



Typhoon Soudelor (13W) Situation Report #11 August 13, 2015 (2:30 PM EDT)



CUC and GPA crews repairing distribution lines in Saipan following damage from Typhoon Soudelor.
Photo credit: ESF-12 DOE Responder embedded with FEMA IMAT. **Source:** U.S. Department of Energy.

Highlights:

- Typhoon Soudelor impacted the island of Saipan directly on Sunday, August 2, with highest reported wind speeds of 91mph. NOAA's Guam Forecast Office is no longer reporting on Soudelor.
- Isolated rain showers are in the forecast today, August 13, for Saipan. The CNMI Emergency Operations Center is working with the National Weather Service on Guam to closely monitor the two tropical disturbances forming over eastern Micronesia. **The two weather systems (97W and 98W) have the potential for formation into tropical storms or typhoons. While neither storm represents a significant threat individually, the combination of both systems, combined with a reduced capacity to respond with resources from Guam, presents an elevated threat to Guam and complicates support to Saipan, and the CNMI.**
- **All 14,662 electric customers on island Saipan remain without power, except for the hospital, as of August 13. Feeder 1 is now providing electricity generated at Power Plant #4 to the Saipan hospital. The Kiya Substation has also been assessed and is ready for service.**



- CUC and GPA reported damage assessments for the entire island have yet to be completed with no timeline provided for completion. The damaged pole count is expected to increase as damage assessments continue.
- Operations at the Port of Saipan remain restricted to daylight hours only as of August 13.
- Mobil's *Nord Sakura* tanker ship is due to port at 9:00PM ChST on Saturday August 15 (7:00AM EDT on Saturday August 15).
- ESF-12 confirmed that shorter lines were observed at all fueling stations now that Mobil has returned to normal service station operations.
- The Disaster Price Freeze Act, which currently allows the Governor of Saipan to issue a price freeze on commodities, is in effect until the governor rescinds the freeze or the declaration of emergency or disaster is terminated.

DOE Actions:

Operations:

- Effective July 31, 2015, at 12:00PM EDT/9:00AM PDT, the Department of Energy's Energy Response Organization (ERO) activated to Level III (Enhanced Watch) in support of Tropical Storm Soudelor (13W).
 - Effective August 5, 2015, DOE's Fossil Energy (FE), DOE's Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE), as well as the Energy Information Administration (EIA) are contributing subject matter expertise to the response effort.
- Effective August 12, two ESF-12 field responders are deployed with Regional IMATs on Saipan. Additional DOE IMAT representatives are on standby and a long term staffing plan is in place.
- Effective August 12, 2015, one field responder is covering the ESF-12 desk at the FEMA Region IX Response Coordination Center (RRCC) in Oakland, CA from 4:00PM-4:00AM EDT (1:00 PM-1:00 AM PDT).
- Due to recent tropical cyclone development in the western Pacific near Guam and CNMI, FEMA activated a new IMAT pre-deployed to Guam for support. ESF-12 sent one responder, who is traveling today, August 13 to join the IMAT in Guam.

Energy Sector Outreach:

- DOE ERO staff as well as DOE ESF-12 personnel deployed to Saipan are in direct communication with the petroleum terminal operators in Saipan.
- DOE ESF-12 in FEMA Region IX is coordinating with the California Utilities Emergency Association and Pacific Power Association to conduct outreach to their members to determine supply availability to assist Saipan's restoration efforts. As of today, August 13, four members from CUEA have responded with spare equipment availability to assist in restoration efforts. CUEA anticipates responses from 35 additional members. PPA has begun outreach to CUC directly.

Electricity Information:

The electric power generation and distribution system of Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) is managed by the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), a public corporation of the CNMI government. Three of the fifteen islands are inhabited and about 90% of the population lives on Saipan (48,220 citizens). CUC's primary 13.8kV distribution power system has 8 feeders for commercial and



residential power supply. CUC's 34.5kV transmission power system is underground. Five (5) generators serve as primary power suppliers to five (5) feeders that span across the Northern part of Saipan. The remaining three (3) feeders provide power to the Water Loo Substation where three (3) feeders span across distribution lines on the Southern part of Saipan. All eight (8) feeders remain de-energized due to damage sustained by Typhoon Soudelor, as reported August 6.

Non-Nuclear Power Generation

- As of today, August 13, Power Plant 4 Unit #7 (1 MW) is energized and providing service to the hospital through feeder #1.
- As of today, August 13, CUC and GPA line and power generation restoration efforts to the hospital and Kiya substation are complete.
- As of August 11, CUC has completed testing on the Power Plant 1 station service 1 and 2, and have found no issues. One Station Service unit in operation powering the Power House. CUC continues to assess and test the control equipment that became wet from the failed roof/siding. The building contractor has set up scaffolding and has begun repairs. Power restoration is estimated to be completed at Power Plant 1 by August 31.
- As of August 11, Power Plant 2 cannot be put into operation due to the damaged step up transformer. The transformer needs the oil removed, properly tested and disposed of, and the transformer removed for recycling.

Saipan Power Plants & Electric Statistics								
Location	Power Plant	Nameplate Capacity (MW)	Fuel	Peak Load (MW)	Number of Customers (2013)	Operating Status	Damage and Restoration	Date
Tanapag, Saipan	Saipan Power Plants 1 & 2 (CUC)	69.9	Diesel	45	14,662	Partially Operational	Structure housing Power Plant 1 impacted by rain, adding week to restoration. Plant 1 roof repair has begun. Plant 2 requires a step up transformer. One unit in on, serving Power House 1.	Aug. 11
	Saipan Power Plant 4 (CUC)					Operational	Damage to all distribution lines, roof and generators. Generator Unit # 7 running. Generator Unit # 2 (2MW) started and operating under no-load.	Aug. 13

Source: DOE Communications, EIA

Electricity Distribution

Electric Customers: Saipan as of August 12, 2015						
Electric Service Provider: Commonwealth Utilities Commission (CUC)						
	Customer Total	Percent of Demand	Number of Customers without Power	Percent of Customers Without Power	Number of Customers Able to Receive Power	Percent of Customers Restored
Residential	11,138	76%	11,138	100%	Unknown	0%
Commercial	3,524	24%	3,524	100%	Unknown	0%*
Transportation	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Industrial	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	14,662	100%	14,662	100%	Unknown	0%

Source: DOE communications, EIA data release 2013.

*As of today, August 13, hospital is receiving power from Power Plant #4.



- On August 13, CUC's Power Division released an update to its post Typhoon Soudelor electrical hardware and equipment repair effort. The August 13 CUC report published preliminary statistics of damaged field materials:
 - There are 355 damaged wooden power poles. This is an increase from 276, as reported by CUC on August 10.
 - There are 195 damaged transformers within the CUC system on Saipan.
 - There are 137 damaged meters within the CUC system on Saipan.
- As reported August 6, preliminary damage assessments account 48 percent of the Saipan power grid is inoperable due to loss of power poles and downed lines. Power restoration is estimated at four to six weeks according to both the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) with assistance by Guam Power Authority (GPA).

Restoration efforts underway

- The joint CUC/GPA restoration work plan for line crews was updated August 13:
 - Priority I: Rebuild feeder #1 from Power Plant #4 to the hospital is complete.
 - Priority II: Get generation units online at Power Plant #1 to carry load at Kiya Substation.
 - Kiya Substation has been assessed and is ready for service.
 - The 34.5kV underground conductors have been tested and inspected and are ready for service.
 - The 34.5kV conductors/risers are ready to be reinstalled on the new concrete poles when installed.
 - Priority III: Build out the Kiya feeder line to the airport.
 - As of August 12, restoration of the primary feeder line to the airport is underway.
- CUC has mutual aid agreements in place with the Guam Power Authority (GPA).
- US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) 249th Delta group have arrived in Saipan to assist with power restoration, the group is comprised of eight linemen, and one engineer.
- GPA has 30 personnel on island Saipan to include linemen, electricians, equipment operators, relay technicians and mechanics supporting power restoration.
- As of August 13, CUC and GPA have erected an additional 26 power poles.
- Still current as of August 13, CUC is without any spare power poles. All power poles in stock have been utilized in restoration efforts.
- Additional CUC field needs as of August 13 are two bucket trucks, one auger truck, one flatbed truck, on pole truck, and multiple safety lights for night time operations.
- Concrete power poles will arrive in Saipan by barge on August 17, from GPA stockpiles in Guam to assist CUC efforts. Wooden poles from GPA stockpiles in Guam are in the processing and logistics of receiving airlift transport to Saipan.
 - The installation of new power poles will have to be in compliance with codes from the Saipan Historic Preservation Society.
- The California Utilities Emergency Association (CUEA) and Pacific Power Association (PPA) are conducting outreach to members to determine supply availability to assist Saipan's restoration efforts. As of today, August 13, four members from CUEA have responded with spare equipment availability to assist in restoration efforts. CUEA anticipates responses from 35 additional members. PPA has begun outreach to CUC directly.

Nuclear Generation Facilities

- There are no nuclear generating plants in the Northern Mariana Islands.



Petroleum & Natural Gas Information

The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) has no conventional energy resources and meets nearly all of its energy needs, including electricity generation, with petroleum received by ship at harbors on its three inhabited islands: Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

Crude Oil & Natural Gas Production

- CNMI has no indigenous crude oil or natural gas production.

Petroleum Refineries

- CNMI has no petroleum refineries.

Petroleum Terminals

- Two fuel storage facilities operated by Mobil Oil (10 tanks – gasoline, diesel, and jet fuel) and IP&E (4 tanks – gasoline) are located in Tanapag Harbor at the Port of Saipan on the central northwest side of Saipan (the largest island). These facilities receive shipments from larger storage terminals on Guam, and from tankers after offloading cargo on Guam.
 - **Mobil Oil:** The Saipan terminal resumed normal operations August 6, and fuel deliveries are ongoing to the airport and gas stations. The facility is running on backup generation. Mobil reassured that it has sufficient fuel in its tanks at the terminal. On Monday August 10, Mobil indicated that demand was significantly above normal levels and but is now beginning to normalize. There is sufficient fuel, however, to meet the needs of Saipan, according to Mobil Oil Marianas Islands, Inc. and Mobil Oil Guam Inc. representatives. **Mobil's Nord Sakura tanker ship is due to port in Saipan on Saturday August 15.**
 - **IP&E (Shell):** No major damage sustained at the terminal and truck loading operations have been functional since August 4. All four tanks were refilled on Thursday, July 20. The terminal operates on grid power but is currently running on a backup generator fueled by stocks from the terminal. IP&E/Shell company representatives reported the company is not short on fuel supply, and a tanker delivery is planned for September 1.
 - **Tanapag Harbor Spill:** A major pollution event was declared by USCG following a gasoline spill in the Port of Saipan August 2. The Port of Saipan reopened August 4, a Safety Zone was in effect around Tanapag Harbor but has been lifted as of August 8. The spilled fuel has been coated with a protective, absorbent foam.
 - **Saipan Airport Fuel Farm:** Mobil Oil currently has 300,000 gallons of fuel at the airport fuel farm as of August 5. Airlines were requested to tanker in their own fuel to relieve the island of the limited capacity until the harbor fully reopens. Mobil Oil is delivering fuel to the airport and in support of relief efforts.

Retail Service Stations

- Industry reports that while supplies remain ample, demand for gasoline on island Saipan, following the Typhoon, is above pre-storm levels. Tanker ships are scheduled for delivery to the Apra Harbor in Guam and to Saipan this week.
- **As of August 13, sixteen (16) of nineteen (19) known retail service stations in Saipan have returned to normal operations.** According to company communications, one (1) station is dedicated exclusively to servicing government official vehicles only, including responders. **ESF-12 confirmed that shorter lines were observed at all fueling stations now that Mobil has returned to normal service station operations.**



- Mobil reported ten (10) of its eleven (11) known retail stations returned to normal operating hours today, August 13. The Susupe, Tanapag, CMG San Jose, San Vicente, and Koblerville stations will operate from 6:00AM-10:00PM ChST, while the Middle Road, Chalan Kiya, Kagman, BR Garapan, and Sadog Tasi stations will operate 24 hours a day. One site that has yet to start operation due to damage caused by the typhoon is the Chalan Piao station. The company said that motorists can continue to refuel their vehicles and fill their safety-approved portable containers with diesel and up to five gallons of gasoline.
- IP&E (Shell) has opened five (5) of their eight (8) service stations (Puerto Rico, Gualo Rai, Highway Express, Shell Airport, and Susupe) from 8:00AM-5:00PM ChST as of August 12 with a sixth (6) station (Koblerville) open to government official vehicles only. The company said on Monday August 10 that these stations will continue to provide gasoline and diesel from 8:00AM-5:00PM ChST every day until further notice with the exception of the Shell Airport and Susupe stations, which currently only have gasoline for sale. Shell Koblerville will remain for government official emergency vehicles only. On August 12, the company said that the fifty dollar (\$50) fuel transaction limit will discontinue on August 13.
- CNMI Emergency Management has on-island fuel vendor making fuel deliveries.

Fuel for Power Generation

- STAR Water and Saipan Water and Ice Co. (drinking water distributors) noted low supplies of diesel fuel to run their generators are hindering their ability to deliver water as of August 6. On August 11, Saipan Water and Ice said that diesel fuel was available and will be delivering all of its ice to local stores.
- USACE fulfilling generator requests for 44 facilities and 15 water wells requiring generator support.
- An Air Bridge has been established and is operating between Guam and CNMI and will continue the flow of generator sets and essential commodities through Wednesday August 12.
- Across Saipan, facilities are on generator power and fuel re-supply plans have been established.

Ports

- All CNMI ports are open to commercial vessel traffic and cargo operations. The Port of Saipan continues daylight operations only **due to damaged lighting towers**. FEMA delivered via the USS Ashland, four light towers designated for port operations. **As of August 13, the Saipan Harbor Master's office confirmed that operations remained restricted to daylight hours from 6:00AM – 6:00PM ChST due to damaged lighting towers.**
- **Saipan Harbor Master's office confirmed that Mobil's *Nord Sakura* tanker ship is due to port in Saipan at 9:00PM ChST on Saturday August 15 (7:00AM EDT on Saturday August 15). Mobil would then need to request permission from the USCG to land the tanker on Saturday after it arrives to port.**
- According to the Port Authority of Guam, the tanker *Barents Sea* is due into Apra Harbor (Guam) Thursday August 13. According to shipping data from Reuters, the tanker's last charter carried clean products. Port records also indicate that the tanker *SLNC Pax* is due into Apra Harbor on Friday August 14, but data from Reuters could not clarify any additional details. **A representative from the Guam Harbor Master's office confirmed that the U.S. Navy-chartered *SLNC Pax* was due to port at 9:00AM ChST on Friday August 14 (7:00PM EDT Thursday August 13). The *Barents Sea* is also due to port at 11:00 PM ChST on Friday August 14 (9:00 AM EDT Friday August 14) to the Foxtrot 1 fuel pier. The representative confirmed that neither vessel would sail to Saipan.**



Petroleum Product Pipelines

- CNMI has no major petroleum transport pipelines. However, Mobil has a pipeline that connects its terminal to a CUC Power Plant. **As of August 13, damage assessments concluded on the Mobile pipeline, containers were removed from on top of the pipeline and no damage was reported.**

Natural Gas Pipelines

- CNMI has no natural gas pipelines.

Natural Gas Processing

- CNMI has no natural gas processing plants.

Natural Gas Storage

- CNMI has no natural gas storage facilities.

Territory Government Information:

- Northern Mariana Islands:
 - The Saipan EOC is fully activated (day shift), and the generator at the site has been repaired.
 - Major Disaster Declaration was issued August 5, for the incident period of August 1-3.
 - On August 2, Ralph DLG. Torres, Lieutenant to CNMI Governor, declared a State of Major Disaster and Significant Emergency for the entire Commonwealth.
- **The Disaster Price Freeze Act, which currently allows the governor of Saipan to issue a price freeze on commodities for a five day period, plus one five day extension, was amended Wednesday August 12 by the CNMI Senate. The Senate unanimously passed a bill enabling the governor to enact a long term prize freeze which shall last until the governor rescinds the freeze or the declaration of emergency or disaster is terminated.**
- The CNMI Emergency Operations Center is working with the National Weather Service on Guam to closely monitor the tropical disturbance forming over eastern Micronesia. The CNMI Governor's Office encourages residents to clear the debris around their homes as a safety measure, as well as prepare themselves with resources stocked up. CUC is also securing assets as a precaution.