



Hurricane Ian | Update #2

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As of 2:00 PM EDT, September 28, Hurricane Ian was about 25 miles west northwest of Fort Myers, FL, moving north-northeast at 9 MPH with maximum sustained winds of 155 MPH. On the forecast track, the center of Ian is expected to make landfall shortly as a catastrophic category 4 hurricane and move onshore later today and is expected to weaken after landfall. The center of Ian is forecasted to move over central Florida tonight and Thursday morning, and it will emerge over the western Atlantic by late Thursday.

Electricity Sector Summary

- There are an estimated 846,000 customer outages in Florida as of 3:00 PM EDT, September 28.
- As Ian passes, utilities will begin damage assessments and restoration efforts as conditions permit.
- Utilities pre-staged crews, equipment, and materials in the impacted area days ahead of the storm.
- Electric industry representatives reported on September 28 that more than 32,000 workers from 26 states are preparing to assist with power restoration.

Oil & Natural Gas Sector Summary

- Stocks of gasoline and distillate (diesel) fuel in PADD 1C – Lower Atlantic, which includes Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina, were within the five-year range as of September 23.
- Increased demand from evacuees and consumers topping-off tanks prior to Hurricane Ian have led to temporary spot outages at some retail stations.
- As of September 28, the ports of Tampa, Manatee, Canaveral, and Jacksonville are closed. Other Florida ports remain open or are open with restrictions.
- As of 12:30 PM EDT, September 28, the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) reported that approximately 9% of current oil production and 6% of natural gas production in the Gulf of Mexico had been shut in. Additionally, personnel have been evacuated from 11 production platforms and three dynamically-positioned rigs have halted operations and moved out of the storm's path.

DOE ACTIONS

- The DOE Energy Response Organization (ERO) is activated and closely monitoring restoration efforts following impacts from Hurricane Ian.
- DOE responders remain deployed to Puerto Rico and supporting FEMA Coordination Centers:
 - FEMA National Response Coordination Center – Washington, DC
 - FEMA Region III Response Coordination Center – Philadelphia, PA
 - FEMA Region IV Response Coordination Center – Atlanta, GA

EMERGENCY DECLARATIONS & WAIVERS

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To provide vital supplies and transportation services to a disaster area in the United States, emergency declarations may be issued by the President, Governors of States, or Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA). These declarations trigger the temporary suspension of certain Federal safety regulations, including Hours of Service, for motor carriers and drivers engaged in specific aspects of the emergency relief effort. See 49 CFR 390.23 for the actual emergency regulation.

Emergency Declarations and HOS Waivers as of 3:00 PM EDT 09/28/2022				
State/Territory	Details	Effective Dates		Status
		Start	End	
Florida	Presidential Declaration of Emergency	9/23	Until Rescinded	Active
Florida	Public Health Emergency	9/23	Until Rescinded	Active
Florida	State of Emergency, including HOS waiver and waiver of fuel truck registration requirements	9/24	10/23	Active
Florida	Emergency Equipment Transportation Vehicle Size and Weight Limit Waiver	9/24	10/24	Active
Florida	PHMSA Emergency Stay of Operations Waiver	9/27	45 Days	Active
Georgia	State of Emergency	9/29	10/28	Pending

Sources: State and Federal government websites

