

Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC)

Virginia Emergency Response Team (VERT)

2012-10 Hurricane Sandy

Situation Report #17

November 14 1030 hours

SUMMARY

(New information in bold)

The VEOC transitioned from Increased Readiness to Recovery Operations on 8 November, as recovery efforts related to Hurricane Sandy (FEMA-3359-EM) continue.

EXECUTIVE ACTION

Governor Bob McDonnell declared a State of Emergency at 0950 hours on 26 October in anticipation of severe weather impacting the Commonwealth as a result of Hurricane Sandy. Virginia has been awarded federal disaster assistance to support emergency response efforts. Specifically, FEMA is authorized to deploy federal resources if needed by local and state officials.

WEATHER

No hazardous weather is currently forecast for Virginia.

ESF #5 – Emergency Management

- Coordinating 2 active requests for assistance on the Eastern Shore of Virginia. 48 total requests for assistance have been completed across the state.

ESF #7 – Logistics Management & Resource Support

- Monitoring EMAC requests from affected Northeastern states
 - 1 EMAC mission completed (4 planning personnel to New York EOC)

ESF #8 – Public Health and Medical Services

- Boil Water Notice for Accomack Manor in Accomack County lifted on 13 November.

ESF #14 – Recovery & Mitigation

- Submitted Emergency Declaration letter requesting reconsideration for Public Assistance Category A and B as requested by FEMA Region III.
- FEMA issued a new Disaster Specific Policy for debris removal under Public Assistance that is applicable for Hurricane Sandy only. The policy allows for reimbursement of regular time salaries and benefits of permanently employed staff that perform eligible debris related work over a period not to exceed 30 consecutive calendar days. The policy was distributed to localities, state agencies, and private non-profit organizations. Due to the issuance of this policy, the period for applicants to submit their revised IDAs to reflect these additional costs was extended to noon November 14. The PDA process was also extended due to this new policy being issued.
- Reviewing staffing requirements for Hurricane Sandy and to support continued processing of pending Project Worksheets with regard to open disasters.
- Participated in conference call with Housing and Community Development, USDA-Rural Development and Accomack-Northampton PDC regarding Accomack County housing

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needs. Also participated in discussions with Accomack County staff regarding housing and debris issues.

ESF #17 – Volunteer & Donations Management

- **Methodist, Baptist, and Catholic volunteer groups engaged in cleanup activities in Accomack County**
- **Working to develop a streamlined Virginia Disaster Relief Fund process to provide 30 days emergency rental assistance**
- **Recruiting additional VA VOAD organizations to assist with clean up and repair/rebuild efforts**
- **Reviewing long term housing options**
- **Coordinating offers of donations and/or volunteers from Virginia to impacted areas in the northeast**

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All Situation Reports for this event can be found on the VDEM website at:

http://www.vaemergency.gov/content/sitreps#hurricane_sandy