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FEMA

Daily Operations Briefing Wednesday, January 8, 2020

8:30 a.m. EST

National Current Operations & Monitoring



Significant Incidents or Threats:

Earthquake/Aftershocks – Puerto Rico

Declaration Activity:

• Approval: Emergency Declaration – FEMA-EM-3426 – Puerto Rico

Earthquake (M6.4) – Puerto Rico



Situation:

At 3:24 a.m. EST Jan 7 an earthquake (M6.4) occurred approximately 8.4 miles west-southwest of Ponce, Puerto Rico at a depth of 6 miles; numerous aftershocks reported. An MMI of VII (very strong shaking) has been issued affecting 2k. ORANGE SHAKEMAP was issued for economic losses; YELLOW PAGER for fatalities has been issued

Lifeline Impacts: (Source: SLB, as of 6:00 p.m. EST, Jan 7)

Safety & Security:

- One fatality reported in Ponce due to collapsed structure
- · Commonwealth and Public Services are closed
- All JRO Branch staff have been directed to work from alternate locations
- Preliminary assessments indicated no damages to priority dams: Cerrillo Dam (Ponce) and Patillas Dam (Branch IV)
- · Public schools/private/public universities are closed

Food, Water & Sheltering

- 5.8M meals and 5.1M liters of water in FEMA warehouse (DC Caribbean); Supply Chain Analysis Network (SCAN) activated
- 300k people without water (25% of customers) due to lack of power; if outage extends past
 evening Jan 8, and support is requested, tanker trucks on standby to transport water from FEMA
 warehouse (RII Spot Rep., as of 7:00 p.m., Jan 7)
- 17 (+15) shelters open with 813 (+770) occupants (FEMA ESF 6, as of 6:00 a.m. EST, Jan 8)

Health & Medical:

- · 3 dialysis units in Ponce, one in Yauco and in Lares remain closed (staff currently evacuated)
- Region Hospitals: Arecibo, Caguas, Fajardo, Mayaguez and Ponce on generator power
- Preventative evacuations: Hospital Damas (Ponce), Hospital Pavia (Yauco)
- Hospitals that have evacuated patients: Hospital Damas (Ponce)-183 beds; Hospital Metropollitano Dr. Pila (Ponce)-107 beds; Hospital Pavia (Yauco)-84 beds
- Center of Disease Control (CDC) personnel on the ground with local partners to assess the situation

















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Lifeline Impacts Continued:

Energy: (Region II Spot Report as of 7:00 p.m. EST, Jan 7)

- Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority (PREPA) generation unit protection systems were activated in controlled shut-down, causing the power to go out island-wide
- 80% customers are without power; power has been successfully restored in Mayaguez, Toa Baja, Levittown, small portions of San Juan metro Area and the San Juan Centro Medico District; anticipate portions of the interior and south parts of the island will continue without power January 8
- Several power plants sustained damage; damage assessment is ongoing

Communication:

- 911 services fully operational
- MERS to reactivate SAT phones to integrate with comms providers on island

Transportation:

- Highways: several landslides reported: PR-12 km 2.18 in Ponce and Carr. 128 to Mayaguez
- All ports open and facility assessment teams will conduct full assessments of all federally regulated port facilities
- Yauco Bridge sustained cosmetic damage
- · Ferries for Culebra and Vieques have been cancelled
- Luis Munoz Marin Airport in San Juan is on generator power

State / Local Response:

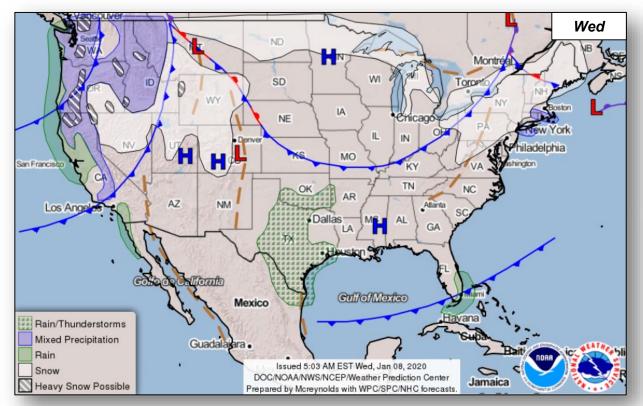
- Puerto Rico EOC Full Activation
- The Governor of Puerto Rico declared a State of Emergency and activated the National Guard
 - o Approval: Emergency Declaration FEMA-EM-3426 Puerto Rico (Jan 7)

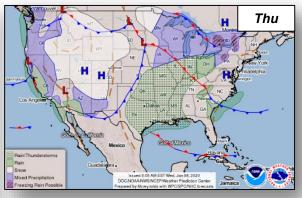
FEMA / Federal Response:

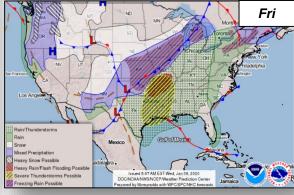
- Region II:
 - RRCC activated to Level II (Days, 8:00 a.m. 8:00 p.m.)
 - RWC at Enhanced Watch (Nights, 8:00 p.m. 8:00 a.m.)
 - ESFs 1,2,3,4,6,7,8,10,11,12,13,14 and DCEs deploying
 - IMAT deployed to PR
- HQ:
 - NRCC activated to Level II, 24/7 with LNOs and ESFs 1,2,3,5,6,7,8,9,12,13,14 and 15
- Deployed:
 - National IMAT Blue
 - o MERS
 - o Recovery Assistance Team augment
 - US&R activated (White IST & FL-TF2)
 - Staging Management Team (SMT)/National ISB Team to deploy to DC Caribbean, PR

National Weather Forecast



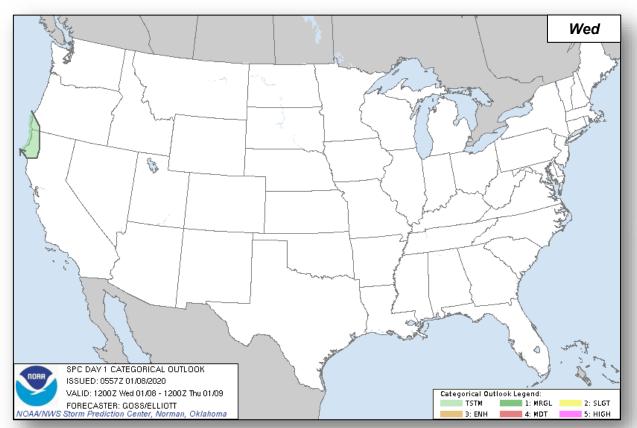


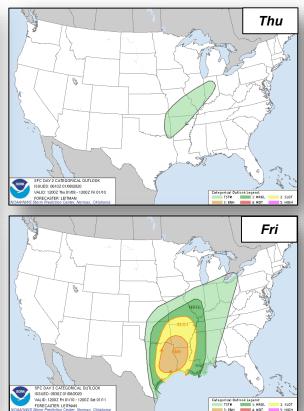




Severe Weather Outlook

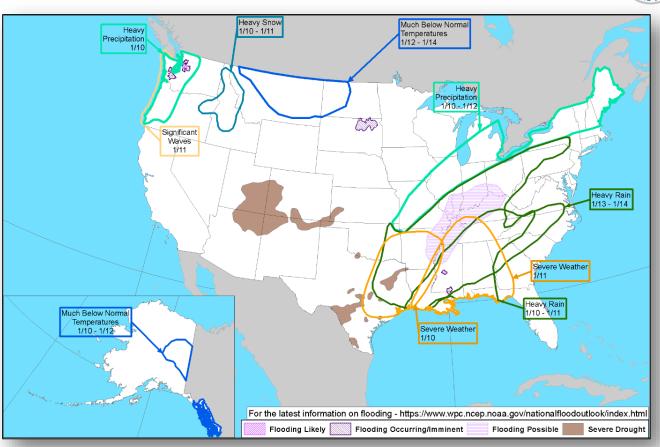






Hazards Outlook – Jan 10-14



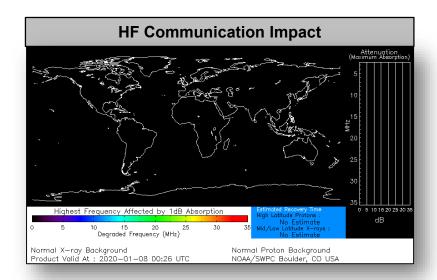


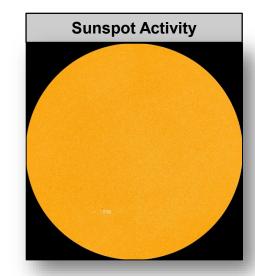
Space Weather



	Space Weather Activity	Geomagnetic Storms	Solar Radiation	Radio Blackouts
Past 24 Hours	None	None	None	None
Next 24 Hours	None	None	None	None

For further information on NOAA Space Weather Scales refer to: http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/noaa-scales-explanation





Declaration Approved



Declaration: Emergency Declaration FEMA-3426-

EM-PR for the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico

Requested: Jan 7

Approved: Jan 7

Incident: Earthquakes

Incident Period: Dec 28, 2019 and continuing

Provides:

- Emergency protective measures (Category B), limited to direct federal assistance, under the Public Assistance program at 75% federal funding
- For all 78 municipalities in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico

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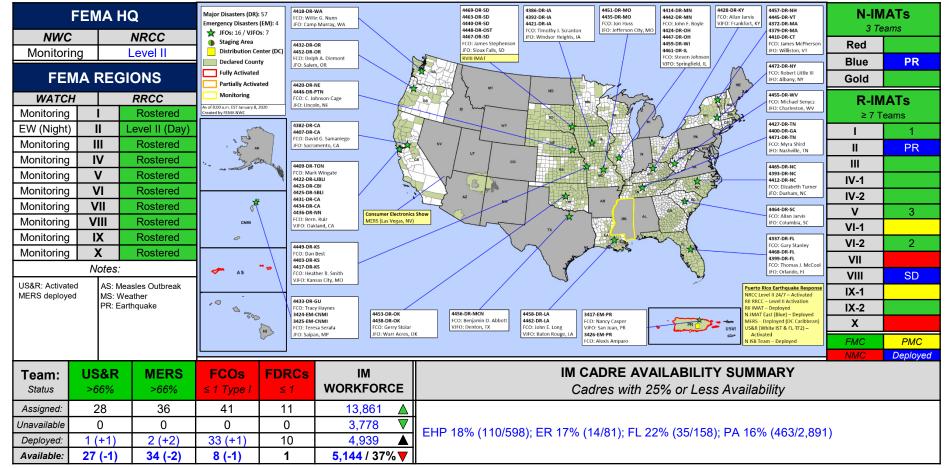
Declaration Requests in Process – 4



State / Tribe / Territory – Incident Description		IA	РА	НМ	Requested
AK – Swan Lake Fire	DR		Х	Х	Nov 25
NE – Severe storms, Tornados, Straight-line, Winds and Flooding – DENIED (Jan 7)	DR	Х	Х	Х	Oct 21/Dec 4
ND – Flooding	DR		Х	Х	Dec 13
AR – Severe Storm, Straight-line Winds, and a Tornado	DR		Х	Х	Dec 18
VT – Severe Storm and Flooding	DR	Х	Х	Х	Dec 20
PR – Earthquake – APPROVED (Jan 7)	EM		X		Jan 7

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