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FEMA

Daily Operations Briefing

Thursday, January 9, 2020

8:30 a.m. EST

National Current Operations & Monitoring



Significant Incidents or Threats:

- Earthquake/Aftershocks Puerto Rico
- Freezing Rain Great Lakes
- Heavy snow possible Pacific Northwest to the Northern Rockies

Declaration Activity:

7 Amendments issued

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. FEMA's National IMAT has assumed operational control of providing support to the Puerto Rican Authorities effective 07:30 a.m. EST January 8, 2020. All Urban Search and Rescue and Incident Support Base personnel have arrived and are actively engaged in operations. The Regional IMAT has forward deployed to the Ponce Area and is embedded with the Puerto Rico Emergency Management Agency operations center.

Lifeline Impacts: (Source: SLB, as of 6:00 a.m. EST, Jan 9)

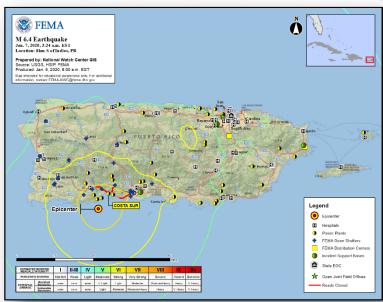
Safety & Security:

- 5 of 32 Federal Law Enforcement Officers (FLEOs) supporting US&R arrived in Puerto Rico; remaining FLEOs in route to arrive today
- ESF #11 working with Commonwealth Partners to identify natural/cultural resources resulting from earthquake
- · One fatality reported in Ponce due to collapsed structure
- Public schools/private/public universities are closed; public schools reopen Jan 13

Food, Water & Sheltering

- 20 (+3) Shelters open with 1,792 (+725) total occupants
- Shelter (Ponce) facing structural issues (pop. 326); planning relocation Jan 9
- Grocery retailers / supply chains resumed normal operations; Ponce and Yauco locations expected to reopen by end of week
- · FEMA has 5.8M meals and 5.1M liters of water on island; no additional requests submitted
- 269,245 (-21,204), approximately 22% of clients without water service due to lack of power





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Lifeline Impacts Continued:

Health & Medical:

- 48 of 50 health care facilities open; 23 on municipal power, 25 on generator power
- Five dialysis centers closed for structural assessments: Ponce (3);
 Yauco (1); Lares (1)
- Health and Human Services Secretary declared public health emergency on Jan 8

Energy:

- Two major generation plants damaged; 955 MW (mega watts) (+355 MW) output vs. normal demand of 2,300 MW; number of customers without power expected to continuously decrease
- Costa Sur (Guayanilla) power plant expected to be down for an extended period of time; not expected to be a significant issue as existing functioning generators have the ability to provide close to or above the 2,300 MW energy level to produce near complete power
- The AES coal plant and EcoElectrica plant (privately owned power plants) not operational; DOE does not expect additional resources
- Private sector petroleum distributors report no fuel distribution issues
- 800 of 1,300 generators installed on the island in use; 20 additional generators requested

Communication:

- Degradation of communications is anticipated over the next few days as back-up power generators run out of fuel, fuel plan is currently being developed
- Initial DIRS reporting (not all sites reported): 71% of broadband users are offline); 68.27% cell sites up and still on commercial and generator power; eight municipalities reporting significant cellular outages

Transportation:

- Maritime shippers / grocery distributors normal operations; no disruptions to supply chains
- Ports open; significant damage to Piers 2 and 3 at Port of Ponce; Piers 4, 5, 6, and 7 awaiting surveys but remain open

State / Local Response:

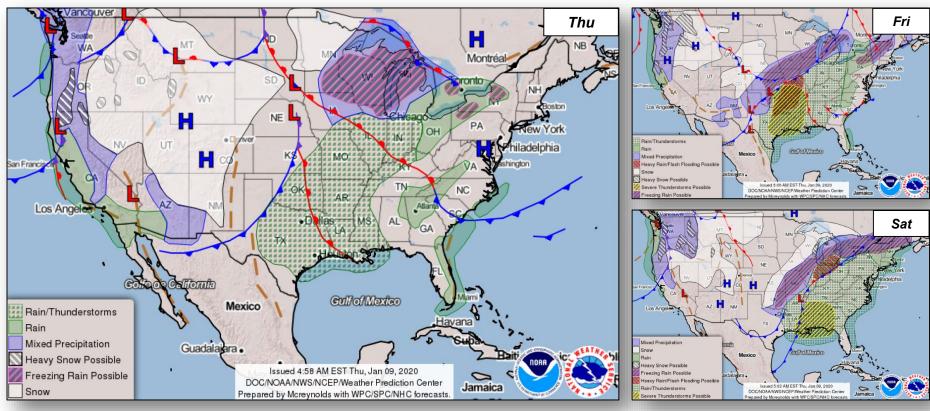
- Puerto Rico EOC Full Activation
- The Governor of Puerto Rico declared a State of Emergency and activated the National Guard
- o Approval: Emergency Declaration FEMA-EM-3426 Puerto Rico (Jan 7)

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.)
 - o All ESFs activated with DCEs deploying
 - IMAT deployed to PR
- HQ:
 - NRCC activated to Level II, 24/7 with LNOs and all ESFs (excluding 4 and 10)
- Deployed:
 - National IMAT Blue
 - MERS
 - Recovery Assistance Team augmention
 - ESF 3 Infrastructure Assessment Planning and Response Team (PRT)
- US&R activated (White IST & FL-TF2)
- o Staging Management Team (SMT)/National ISB Team to deploy to DC Caribbean, PR

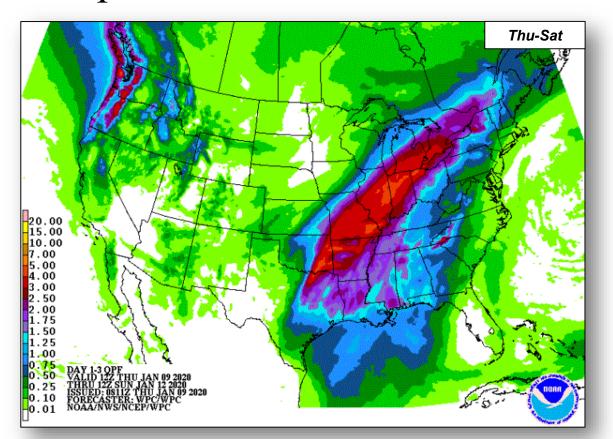
National Weather Forecast





Precipitation & Excessive Rainfall







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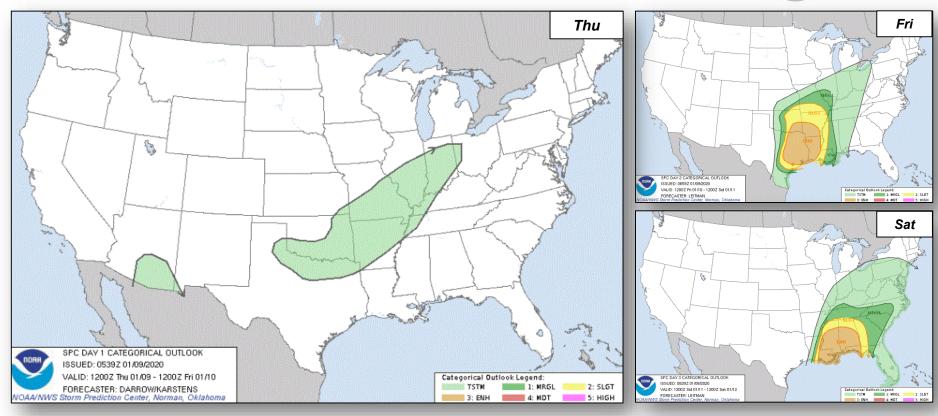
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Severe Weather Outlook



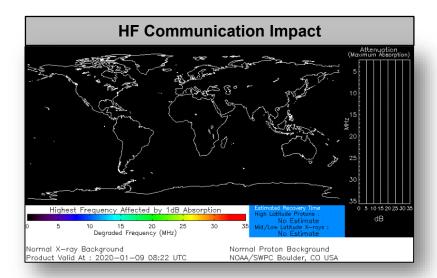


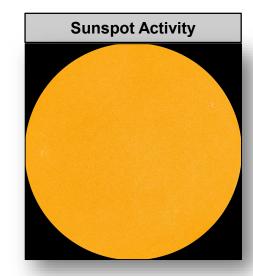
Space Weather



	Space Weather Activity	Geomagnetic Storms	Solar Radiation	Radio Blackouts	
Past 24 Hours	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 Requests in Process – 4



State / Tribe / Territory – Incident Description	Туре	IA	РА	НМ	Requested
AK – Swan Lake Fire	DR		Х	Х	Nov 25
ND – Flooding	DR		Х	Х	Dec 13
AR – Severe Storm, Straight-line Winds, and a Tornado			Х	Х	Dec 18
VT – Severe Storm and Flooding		Х	Х	Х	Dec 20

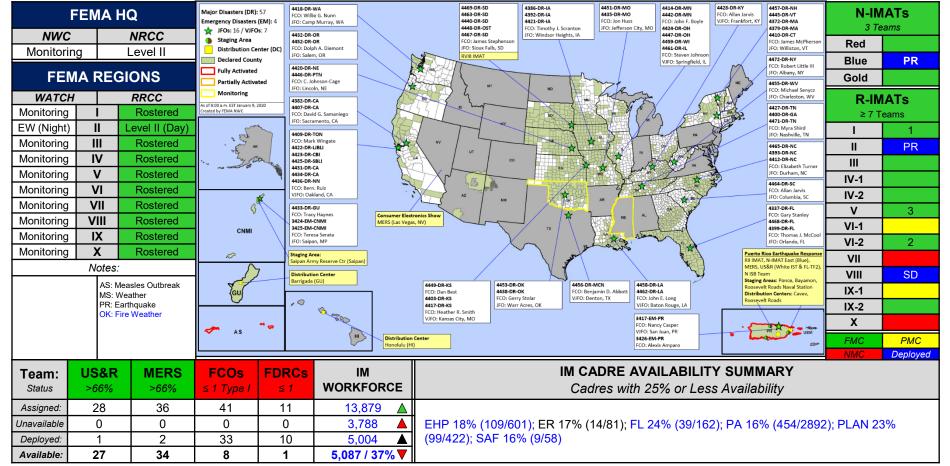
Declaration Amendments



Declaration	Number	Issued	Action
FEMA-4400-DR-GA	7	Jan 08, 2020	Appoints Myra M. Shird as FCO
FEMA-4420-DR-NE	13	Jan 08, 2020	Appoints DuWayne Tewes as FCO
FEMA-4427-DR-TN	2	Jan 08, 2020	Appoints Myra M. Shird as FCO
FEMA-4446-DR- Ponca Tribe of NE	1	Jan 08, 2020	Appoints DuWayne Tewes as FCO
FEMA-4471-DR-TN	1	Jan 08, 2020	Appoints Myra M. Shird as FCO
FEMA-4469-DR-SD	1	Jan 08, 2020	Adds one county for Individual Assistance
FEMA-4469-DR-SD	2	Jan 08, 2020	Adds four counties for Public Assistance

FEMA Common Operating Picture







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