

Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC)

Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)

Virginia Emergency Response Team (VERT)

HURRICANES GUSTAV and IKE

SITUATION REPORT # 9

1400 Hours 22 September 2008

New information in bold italic font

SUMMARY

Recovery operations continue in Texas, Louisiana and along the Gulf Coast Region after Hurricane Gustav made landfall on 1 September near Houma, Louisiana and Hurricane Ike made landfall on 13 September near Galveston Texas. Virginia continues to support this effort by deployment of State and local resources through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC).

EXECUTIVE ACTION

EOC Activation

Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC) is at Routine Operations and continues to monitor and respond to EMAC requests from states impacted by Hurricanes Gustav and Ike.

Protective Actions

Governor Kaine activated the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) on Friday, 29 August, directing State agencies and organizations to identify resources that they could deploy to help Gulf Coast states prepare and respond to impacts from Hurricane Gustav. Governor Timothy M. Kaine gave verbal authorization on 10 September to amend Executive Order 75 to include EMAC response for Hurricane Ike. In an effort to increase the supply of gasoline in the Commonwealth of Virginia following the disruption in the normal flow of petroleum products caused by Hurricanes Gustav and Ike, Governor Kaine waived certain specifications that prescribe volatility standards for gasoline. [Executive Order # 75](#); [Executive Order #77 \(2008\)](#); [Press Release-Actions to Address Gas Supplies, Price Gouging Complaints](#)

WEATHER

Forecast

Monday, 22 September: Mostly sunny; high temps mid 70's to low 80's; east-northeast winds 7 to 16 MPH. Monday night: Partly cloudy; low temp's low 50's to low 60's; winds east-northeast 3 to 16 MPH. Tuesday, 23 September: Mostly sunny except mostly cloudy in Southeast VA; 20% chance of showers in Southeast VA; high temps low to mid 70's; east – northeast winds 5 to 23 MPH. Tuesday night: Partly cloudy; low temps low 50's to low 60's; east-northeast winds 5 to 20 MPH with gusts up to 30 MPH in Southeast VA.

OPERATIONS SECTION

ESF 5 – Emergency Management

VA Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)

Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC) continues to support EMAC Missions deployed from State Agencies and Local Jurisdictions to the Gulf Coast Region to support recovery efforts. VDEM issued Limited Exemption of Hours Worked for transportation of fuel on 12 September. VEOC continues to monitor fuel situation throughout the Commonwealth and on 18 September polled local jurisdictions for confirmed gasoline shortages; extraordinary high fuel prices (\$5 per gallon or higher; abnormally long lines at fueling stations; and anticipated local fuel shortages. **As of 1400 hrs, 19 September, 51 localities responded reporting no confirmed shortages, no extraordinary high fuel prices, and no abnormally long lines and no anticipated local fuel shortages.**

ESF 10 – Oil & Hazardous

VA Department of Environmental Quality (VDEQ)

- Materials Response** Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (VDEQ) request to the US EPA for reformulated gasoline requirements approved effective 12 September through 26 September **was extended through 7 October.**
- ESF 11 – Agriculture and Natural Resources** VA Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS)
30 experienced VDACS inspectors are working across the Commonwealth to respond to more than 2,000 calls about possible gas price gouging received by the VDACS Division of Consumer Protection since Virginia felt Hurricane Ike's impact
- ESF 12 – Energy** VA Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy (DMME)
Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy had no reports of widespread fuel supply outages or lines at service stations on 17 September and continues to monitor the fuel situation in the Commonwealth. DMME reports that both petroleum pipelines serving the Commonwealth are operational but under partial volume. Governor Kaine waived certain specifications that prescribe volatility standards for gasoline on 17 September in response to requests for waiver of lower vapor pressure gasoline from DMME and VDEQ.

LOGISTICS SECTION

- ESF 1 – Transportation** Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)
Virginia Department of Transportation, Salem, provided fuel on 31 August to New Jersey State Police Swift Water Rescue Team en-route to Louisiana. VDOT and DMV issued Waiver of Weight restrictions for transportation of fuel on 12 September.
- ESF 4 – Firefighting** Virginia Department of Forestry (VDOF)
A 15 person VDOF Type II Incident Management Team deployed to support the Texas Forest Service through EMAC **is assisting in running the FEMA Base Camp and Logistical Staging Area located at the Ford Center in Beaumont Texas. 4 VDOF personnel deployed to Baton Rouge Louisiana on Monday, 22 September, as part of a Federal Urban Assessment Team.**
- ESF 5 – Emergency Management** VA Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)
VDEM Local Support Services deployed VDEM Region 2 Coordinator and VDEM Region 7 Planner to Cameron Parish Louisiana as part of 8 person Incident Management Team.
- VDEM Public Assistance deployed 2 persons to Texas to support Public Assistance operations.**
- ESF 7 – Resource Support** VA Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)
The Logistics Section and VDEM Emergency Management Assistance Compact Coordinator continue to monitor EMAC requests coming from the Gulf States. Statewide broadcasts are being sent out to local jurisdictions and State agencies reference these requests.
- ESF 9 – Search and Rescue** VA Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)
Task Force 1 returned to Fairfax County on 18 September and Task Force 2 returned to VA Beach on 19 September.
- ESF 13 – Public Safety and Security** VA Department of Game & Inland Fisheries (DGIF)
21 person DGIF Task Force that deployed to Jennings, LA on 12 September to support the LA Department of Wildlife and Fishers in rescue operations returned to Virginia on 18 September.
- ESF 16 – Military Affairs** Virginia Army National Guard (VANG)
The 9 person VANG Planning Unit deployed to Camp Beauregard demobilized and returned to Virginia on 14 September and the 4 person VANG Planning Unit deployed to the National Guard Bureau returned home on 16 September.

PLANNING SECTION

ESF 5 – Situation Unit Preparing Situation Reports; monitoring WebEOC entries; maintaining situational awareness.

Next Situation Report will be issued on Thursday, 25 September 2008, around 1500 hours

LOCALITIES

Shenandoah County EMAC Mission – 2 Sheriff's Office personnel and vehicles deployed to Livingston Parish LA on 12 September to support law enforcement; length of deployment 14 days

Prince William County EMAC Mission – 10 Police Department personnel and vehicles deployed to Livingston Parish LA on 12 September to support law enforcement; length of deployment 14 days

Fairfax County EMAC Mission – 1 EMAC A Team member deployed to FEMA Headquarters on 17 September to support National EMAC Operations at the National Coordination Center

EMAC Mission – 2 persons deployed to Cameron Parish Louisiana as part of 8 person Incident Management Team

City of Alexandria EMAC Mission – 1 EMAC A Team member deployed to FEMA Headquarters on 17 September to support National EMAC Operations at the National Coordination Center

City of Fredericksburg ***EMAC Mission – 2 persons deployed to Cameron Parish Louisiana as part of 8 person Incident Management Team***

Town of Front Royal ***EMAC Mission – 1 Police Department official deployed to Cameron Parish Louisiana as part of 8 person Incident Management Team***

Caroline County ***EMAC Mission – 1 person deployed to Cameron Parish Louisiana as part of 8 person Incident Management Team***

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