

Hurricane Milton

Situation Report #1 | Thursday October 10, 2024 | 4:00 PM EDT

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Incident Summary

As of 2:00 PM EDT, Milton was located about 200 miles east-northeast of Cape Canaveral, FL as a hurricane-force extratropical low with present movement east-northeast at 21 MPH with maximum sustained winds of 75 MPH. The center of Milton made landfall near Siesta Key, FL last night as a Category 3 Hurricane, then crossed the state from west to east with hurricane force winds. Milton is pulling away from the east coast of Florida with strong gusty winds and heavy rainfall still occurring over portions of the Southeastern U.S. coast. Hurricane-force winds extend outward up to 70 miles from the storm center, and tropical storm force winds extend outward up to 310 miles. Additional rainfall amount of around an inch is expected across portions of the east-central to northeast Florida coast today.

Electricity Sector Summary

- As of 3:00 PM EDT, October 10, Florida utilities reported approximately 3.1 million outages (28% of customers), down from a peak of 3.4 million customer outages earlier today.
- Utilities in Florida made preparations prior to Milton. More than 50,000 workers from at least 42 states, the District of Columbia, and Canada are dedicated to the Milton response and restoration effort and were strategically prepositioned in and near Florida before Hurricane Milton made landfall.
- Utilities are beginning to assess damage and restore power as conditions permit. Crews are unable to operate in heavily flooded areas and when wind speeds are greater than 30 MPH.
- Post-storm, utilities follow a comprehensive restoration plan. After power is restored to essential services and facilities critical to public health and safety, crews focus on repairing lines that will return service to the largest number of customers in the least amount of time. Power is restored systematically to neighborhoods and businesses, then to small groups of customers and individual homes.

Oil and Natural Gas Sector Summary

- The Ports of Tampa and Manatee are significant sources for fuel imports into Florida. Both ports remain closed, until post-storm assessments can be complete. The Ports of Canaveral and Jacksonville are closed as Milton moves into the Atlantic, and the Port of Miami and Port Everglades have reopened.
- There are no identified regional fuel supply issues in the state. Outages at retail stations have been reported in some regions of Florida due to increased demand and power outages. However, state and federal partners have taken action to facilitate fuel supply into and within the state and are working with industry to ensure fuel is available, especially for response operations.

Hurricane Milton Customer Power Outages

As of 3:00 PM EDT 10/10/24

State	Current Outages	% State Without Power	Peak Storm Outages	% Restored from Peak
Florida	3,143,116	28%	3,365,661	6.6%



Emergency Declarations and Waivers

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 the 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 Hours of Service Transportation Waivers				
As of 3:00 PM EDT 10/10/2024				
State/Territory	Details	Effective Dates		Status
		Start	End	
Alabama, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia	<u>USDOT & FMCSA Regional Emergency Declaration and Extension of Emergency Declarations</u>	10/4	10/27	Active
Florida	<u>State of Emergency for 54 counties</u>	10/5	12/4	Active
	<u>Presidential Declaration of Emergency</u>	10/5	Until Rescinded	Active
	<u>Hours of Service Waiver</u>	9/23	11/22	Active
	<u>Waiver to Bypass FDOT Weigh Stations</u>	10/6	10/21	Active
	<u>Waiver of Truck Size and Weight Restrictions</u>	10/6	10/21	Active
Georgia	<u>State of Emergency for 38 Counties for Hurricane Milton</u>	10/8	10/16	Active

Sources: State government & federal government websites