

Hurricanes Maria, Irma, and Harvey October 6 Event Summary (Report #57)

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Tropical Storm Nate is forecast to begin to impact portions of the U.S. Gulf coast Saturday afternoon, with landfall near the Louisiana-Alabama border late Saturday or early Sunday as a category 1 storm.

DOE continues to support response efforts for Hurricane Maria and restoration efforts related to Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. ESF #12 responders are deployed to St. Thomas, St. Croix, and Puerto Rico in support of FEMA Incident Management Assistance Teams. ESF #12 responders are also deployed to the National Response Coordination Center and a team from the Western Area Power Administration is on St. Thomas to provide mutual aid. Staffing preparations in anticipation of Nate are also underway.

Electricity Sector Summary (as of 10:30 AM EDT Friday)

- Puerto Rico: At least 10.7% of customers have had power restored. The airport, marine terminal, and several hospitals are operating on grid power. Restoration efforts continue focusing on critical and enabling facilities. Assessments show significant damage to transmission and distribution systems. DOE is coordinating closely with FEMA, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to support restoration efforts and facilitate mutual aid.
- USVI: As of October 6, approximately 10.5% of customers on St. Thomas have been restored.
 Critical facilities, including the airports and hospitals have been restored on both St. Thomas and St. Corix. A team from the Western Area Power Administration is providing mutual aid on St. Thomas. A second team from DOE-WAPA has arrived, along with trucks and equipment.
 Additional equipment, materials, and mutual aid crews are expected to arrive shortly.

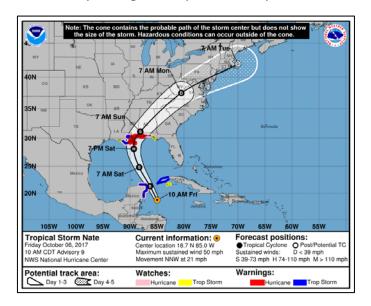
Oil and Natural Gas Sector Summary (as of 10:30 AM EDT Friday)

- Fuel supplies remain an area of focus across the region; however, the situation has stabilized.
- DOE and EIA will continue to assess stocks as response efforts continue.

OVERVIEW OF TROPICAL STORM NATE

As of 11:00 AM EDT, Tropical Storm Nate was 175 miles southeast of Cozumel, Mexico, moving north-northwest at 21 MPH with maximum sustained winds of 50 MPH. Tropical storm-force winds extend outward up to 115 miles from the center. Nate is expected to turn north and northeast on Saturday night. On the forecast track, the center of Nate will move across the northwestern Caribbean Sea today, and move near or over the northeastern coast of the Yucatan peninsula this evening.

Based on the 11:00 AM EDT update from the National Hurricane Center, the center of Nate is forecast to approach the U.S. Gulf Coast on late Saturday night or early Sunday morning as a category 1 hurricane with landfall between far eastern Louisiana and western Alabama. Portions of the Gulf Coast are likely to begin to experience tropical storm-force winds Saturday afternoon or evening.





Hurricane Maria

ELECTRICITY SECTOR

IMPACTS TO PUERTO RICO AND U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS

ELECTRICITY OUTAGES AS OF 6:50 AM EDT 10/06/2017					
Impacted State	Current Estimated Customer Outages	Percent of Estimated Customers without Power	24-hr Peak Customer Outages		
Puerto Rico	~1,401,828	~89.3%	~1,425,375		
Total	~1,401,828				

Note: Additional customers have been restored; however, more recent data on the percentage of customers is unavailable at this time.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) temporary power response teams have been on the
ground in Puerto Rico and U.S. Virgin Islands, assessing power needs, and installing generators
at critical facilities. As of 5:27 PM EDT, Sunday, October 1, teams had completed more than 170
inspections, and more than 200 assessments have been requested for facilities. Generator
installations continue in both Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Puerto Rico

- As of 6:50 AM EDT, Friday, October 6, the Government of Puerto Rico reported 10.7% of customers have been restored. Approximately 1,401,828 customers remain without power.
- As of Thursday, October 5, portions of Santa Isabel became partially energized. Other
 municipalities also partially energized include Arecibo, Ponce, Hatillo, San Juan, Bayamón,
 Mayagüez, Carolina, Cataño, and Guaynabo.
- The 230 kV line between Guayanilla to Central Cambalache has been restored.
- As of Wednesday, October 4, PREPA has energized four 230 kV lines connecting Guayama, Ponce, Guayanilla, and Mayagüez, as well as three 130 kV lines near Mayagüez. PREPA has also energized the 230 kV line between Guayanilla to Areci.
- Crews from Jacksonville Electric in Florida will be joining crews from the New York Power Authority to provide additional mutual aid.
- Assessment show significant damage to portions of the transmission and distribution systems across the island.
- DOE is coordinating with PREPA, FEMA, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and industry to transport crews to the island to provide mutual aid, as needed.
- On Wednesday, October 4, Governor Ricardo Rossello, announced revised curfew from 12:00 AM EDT to 5:00 AM EDT; however, those working on power restoration are exempt.

U.S. Virgin Islands

• The majority of customers across the U.S. Virgin Islands (USVI) remain without power. Most customers on St. Croix lost power due to Hurricane Maria. St. Thomas and St. John previously experienced extensive power outages from Hurricane Irma. There has been restoration efforts underway across the islands, focusing on critical facilities.

St. Thomas & St. John

- As of Thursday, October 5, VIWAPA estimates that approximately 4,000 customers (~10.5%) on St. Thomas are receiving power from the grid. No customers are receiving power from VIWAPA on St. John. Only facilities with generators have power on St. John.
- As of 5:00 PM EDT, October 4, the Tutu Electrical Substation has been re-energized, which will lead to restoring some areas in and around Tutu and Fort Mylner over the next few days. The 34.5 kV transmission line that runs from the Randolph Harley Power Plant to the Solar Substation to the Tutu Substation has been restored. The DOE-WAPA crews will continue to work on the other side of the Tutu Substation toward East End Substation, which is close to the undersea cable that goes to St. John.
- On St. Thomas, restoration crews are preparing to restore service to a portion of Feeder 6A
 from the Harley Power Plant to the university campus the weekend of October 7. Other areas
 that could be energized over the next several days are Nisky Center and Ulla Muller Elementary
 School, with work expected to continue to the Gladys Abraham Elementary School. Also,
 restoration work continued on a portion of Feeder 8B. As crews continue restoration and
 reconstruction work toward the east, some traffic changes may be required next week around
 the Nadir Bridge construction project site.
- On St. John Thursday, October 5, crews planted replacement poles in the Mongoose Junction area and made repairs to poles at Julius E. Sprauve School.
- Water crews have recharged a 24-inch water main and restored potable water service to the downtown area of St. Thomas. Work also continues to resume water service to the east end of the island. Additionally, VIWAPA expects to resume potable water service to Savan, Contant Knolls and Lindbergh Bay later this week.
- On St. John, water service remains available throughout Cruz Bay.

St. Croix

- As of 7:39 PM EDT, Friday, September 29, VIWAPA estimates approximately 10% of customers on St. Croix have been restored with about 4 MW of load.
- On Thursday, October 6, St. Croix crews continued work on a double circuit for Feeders 6A and 6B from the Richmond Power Plant toward Club St. Croix and Five Corners. Crews also completed the planting of replacement poles up to the Hannah's Rest intersection.
- On St. Croix at the Estate Richmond Power Plant, there is one unit online and another available.
- Portions of two additional feeders on St. Croix were energized September 23. These feeders are in addition to the electrical service being provided to the Luis Hospital and the Rohlsen Airport. The hangar and FAA control tower at Rohlsen airport have been energized.
- On St. Croix, there are five days of water storage on the island. Clean up contractors and homeowners are urged to exercise caution when working in and around potable water meters. There are a growing number of instances where water meters are being damaged by clean-up crews causing additional challenges in maintaining or restoring service to customers.



Hurricane Maria

OIL & GAS SECTOR

PORTS

• The U.S. Coast Guard has set the following conditions for ports and waterways in Sector San Juan. All ports in the sector are listed.

Status of Ports as of 10:00 AM EDT 10/06/2017					
Port Imports (b/d) ^A		Status	Date Stamp		
Puerto Rico					
San Juan	64,000	Port Readiness Condition IV. Open.	09/27/17		
Ponce	45,000	Port Readiness Condition IV. Open with restrictions. Max draft 38 ft.	09/30/17		
Guayanilla		Port Readiness Condition IV. Open.	09/25/17		
Yabucoa	38,000	Port Readiness Condition IV. Open with restrictions. Daylight operations only. Max draft 37 ft.	09/30/17		
Arecibo	В, С	Port Readiness Condition IV. Open with restrictions. Daylight operations only. Max draft 15 ft.	09/27/17		
Fajardo		Port Readiness Condition IV. Open with restrictions. Daylight operations only.	09/24/17		
Culebra		Port Readiness Condition IV. Open with restrictions. Daylight operations only.	09/24/17		
Vieques		Port Readiness Condition IV. Open with restrictions. Daylight operations only.	09/24/17		
Guanica		Port Condition Zulu. Closed.	09/19/17		
Guayama	В, С	Port Readiness Condition IV. Open with restrictions. Tug/barge only. No deep draft vessels. No vessels greater than 500 GT.	09/24/17		
Mayaguez	В, С	Port Readiness Condition IV. Open with restrictions. Daylight operations only. Draft less than 28 ft.	09/27/17		
Roosevelt Roads/Ceiba	В	Port Readiness Condition IV. Open with restrictions. Daylight transit only. Draft less than 33 ft.	10/02/17		
Salinas/Aguirre	В, С	Port Readiness Condition IV. Open.	09/24/17		
Tallaboa	В	Port Readiness Condition IV. Open.	09/24/17		
U.S. Virgin Islands					
Christiansted, St. Croix	30,000	Port Readiness Condition IV. Open with restrictions. Daylight transit only. Draft less than 9 ft through Schooner Channel.	10/03/17		
Limetree Bay, St. Croix		Port Readiness Condition IV. Open with restrictions. No vessels to Wilfred Bomba Allick Marine Facility (Container Port and Ro/Ro Facility).	10/03/17		



Krause Lagoon, St. Croix		Port Readiness Condition IV. Open.	10/03/17
Frederiksted, St. Croix		Port Readiness Condition IV. Open.	09/27/17
Cruz Bay, St. John	В, С	Port Readiness Condition IV. Open with restrictions. Daylight transit only.	09/24/17
St. Thomas	В, С	,	09/27/17

^A All petroleum products, excluding asphalt.

Source: Receipt data from U.S. Customs via Reuters EIKON (Jan-Aug. 2017 average)

SUMMARY OF WAIVERS (A complete list of waivers can be found at the end of the report)

Jones Act

On September 28, the Department of Homeland Security, at the request of the Department of Defense, <u>waived</u> the Jones Act requirements for Puerto Rico for a 10-day period. This waiver applies to all products shipped from U.S. coastwise points to Puerto Rico, through October 8, and applies to all covered merchandise loaded on board a vessel within the 10-day period of the waiver and delivered by October 18.

EPA

- On September 26, the U.S. EPA issued to allow parties in Puerto Rico to sell, distribute, and use heating oil and ECA marine fuel that exceeds the 15 ppm through October 8.
- o On September 23, the EPA issued an order authorizing the installation and operation of temporary water treatment units in the U.S. Virgin Islands. Effective through October 8.
- 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. This covers mobile power generators that are imported for use in Puerto Rico until January 31, 2018.

PHMSA

- On September 28, PHMSA issued a waiver on Hazardous Materials Regulations to persons conducting operations under the direction of the Puerto Rico Public Service Commission within the Hurricane Maria emergency and disaster areas of Puerto Rico. The Waiver is granted to support the government of Puerto Rico in facilitating the transport of essential fuel. The waiver is effective until October 5.
- o On September 20, PHMSA issued an Emergency Stay of Enforcement for pipeline operators that may be affected by Maria. The waiver will expire on November 4.

State of Emergency

On September 18, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands declared a State of Emergency.
 On September 20, President Trump approved of the emergency declarations.



^B No direct foreign imports but receives petroleum products from larger ports by barge.

^C Receives fuel for oil-fired power plant.

Emergency Declarations & Waivers

EMERGENCY DECLARATIONS

• Twelve states, including Puerto Rico and USVI, declared state emergencies due to Irma & Harvey. 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. The declarations exempted FCMSR in every state along the motor carrier's route as long as the final destination was with the declared disaster areas. Some HOS waivers applied specifically to the movement of petroleum products in or through the state. On September 18, USVI and Puerto Rico declared a state of emergency for Hurricane Maria and 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. On October 3, President Trump amended the U.S. Virgin Islands disaster declaration by authorizing an increase in the level of Federal funding for emergency work undertaken in the U.S. Virgin Islands as a result of Hurricane Maria. The president increased the Federal cost share to 100 percent for debris removal and emergency protective measures, including direct Federal assistance, for 180 days from the start of the incident period, and then a 90 percent Federal cost share thereafter.
- In addition, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) issued a Regional Emergency Declaration for Hurricane Harvey exempting FMCSRs in the States of Texas and Louisiana. On August 31, the FMCSA expanded the Regional Emergency Declaration to additional states and Washington, DC. On September 6, the Regional Emergency Declaration was extended for states affected by Hurricane Irma. On September 7, the Irma Regional Declaration was expanded again to include states in the Mid-Atlantic and Northeast. On September 11, an Amended Regional Declaration of Emergency was released that extended the exemption of FMCSRs in all 27 states and Washington D.C. through September 30, 2017, or the end of the emergency as defined.
- The table below summarizes emergency declarations and HOS waivers issued by states in response to the impacts of Hurricane, Maria, Irma, and Harvey. Waivers that have expired have been removed from the table. Please see earlier Situation Reports for any needed details about waivers that have since expired.

State Emergency Declarations and HOS Waivers as of 10:00 AM EDT 10/06/2017					
State	Details	Effecti	Ctatus		
State		Start	End	Status	
Regional	Regional Emergency Declarations and	For Harvey:	Extension for	Active	
(Multi-State)	FMCSR waivers issued by FMCSA.	08/25/17	All States:		
	For Harvey: Applies to Alabama, Arkansas,		09/30/17		
	Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida,	Expanded			
	Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky,	for Harvey:			
	Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri,	08/31/17			
	New Jersey, New York, North Carolina,				
	Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Tennessee,				



	Texas, South Carolina, Virginia,	For Irma:		
	Washington, D.C., and West Virginia.	09/06/17		
	For Irma: Applies to Alabama, Florida,	09/00/17		
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	Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South	Expanded		
	Carolina, Tennessee, Connecticut,	For Irma:	F	
	Delaware, Maine, Maryland,	09/07/17	Extension for	
	Massachusetts, New Hampshire,		Texas &	
	New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania,	Extended:	Louisiana:	
	Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, West	09/11/17	10/24/17	
	Virginia, D.C., Puerto Rico, & the U.S. Virgin			
	Islands.		Extension on	
	On September 22, the FMCSA extended	Extended:	September	
	the Regional Emergency Declaration	09/22/17	29:	
	waivers for Texas and Louisiana		10/30/17	
		Extended:		
	On September 29, the FMCSA extended	09/29/17		
	the Regional Emergency Declaration for			
	the following: Alabama, Arkansas,			
	Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky,			
	Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, North			
	Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina,			
	Tennessee, Texas, Puerto Rico, and the			
	U.S. Virgin Islands.			
Alabama	State of Emergency/HOS waiver issued for	08/30/17	09/30/17	Expired
	petroleum products and petroleum-related			
	supplies, goods, and services in the State.			
	International Registration Plan and			
	International Fuel Tax Agreement	09/08/17	10/08/17	Active
	requirement suspended for vehicles			
	engaged in or travelling through Alabama			
	for disaster relief efforts in Florida.			
Florida	State of Emergency/HOS waiver	09/04/17	11/03/17	Active
Kansas	Governor acknowledged state of	08/30/17	09/30/17	Expired
	emergency in Texas and declared that			
	licensing rules, registration and fuel tax			
	permits, and oversize vehicle permit fees			
	are waived for motor carriers and persons			
	operating motor vehicles directly			
	participating in the restoration effort.			
Kentucky	State of Emergency Declaration/HOS	08/31/17	09/30/17	Expired
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	waiver for petroleum products.			



North	State of Emergency/HOS waiver issued for	08/31/17	09/30/17	Expired
Carolina	petroleum products, and emergency relief			
	supplies and services through the state.			
Puerto Rico	State of Emergency	09/04/17		Active
		Declared		
		for Maria:		
		09/18/17		
South	State of Emergency/HOS waiver issued for	09/06/17	10/06/17	Active
Carolina	petroleum products through the state.			
Tennessee	Limited State of Emergency. EO-67	09/11/17	11/08/17	Active
	suspends certain vehicle restrictions for			
	vehicles providing emergency supplies,			
	equipment, or mobile housing units			
Texas	State of Disaster declared for 61 counties	08/23/17	TBD	Active
	in Texas.	Expanded:		
		08/30/17		
		Expanded:		
		09/01/17		
Virginia	State of Emergency/HOS waiver issued for	For Harvey:	For Harvey:	Active
	petroleum products through the state.	09/01/17	09/15/17	
		For Irma:	For Irma:	
		09/07/17	06/30/18, or	
			rescinded.	
U.S. Virgin	State of Emergency	09/04/17		Active
Islands		Declared		
		for Maria:		
		09/18/17		

Sources: U.S. Department of Transportation; Governor Office Websites

FUEL WAIVERS

- The table below lists fuel-related waivers issued by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) and other Federal and State agencies for Hurricanes Maria, Irma, and Harvey.
 Waivers that have expired have been removed from the table. Please see earlier Situation Reports for any needed details about waivers that have since expired.
- On August 30, U.S. EPA issued a multi-state (13 states) waiver for requirements of low-RVP conventional gasoline and reformulated gasoline (RFG) in response to Hurricane Harvey. The next day, the waiver was expanded to include 38 states and Washington, DC. On September 7, in preparation for Hurricane Irma, the EPA extended the temporary waiver for RFG until September 26. The low-RVP waiver for all states (except Texas) expired September 15 when the normal season RVP change occurs. In addition, EPA extended the Low Volatility SIP waiver in Texas and other federally-enforceable areas through September 16. This was extended on September 13 to October 1.



	State Fuel Waivers as of 10:00 AM EDT 10/06/2017					
State	Waiver	Issued By	Effective Dates		Status	
State	waiver	issued by	Start	End	Status	
Puerto	To minimize or prevent disruptions with the	U.S. EPA	09/26/17	10/08/17	Active	
Rico	supply of ULSD fuel for mobile non-road					
	generators and pumps used for emergency					
	services, EPA will allow parties in Puerto Rico					
	to sell, distribute, and use heating oil and ECA					
	marine fuel that exceeds the 15 ppm.					
TX	RFG requirement waived in Houston-	U.S. EPA	08/25/17	09/15/17	Expired	
	Galveston-Brazoria areas. Waiver expanded to					
	four-county Dallas-Fort Worth RFG area 8/26.		Expanded:	Extended:		
	Allows the sale or distribution of conventional		08/26/17	10/01		
	gasoline. This was extended on 09/13 to					
	October 1.					
FL	Limited waiver of highway diesel fuel red dye	U.S. EPA	09/06/17	09/22/17	Active	
	requirements. Allows sale, distribution, and		Extended:	Extended:		
	use of red dye NRLM diesel fuel for use in		09/22	10/06		
	highway diesel vehicles, but diesel fuel must					
	meet 15 ppm standard. On 9/22, EPA					
	extended the waiver to October 6.					
SC	RVP standards of 9.0 psi waived. Permits the	State of	09/07/17	10/31/17	Active	
	sale or distribution of winter gasoline with an	South				
	11.5 psi RVP. Allows the comingling of RFG	Carolina				
	with conventional gasoline. Waives butane					
	blending and T V/L = 20 requirements.					
VA	Waived the RVP limit for gasoline ethanol	State of	09/01/17	Until	Active	
	blends prescribed by regulations. Extended	Virginia		further		
	waiver to apply through duration of Hurricane		Extended:	notice.		
	Irma impact on 9/8.		09/08/17			

Sources: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; State Governments

OTHER WAIVERS

Department of Homeland Security

On September 8, the Acting Secretary of Homeland Security waived Jones Act requirements for shipping refined petroleum products –including gasoline, diesel and jet fuel— to Florida for a 7-day period. The waiver of the Jones Act will allow foreign flag vessels to bring in fuel from New York, Pennsylvania, Texas, and Louisiana to South Carolina, Georgia, Florida and Puerto Rico. On September 11, the Jones Act waiver was expanded to include shipments from all states in PADD 1B and PADD 3 to all states in PADD 1C. As of September 23, the Jones Act waiver expired.



On September 28, the Department of Homeland Security, at the request of the Department of Defense, <u>waived</u> the Jones Act requirements for Puerto Rico for a 10-day period. This waiver applies to all products shipped from U.S. coastwise points to Puerto Rico, through October 8, and applies to all covered merchandise loaded on board a vessel within the 10-day period of the waiver and delivered by October 18.

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC)

On September 5, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) approved an emergency waiver tariff, effective immediately, allowing the pipeline system to accept 11.5 RVP gasoline (A3) to fill nominations for 7.8 RVP gasoline (A1) and 9.0 RVP gasoline (A2); and to ship conventional gasoline in lieu of reformulated gasoline. Colonial's tariffs and tariff practices would not normally permit it to accept product that does not conform to the specifications of the product that was nominated.

Department of Transportation (DOT)

- On September 28, PHMSA issued a waiver on Hazardous Materials Regulations to persons conducting operations under the direction of the Puerto Rico Public Service Commission within the Hurricane Maria emergency and disaster areas of Puerto Rico. The Waiver is granted to support the government of Puerto Rico in facilitating the transport of essential fuel. The waiver is effective until October 5.
- On September 20, PHMSA issued an Emergency Stay of Enforcement for pipeline operators that may be affected by Maria. PHMSA will not take enforcement action relating to operator noncompliance with certain operator qualification requirements, or pre-employment and random drug testing requirements, arising from the use of personnel for pipeline activities related to response and recovery. The waiver took effect on September 20 and will expire on November 4, unless PHSMA determines it needs to be extended.
- On September 8, DOT's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) issued an Emergency Waiver Order under 49 U.S.C. 5103 and Stafford Act declarations made for the U.S. Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, Florida, and South Carolina, to persons conducting operations under the direction of the Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Coast Guard that support appropriate actions to prepare for, respond to, and recover from a threat to public health, welfare, or the environment caused by actual or potential oil and hazardous materials incidents resulting from Hurricane Irma in Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, Florida, and South Carolina. On September 10, 2017, based on a Stafford act emergency declaration, PHMSA amended this order to include Georgia.
- On September 1, PHMSA issued an Emergency Stay of Enforcement for operators affected by Hurricane Harvey. The declaration states that PHMSA does not intend to take any enforcement action relating to their noncompliance with certain operator qualification requirements, or pre-employment and random drug testing requirements, arising from the use of personnel for pipeline activities related to response and recovery. On September 7, PHMSA issued an enforcement stay for the waiver to include states affected by Hurricane Irma. The states included in this extension are Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Puerto Rico.



• Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

On September 23, the EPA issued an order to FEMA and the DOD authorizing the
installation and operation of temporary water treatment units in the U.S. Virgin Islands
where a loss of electrical power due to hurricanes Irma and Maria has left public water
systems inoperable. This order is effective through October 8, but is eligible to be
extended.

- 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 September 11, the EPA issued a blanket waiver for all power plant facilities in Florida, allowing them to operate without meeting all pollution controls in order to maintain the supply of electricity to customers and critical facilities across the state as a result of Hurricane Irma. The 'no action assurance' is temporary and will terminate on September 26, 2017; it was requested by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and determined by EPA to be in the public's interest. The facilities must continue to comply with all other federal, state and local environmental law and are still required to monitor and report levels of regulated contaminants released.
 - On September 22, the EPA extended the enforcement discretion for fuel storage facilities and tanker trucks in Texas at least until September 29 as recovery efforts from Hurricane Harvey continue. It said a larger number of tanker trucks were needed to deliver fuel and that it would not pursue enforcement actions against trucks for certain Clean Air Act violations.
 - On September 22, the EPA extended enforcement discretion first issued on September 15 for certain air pollutants from gasoline storage tanks during socalled roof landings, as well as for bulk fuel terminals that are not equipped to capture or recover certain air pollutants. The discretion will terminate on September 29.