



Hurricanes Maria & Irma

January 24 Event Summary (Report #88)

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The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is issuing situation reports on the response and recovery efforts in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands at 12:00 PM EST on Wednesdays

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) continues to support restoration and recovery efforts related to Hurricanes Maria and Irma. On Puerto Rico, DOE is providing ESF #12 support to FEMA and subject matter experts from the DOE Power Marketing Administration remain deployed to provide technical assistance to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. ESF #12 responders deployed to the U.S. Virgin Islands (USVI) demobilized on January 12. DOE expects to deploy responders in support the ongoing recovery mission under the National Disaster Recovery Framework over the next few weeks.

Electricity Sector Summary (as of 11:00 AM EST Wednesday)

- **Puerto Rico:** PREPA reports that 82.4% of normal peak load and 68.25% of customers (1,005,293) have been restored and all 78 municipalities are at least partially energized.
- **USVI:** VIWAPA reports that approximately 49,526 customers across the USVI have been restored (89.5% of total customers and 97% of eligible customer). Approximately 16% of total customers on St. Thomas, 6% of total customers on St. Croix, and 6% of total customers on St. John remain without power.

Oil and Natural Gas Sector Summary (as of 11:00 AM EST Wednesday)

- As of January 17, a total of 970 out of 1,100 retail gas stations are operational on Puerto Rico.
- Fuel stocks are adequate across the region; however, DOE continues to monitor the situation in coordination with the Energy Information Administration.

ELECTRICITY SECTOR

Puerto Rico

ESTIMATED ELECTRICITY OUTAGES AS OF 6:00 AM AST 01/24/2018				
Impacted Territory	Total Average Peak Load (MW)	Total Average Peak Load Percentage of Pre-Storm Capacity	Estimated Total Customer Outages	Percent of Total Customers without Power*
Puerto Rico	2,326	82.40%	467,600	31.75%

Note: The Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority (PREPA) has begun to report on the number of customers restored.

- On January 24, Puerto Rico reported that restored load was 82.40% of normal peak load (normal peak load is generally between 2500 and 3000 MW).
- On January 24, PREPA reported that 68.25% of its customers have power. Based off of this metric, approximately 467,600 customers remain without power on Puerto Rico.
 - *Note: This number is a manual estimate by PREPA which is updated daily.*
- On January 22, PREPA reported 71.4% of Puerto Rico’s 56 transmission centers are functioning.
- On January 22, PREPA reported 90.4% of Puerto Rico’s 342 substations are functioning.
- On January 22, PREPA reported 92.0% of transmission lines or transmission line segments have been restored.
- On January 22, PREPA reported a total of 3,954 field workers are assisting in the restoration of transmission and distribution systems.
- Mutual assistance crews from Illinois, Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Delaware towards ports in Jacksonville, Florida and Wilmington, Delaware. Crews are expected to arrive at their determined port on January 28. No departure times for these crews are available at this time.
- Availability of materials continue to be the critical factor for the restoration efforts. PREPA, USACE, and the industry are working to provide key materials as quickly as possible prevent delays.
- DOE is coordinating with PREPA, FEMA, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), and industry to support restoration efforts, including providing technical subject matter experts and to facilitating mutual assistance.
 - On Monday, October 16, USACE awarded a contract to Fluor to support transmission and distribution systems restoration efforts on Puerto Rico and USACE awarded a second contract to Fluor on December 1.
 - On Wednesday, October 18, USACE awarded a contract to PowerSecure for the repair of the distribution system in the western region of Puerto Rico.
 - Mutual aid crews and equipment from several utilities across the country have or will be deployed to Puerto Rico over the next few weeks. Several States have provided guidance to help expedite movement of equipment to shipping locations.



U.S. Virgin Islands

ELECTRICITY OUTAGES AND SUPPORT PERSONNEL AS OF 01/21/2018			
Source: VIWAPA			
Impacted Territory	Current Total Customer Outages	Percent of Total Customers without Power	Supplemental Utility Personnel
St. Thomas	4,253	15.82%	249
St. John	195	5.58%	45
St. Croix	1,395	5.58%	490
USVI Total	5,843	10.55%	784

Note: Outage data is current as of 01/21/2018. St. Thomas customer outage numbers now include data from Water and Hassel islands (0.0% and 100.00% of customers without power, respectively). DOE will continue to validate customer outage data as it is collected. Supplemental Utility Personnel is current as of 01/11/2018.

Note: January 31 will be the final report with updates on the U.S. Virgin Islands (USVI) pending any significant changes. DOE ESF #12 responders demobilized from the Territory on January 12.

- As of January 21, the U.S. Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority (VIWAPA) reported approximately 5,843 total customers (10.55%) remain without power within the Territory.
 - On St. Thomas, 4,253 total customers (15.82%) were reported to be without power.
 - On St. John, 195 total customers (5.58%) were reported to be without power.
 - On St. Croix, 1,395 total customers (5.58%) were reported to be without power.
- On January 21, VIWAPA reported that 51,173 of the 55,369 total customers (92.42%) across the Territory are eligible to receive power at this time based on surveys of the condition of each customer meter. Currently, 1,647 eligible customers remain without power.
 - VIWAPA has completed a survey of each customer meter to determine the number of customers eligible to receive power. Customers that are not eligible to receive power are due to damage to the structure or electrical meter. The number will be updated as additional customers become eligible.
- As of January 21, there are 784 supplemental personnel were assisting in restoration efforts across the U.S. Virgin Islands.
- VIWAPA has removed electrical meters at locations where damage was apparent to either the meter base and/or weather head and reminding customer that the customer is responsible for ensuring repairs and inspection are complete, which is standard practice during a restoration.



Emergency Declarations & Waivers

EMERGENCY DECLARATIONS

- On September 18, Puerto Rico and USVI declared emergencies due to Hurricane Maria. These declarations automatically waived select Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs), including hours-of-service (HOS) regulations, for motor carriers hauling resources to aid in restoration. Some HOS waivers applied specifically to the movement of petroleum products. On September 20, President Trump approved a major disaster declaration.
- On September 26, President Trump amended the Puerto Rico and U.S. Virgin Islands disaster declarations to authorize increased cost sharing to 100 percent Federal funding for debris removal and emergency protective measures beginning September 17. The declaration includes direct Federal assistance for 180 days from the start of the incident period and a 90 percent Federal cost share thereafter.
- The table below summarizes emergency declarations and hours of service (HOS) waivers issued by states and FMCSA. Please see earlier Situation Reports for details about waivers that have expired.

State Emergency Declarations and HOS Waivers <i>as of 10:00 AM EST 01/24/2018</i>				
State	Details	Effective Dates		Status
		Start	End	
Regional (Multi-State): Florida, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands	This extension of the Regional Declaration of Emergency addresses ongoing emergency conditions creating a need for immediate transporting of supplies and equipment into the Affected States and jurisdictions or transporting persons into or from the Affected States and jurisdictions or providing other assistance in the form of emergency services during the emergency in the Affected States and jurisdictions resulting from Hurricanes Irma, Jose and/or Maria.	09/06/2017	Extension: 03/08/18	Active
Puerto Rico	State of Emergency	Extended: 09/18/17	--	Active
U.S. Virgin Islands	State of Emergency	Extended: 09/18/17	--	Active

Sources: [U.S. Department of Transportation](#); Governor Office Websites



FUEL WAIVERS

- There are currently no active fuel specification waivers issued by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA). Please see earlier Situation Reports for any needed details about waivers that have since expired.

OTHER WAIVERS

- **Department of Transportation (DOT)**
 - There are currently no active U.S. DOT or the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) waivers. Please see earlier Situation Reports for any needed details about waivers that have since expired.
- **Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)**
 - On September 22, the EPA announced that it will exercise enforcement discretion for mobile power generators being imported into the United States that will be used as emergency sources of power in Puerto Rico as a result of Hurricane Maria. EPA will not pursue enforcement actions for certain violations of the Clean Air Act for mobile power generators being imported for use in Puerto Rico that have not been certified to meet U.S. pollution control standards. This covers mobile power generators that are imported for use in Puerto Rico until January 31, 2018.
 - On November 21, the EPA announced that it will extend enforcement discretion for PREPA facilities that have been impacted or damaged by Hurricane Maria through January 31, 2018. The action extends a “no action assurance” issued by EPA on October 6 and will continue to provide the utility relief from some Clean Air Act permit conditions and permitting requirements, including emission limits, hours of operation limits, fuel usage restrictions, and restrictions on the shutdown or bypass of pollution control equipment for most of their electric generating units operating in Puerto Rico.

