

Healthcare and Public Health Sector
Critical Infrastructure Protection
Hurricane Sandy Conference Call Highlights
Friday, November 2, 2012

Purpose of this call:

- The purpose of this call is to update public and private sector partners.
- Overall assessment of how the nation is doing.

Current Situation:

- State Emergency Operation Centers are activated in: CT, MD, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, and WV.
- Emergency Declarations: CT, DE, MD, MA, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VA, WV and the District of Columbia.
- Major Disaster Declarations signed by the President for New York and New Jersey and Connecticut.
- Secretary Sebelius signed a Public Health Emergency Declaration for New York on October 31, 2012 (to ensure healthcare services are continued especially for Medicare and Medicaid subscribers) and New Jersey's was signed on November 1, 2012.
- Fatalities: 59 fatalities in US; 62 in Caribbean; and 2 in Canada
- All airports are open.
- Shelters across the region: 350 shelters are opened with 15,000 occupants across 10 states.
- Power Outages: As of 10:00 am on November 2, 2012, there are 3.6 million customers still without power.
- Monitoring fuel issues especially access to fuel for vehicles and generators.
- On October 31, due to pipeline disruptions distributing fuel to the northeast, EPA waived requirements for the use of Reformulated Gasoline in the following states: Connecticut, Delaware, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Virginia and the District of Columbia. In addition, also waived were additional requirements prohibiting "blending" of certain types of gasoline, applicable in each of these states, as well as in Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee, South Carolina, and North Carolina, to facilitate distribution of fuel to areas affected by Hurricane Sandy, through November 20, 2012.
<http://epa.gov/enforcement/air/documents/fuelwaivers/multistate-fuelwaiver103112.pdf>

Federal Response:

- Looking at 1135 waivers (www.cms.gov)
- There are 708 HHS employees deployed to region 1 and 3.
- 350 ambulances deployed to NY
- There is a 150 person DMAT team sent to NJ to assist in staffing shelter operations and 9 DMAT teams sent to NY and others are on standby.
- There is a federal medical station ready to be activated.
- Incident Response Coordination Teams are on standby and ready to assist.

Unmet Needs:

- Looking for desk seating for personnel in NYC area, need desk, phone and IT. If private sector partners have facilities, please email CIP@hhs.gov.

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RxResponse Resources (www.rxresponse.org)

- Pharmacy Reporting Tool is up on the website.
- Production facilities are up and running. Some are on generator power. No reported supply chain issues. There are short term impacts with shipping and distribution.

Homeland Security Information Network (HSIN) Incident Site

An incident page has been established on the HSIN-HPH portal to provide current information on the ongoing planning and response. The HSIN incident page is located at <https://cs.hsin.gov/hph-sites/incidents/is11/default.aspx> (you will be prompted to login to your account to view). If you have an account but need assistance with your HSIN password, please contact the help desk at 703-674-3003 or hsin.helpdesk@dhs.gov. For first time users, please contact CIP@hhs.gov.