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Daily Operations Briefing

Friday, January 10, 2020

8:30 a.m. EST

National Current Operations & Monitoring



Significant Incidents or Threats:

- Earthquake/Aftershocks Puerto Rico
- Severe thunderstorms are expected Southern Plains into the Lower Mississippi Valley
- Freezing rain Central Plains to the Great Lakes
- Heavy rain and flash flooding Central Plains to the Middle Mississippi Valley

Declaration Activity: None

Earthquake (M6.4) – Puerto Rico



Situation:

On January 7, 2020 at 3:24 a.m. an earthquake (M6.4) occurred approximately 8.4 miles west-southwest of Ponce, Puerto Rico at a depth of 6 miles. Since yesterday, USGS reported 20 earthquakes M4.7 or larger. USGS aftershock forecast has decreased to 3% (-4%) probability of earthquakes greater than M6.4 for the next 7 days.

Lifeline Impacts: (Source: SLB, as of 6:00 a.m. EST, Jan 10)

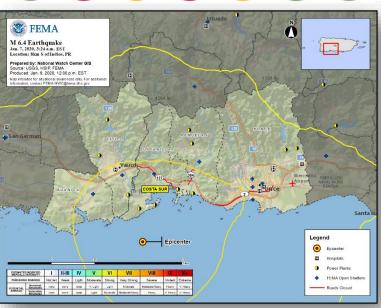
Safety & Security:

- No damage to priority dams; leak in one of the outlet valves/pipes at Luchetti Dam in Yauco; inspections planned
- 181 ARNG on State Active Duty organized into four task forces: limited infrastructure assessment, security/reconnaissance operations, evacuation support, and route clearance operations
- ARNG Joint Liaison Team expected to arrive today

Food, Water & Sheltering

- 20 Shelters open with 1,792 total occupants
- 3,500 people in non-traditional sheltering (cars, tents) due to aftershock concerns; no unmet needs identified
- Nutrition Assistance Program recipients can receive 5% of benefits in cash; cash benefits are available through ATMs or retailer
- 269,245, approximately 22% of clients, without water service due to lack of power; 20 water tank
 trunks on standby to supply drinking water to critical facilities; however, no significant impacts to
 survivor access to water





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Lifeline Impacts Continued:

Health & Medical:

- 48 of 50 health care facilities open; 23 on municipal power, 25 on generator power
- Human SFMC West Ponce Dialicentro & FMC Yauco Dialysis Center remain closed due to damage; expected to reopen today

Energy:

- Power Restoration Task Force assisting with securing waivers for emission standards; some units burning residual fuel oil operationally are limited in capacity due to EPA standards
- Approximately 50% (+7%) of customers (residential and commercial), have been restored; estimate 90% of customers will have power restored by January 12
- USACE Emergency Power Team on site; contractor arriving today to begin equipment mobilization

Communication:

- ARNG Joint Incident Site Communications Capability (JISCC) providing additional communication support capability at the EOC
- 80.52% cell sites up on commercial and generator power; Cable network reporting shows 29% of cable video users are online; 33% of cable Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) phone users and 29% of cable broadband (Internet) users are online

Transportation:

- Multiple highways and roadways closed (Guánica, Ponce, Peñuelas, Guayanilla, and Adjuntas) due to rockslides and landslides; emergency repairs and route clearance underway and alternate routes available
- Public train system resumed service January 9

State / Local Response:

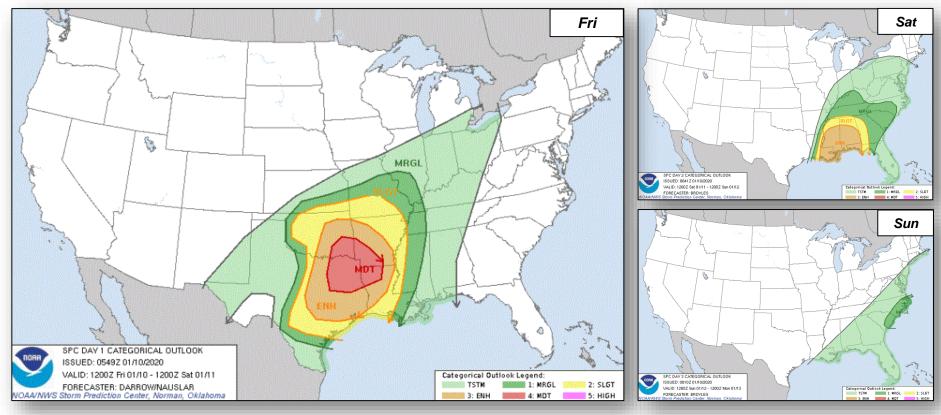
- Puerto Rico EOC Full Activation
- The Governor of Puerto Rico declared a State of Emergency and activated the National Guard
- Approval: Emergency Declaration FEMA-EM-3426 Puerto Rico (Jan 7)

FEMA / Federal Response:

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

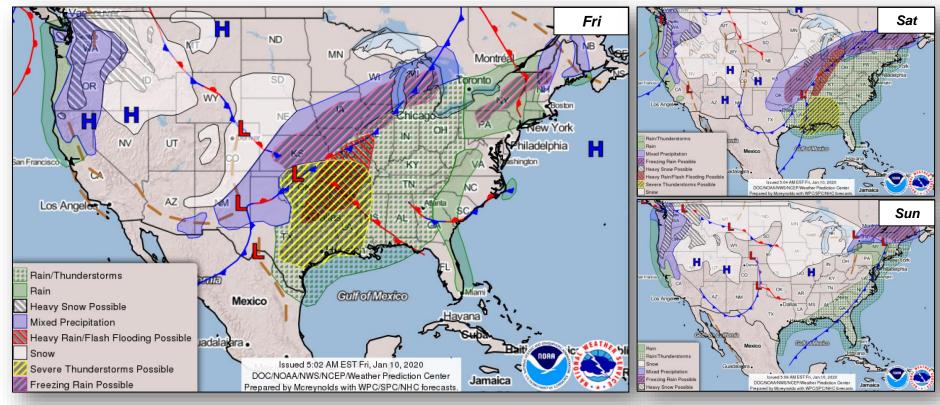
Severe Weather Outlook





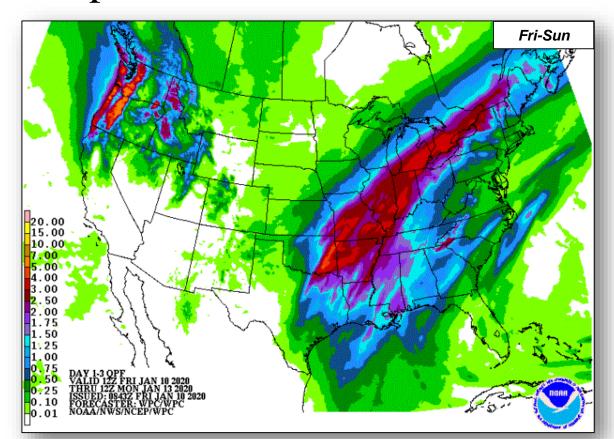
National Weather Forecast





Precipitation & Excessive Rainfall











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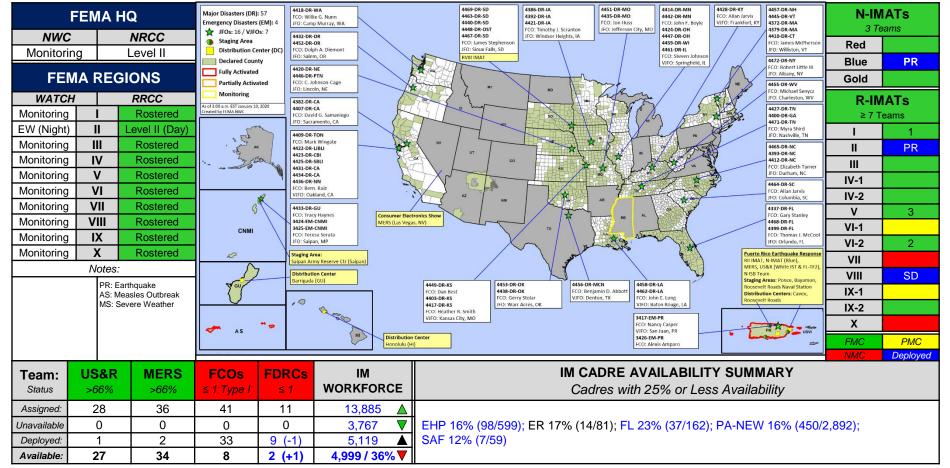
Declaration Requests in Process – 4



State / Tribe / Territory – Incident Description	Туре	IA	PA	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	DR		Х	Х	Dec 18
VT – Severe Storm and Flooding	DR	Χ	Χ	Χ	Dec 20

FEMA Common Operating Picture







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