service at noon Saturday, August 27.

NJ transit bus and light rail suspend service at 6 p.m. Saturday, August 27.

## 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
- OSCs have been mobilized to the EOCs and the FEMA RRCC as of 1200 hours on Saturday, August 27, 2011.

#### 2.2.1.1 Planned Response Activities

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

No reports from the EOCs at this time. All responders standing by in response ready mode.

## 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 at (908) 420-4510.

**6.2 Reporting Schedule**

24 hour reporting period. Next sitrep to be generated at 1200 hours Sunday, August 28

**7. Situational Reference Materials**

No information available at this time.

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