

## **Tropical Storm Isaac Briefing #6**

August 29, 2012 - 1100 hrs

### **State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC)**

- State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) is at Level 1 activation (full-scale activation).
- Executive Order #12-199 was signed by Governor Scott on Aug. 25.
- DEP issued Emergency Final Order # 12-1453 on Aug. 27 has to waive specific regulatory statutes and rules to expedite recovery efforts.
- DEP issued Emergency Order #12-1454 on Aug. 27 suspending procurement and travel statutes to expedite response functions.
- The Florida Emergency Information Line (FEIL) has been activated. The FEIL (800.342.3557) will be staffed from 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. DEP's first rotation will be on Aug. 31. The FEIL has handled 700 calls since the first day of operations.
- Today the SEOC is working with counties in South Florida and federal partners to schedule the first set of Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments. They are also working with panhandle counties to support Initial Damage Assessments.

### **Florida Watches & Warnings**

#### **Hurricane Warning (*Hurricane conditions expected within the next 24 hrs*):**

- East of Morgan City, LA to the Alabama-Florida border.

#### **Tropical Storm Warning (*Tropical storm conditions expected within 36 hrs*):**

- Alabama-Florida border to Destin, FL. This includes the counties of Escambia, Santa Rosa and Okaloosa.

### **DEP Office Closures**

- All DEP offices will be open on Aug. 29.

### **State Park Closures**

- No major damages to state parks have been reported.
- The following state parks are closed (camping & day use):
  - Tarkiln Bayou Preserve
  - Perdido Key
  - Anclote Key
- Camping is closed at the following state parks (parks are open for day use):
  - Hillsborough River
  - Myakka River
  - St. Joseph
  - Big Lagoon
  - Henderson Beach
  - Rocky Bayou

- Blackwater River
- St. Andrews

### Beach Windshield Surveys

- Little or no beach/dune damage was observed in the following areas:
  - St. Johns County
  - Flagler County
  - Nassau County
  - Duval County
  - Captiva Island (Lee County)
  - 2828 - 2780 N. Beach Rd. (Charlotte County)
  - Bowditch Point to Crescent Beach (Lee County)
  - Fort Myers Beach - Leonardo Arms (Lee County)

### Wastewater Spills

- DEP's Storm Tracker has been activated to allow the larger drinking water and wastewater facilities in Broward, Miami-Dade, Monroe, Okeechobee and Palm Beach counties to provide system status updates.
- Of the 63 large community drinking water systems:
  - 57 report full operational status (91 percent) with 5 of the 57 on backup power.
  - 1 system is non-operational (1 percent).
  - 1 reported partially operational status (1 percent).
  - 4 have not reported their status (7 percent).
- Of the 54 wastewater facilities:
  - 52 report full operational status (96 percent) with 5 of the 52 on backup power.
  - 1 system is non-operational (2 percent).
  - 1 has not reported their status (2 percent).
- The following Isaac-related wastewater spills were reported in the following counties on Aug. 28:
  - Broward: 25,000 gallons of treated effluent.
  - Palm Beach: >10,000 gallons as a result of rain; 20,000 gallons onsite; 4,000 gallons due to loss of power; 40,000 of treated effluent as a result of rain.
  - Indian River: Unknown amount.

### Fuel Supply

- ESF 12 (Fuels) performed retail station fuel supply surveys along evacuation routes in Escambia, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa and Walton counties on Aug. 28. Widespread fuel outages have NOT been reported and the panhandle ports have adequate bulk fuel supplies.
- The next survey is scheduled for Aug. 29.

### Power Outages

- 767 customers are without power.

### Port Status

- Zulu (Closed): Apalachicola River, Gulf Intercoastal Waterway, Pensacola, Port St. Joe
- Yankee (Restricted): Panama City

### Road Closures

- Florida 511: <http://www.fl511.com/>
- FHP: <http://www.flhsmv.gov/fhp/traffic>

### Airport Status

- All major Florida airports are open.
- FAA major airport status: <http://www.fly.faa.gov/flyfaa/semmap.jsp>

### Tropics Update (From State Meteorologist)

- Hurricane Isaac made landfall twice in Louisiana overnight, at 1945 hrs Tuesday in Plaquemines Parrish just southwest of the mouth of the Mississippi River, emerging back over water while moving west, and at 0315 hrs Wednesday just west of Port Fourchon with maximum sustained winds near 80mph.
- At 0500 hrs Wednesday, Hurricane Isaac was located 60 miles south-southwest of New Orleans, Louisiana, which is approximately 215 miles west-southwest of Pensacola, Florida.
- Isaac is moving west-northwest around 8 mph. A northwest motion at a slower forward speed is expected today, followed by a turn to the north-northwest on Thursday, reaching southern Arkansas by Friday.
- Maximum sustained winds remain near 80 mph, which is a Category 1 hurricane on the Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Wind Scale.
- Isaac remains a large storm, and tropical storm force winds extend as far as 175 miles from the center.
- Isaac is expected to weaken today as it moves further inland over Louisiana. Isaac is forecast to become a tropical storm this evening and a depression by Thursday afternoon.
- The large nature of Isaac could still produce tropical storm force wind gusts in rainbands over portions of Northwest Florida today.
- Lingering ocean swells will continue to produce large battering waves along the Gulf Coast today, along with a high risk of rip currents. A Coastal Flood Advisory is in effect from Jefferson County to Bay County, with a High Surf Advisory from Walton County to Gulf County, and from Pinellas County to Lee County.
- 1-3 inches of rain will be possible over much of Northwest Florida today and tomorrow. Total rainfall accumulations may reach up to 6 inches in the western Panhandle and up to 4 inches eastward. Gusty winds will be capable of knocking down trees in saturated ground.
- Additional rainfall up to 2 inches is possible over the Peninsula for the next 2 days as a typical summertime pattern brings the potential for heavy afternoon showers and thunderstorms.