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Introduction

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Using Data From the Past to
Predict The Future




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This training will show you how to:

1. Develop Proactive Storm Planning by Leveraging Data and Technology to
2. Provide a common picture (tools or tool kit) that
3. Align your team, builds confidence in the process, and
4. Improves overall messaging to all stakeholders involved



Overview

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- No plan = No clue
- Build credibility and trust with internal and external stakeholders
- Ensuring senior leadership is in-sync



Understand Weather On Your Operations

Understand the real connection between weather and your operations

Do you need to worry about:
Snow showers? Blustery winds?
What is the potential threat?

What does it mean to
your operation?
How much snow?
Dry or wet?


What is the wind
duration?
Is this speed even
impactful?



Northwest wind 22 to 29
mph with gusts as high as
46 mph

Do I need to mobilize for
“some thunder”?
Even if wind speeds are low?

Some thunder
possible. South wind
5 to. 7 mph



Myths

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1. "I can't trust the data. too much of it"
2. "I can't afford to do this"
3. "I don't have time to invest in this"

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Data Confidence Data Standard - ORL

- Operational Readiness Standard (ORL)
- <https://www.ahcusa.org/orl-data-standard.html>



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Business Case for Cost Justification

- You are probable already spending/wasting the funds you need
- Financial
 - What does an event cost your company?
 - What does a 1 hr. delay cost?
 - Logistics costs?
 - Resources costs?
 - Liability with mutual assistance partners/suppliers?
- Safety
 - Accidents, Hospital bills, legal costs
- Brand Impact
 - Reputation, Social Media, Customer Satisfaction

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AARs

- What's a bad one?
 - No documents, did not prioritize
 - Can use going forward
- What's a good one?
 - Documents
 - Prioritized tasks



Predictive Damage Impacts

Predictive Damage Impact

1. Data – Get it right!

- Weather data – specific to each individual event
- Historical Impact data

2. The tool should be scalable!

- Avoid trying for the perfect forecast!

3. Leverage GIS

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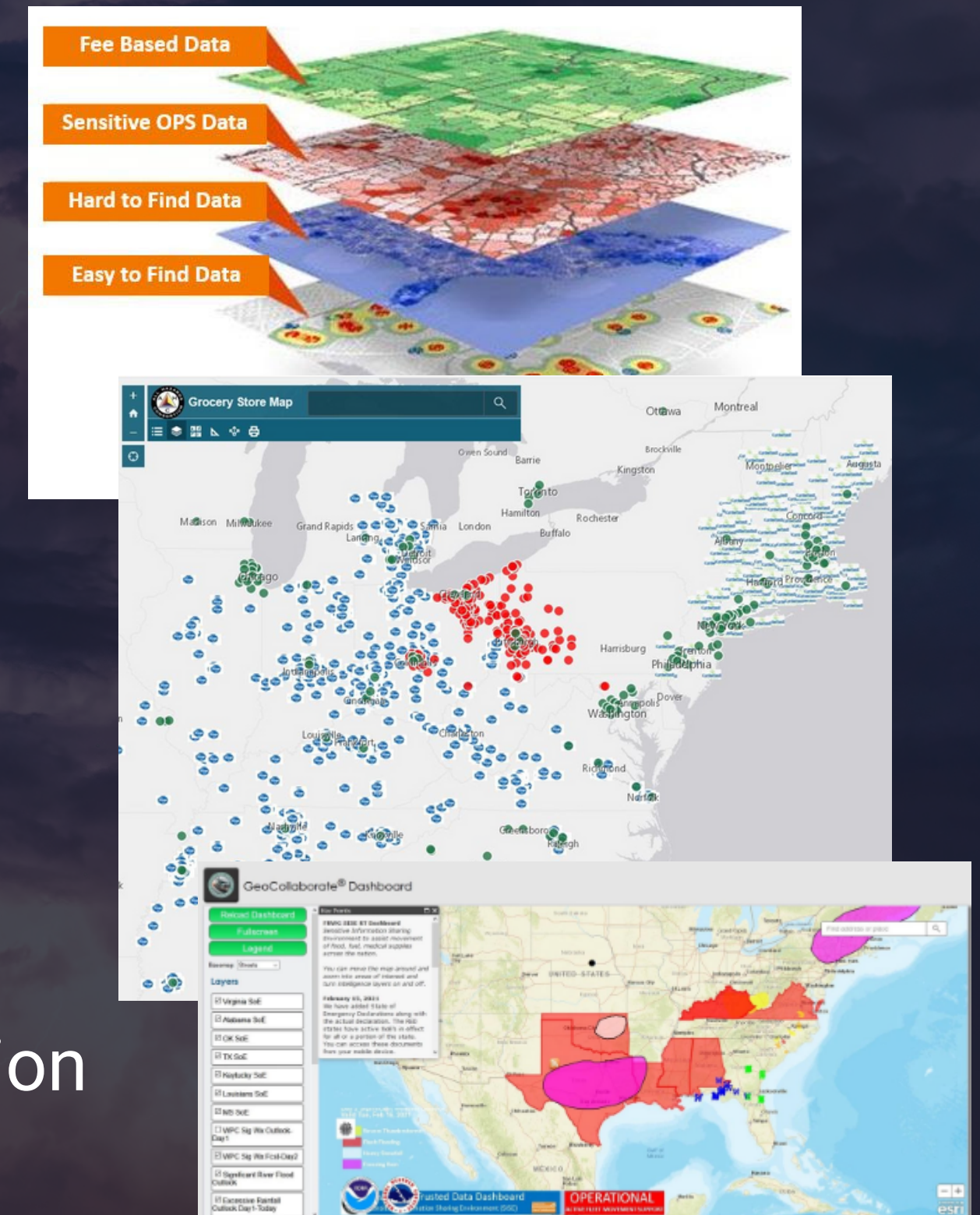
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Predictive Damage Impact

Leverage GIS Technology

- What is GIS (Geographic Information System)?
- A picture of data is worth a thousand words
- You can integrate data easily into the GIS picture
- Allows you to scale to larger audiences
- Increases security on certain information
- Build GIS dashboards for the specific audiences
- Build them once... enjoy them for years to come
- The support future training and exercises
- Executives love simple, understandable information



Predict and monitor outages with higher confidence



Most accurate weather

Numerous weather forecasts with a granularity down to 500 m²



Vegetation insights

State of the vegetation across the grid and proximity to power assets



Damage forecasts

Asset health, failure prediction, and the type of restoration required

Translate weather information into actionable intelligence

Predictions over the next 7 days, updating hourly as weather models update in real-time

Predicted outages across your service territory

Outages by regions, zones, and operation centers

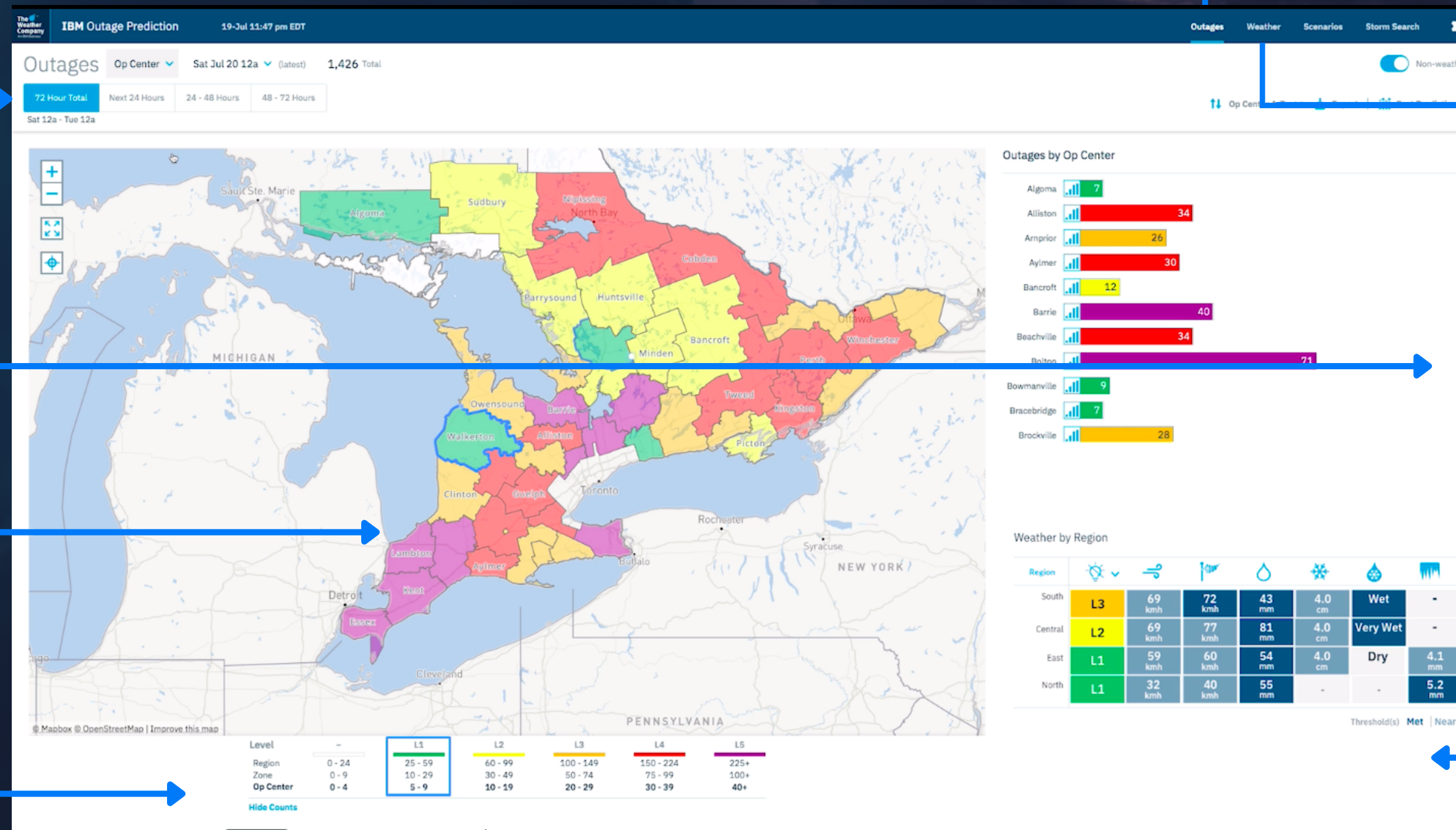
Outage counts and mobilization levels

Access both 'Forecast' and 'Observed' weather

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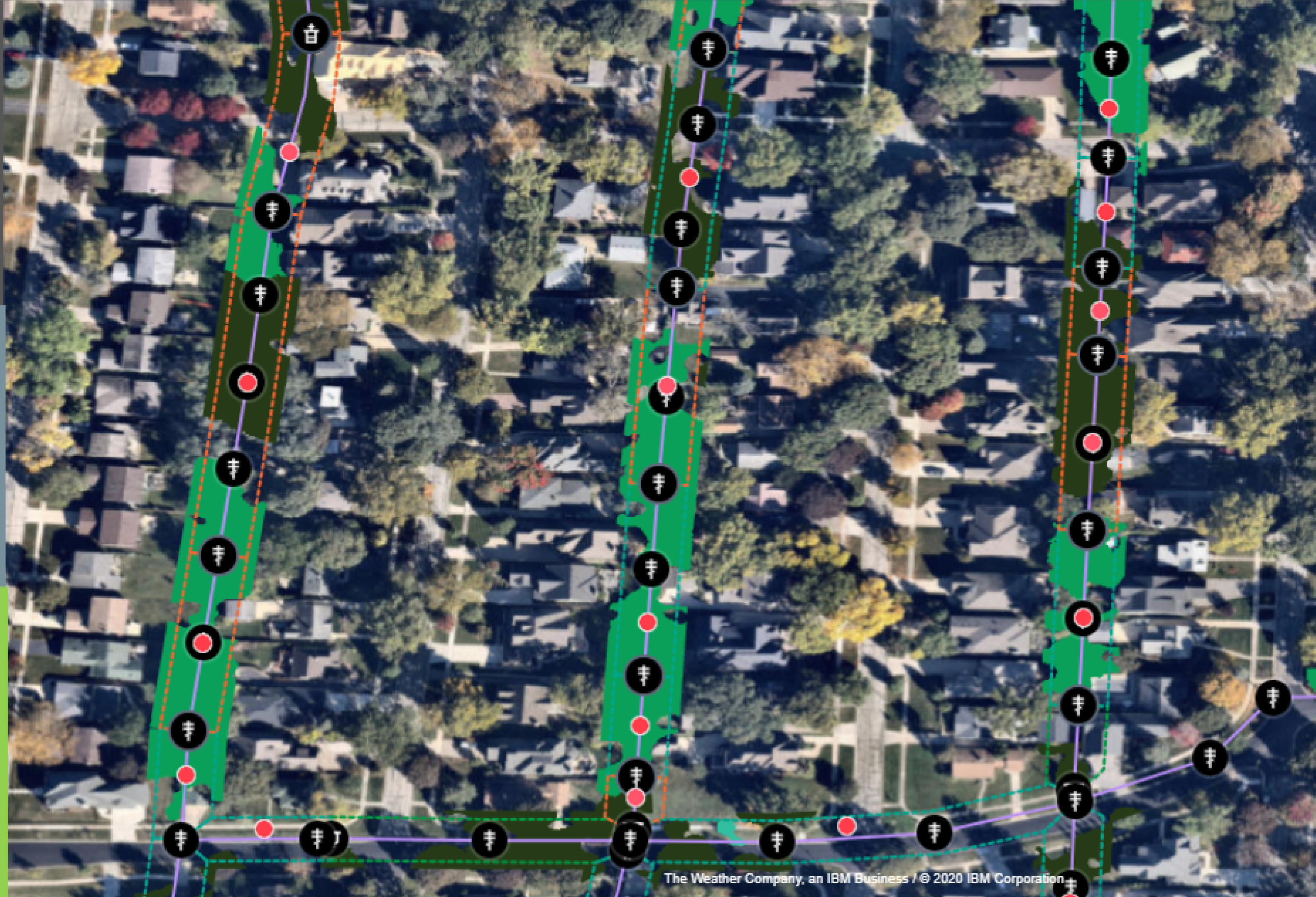
Weather conditions causing the outages



Customer
assets and
population
density

500m Weather
Observations
and Forecasts

Vegetation
and soil
moisture data





Proactive Planning

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1. Build Checklists to ensure consistency
2. Build Actionable Dashboards
 - Avoiding miscommunication
 - Provide a Common Operating Picture
 - Save time and money
3. Ensure Unity of Messaging

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Sample Checklists

CODE BLUE Weather Threat Checklist

LOCAL OFFICE / RESTORATION MANAGER

- ☐ Ensure adequate staffing for initial response. Increase of manning levels should be discussed.
- ☐ Notify restoration team of possible storm activity.
- ☐ Communicate to ROC any Restoration Manager response for Supervisor (Duty, Back-up, and other assignments).
- ☐ Do not expect "Code Blue Warning" page, unless otherwise directed.

DESIGN

- ☐ Notify patrol/scout team of possible storm activity.

ROC

- ☐ Ensure adequate staffing for dispatching and restoration.
- ☐ Notify team of possible storm activity and be prepared for various storm roles, including but not limited to Patrol and Scout.
- ☐ Communicate to System Storm Center any local office change of assignment. Prepare for conference call(s) for final planning and discussion. *(This may involve preparations to travel to other affected areas.)*
- ☐ Do not send "Code Blue Warning" page, unless otherwise directed.

REGIONAL STORM CENTER

- ☐ Be prepared for Storm Center opening, if required.

CODE YELLOW Weather Threat Checklist

LOCAL OFFICE / RESTORATION MANAGER

- ☐ Ensure ALL shifts are filled. Discuss with resources as needed to after-hour complement. Start time should coincide with anticipated impact of storm at each office.
- ☐ Be prepared to open local office *(after hours)*, with all key storm personnel identified and contacted by local Restoration Manager.
- ☐ Identify all key roles and populate RoD with hourly and salaried teams.
- ☐ Notify restoration team of possible storm callouts, as required.
- ☐ Communicate to ROC any local office change of assignment. Prepare for conference call(s) for final planning and discussion. *(This may involve preparations to travel to other affected areas.)*

DESIGN

- ☐ Notify Design leadership team (by region) of predicted storm activity. Be prepared for various storm roles, including but not limited to Patrol and Scout.
- ☐ Affected offices should alert Designers for restoration support.
- ☐ Plan for deployment of any unaffected offices to affected areas.
- ☐ Identify all key roles and populate RoD.
- ☐ Communicate to Regional Storm Center any local office change of assignment. Prepare for conference call(s) for final planning and discussion. *(This may involve preparations to travel to other affected areas.)*

ROC

- ☐ Send "Code Yellow Warning" to appropriate paging group, with e-mail. Specify affected offices.
- ☐ Ensure all shifts are filled; add additional resources as needed for anticipated time period.
- ☐ Communicate with System Storm Center any changes or staffing assignments.
- ☐ Notify team of possible storm activity and be ready for additional callout or be prepared to move into "Rolling Storm Mode" or to support other Regions.

REGIONAL STORM CENTER

- ☐ Duty Team will plan to open Storm Center at identified time.
- ☐ Communicate with ROC Manager any assignment changes.

CODE RED Weather Threat Checklist

LOCAL OFFICE / RESTORATION MANAGER

- ☐ Ensure all shifts are filled. Discuss with ROC or Regional Storm Center adding additional resources as needed to after-hour complement. Start time should coincide with anticipated impact of storm at each office.
- ☐ Be prepared to open local office *(after hours)*, with all key storm personnel identified and contacted by local Restoration Manager.
- ☐ Identify all key roles and populate RoD with hourly and salaried teams.
- ☐ Communicate to Regional Storm Center any local office change of assignment. Prepare for conference call(s) for final planning and discussion. *(This may involve preparations to travel to other affected areas.)*
- ☐ If your office is identified as one of the affected offices, prepare for 24-Hour coverage *(Rolling Storm Mode)*.

DESIGN

- ☐ Notify Design leadership team (by region) of predicted storm activity. Be prepared for various storm roles, including but not limited to Patrol and Scout.
- ☐ Affected offices should identify patrol teams for restoration support.
- ☐ Plan for deployment of any unaffected offices to affected areas.
- ☐ Identify all key roles and populate RoD.
- ☐ Communicate to Regional Storm Center any local office change of assignment. Prepare for conference call(s) for final planning and discussion. *(This may involve preparations to travel to other affected areas.)*

ROC

- ☐ Send "Code RED Warning" to appropriate paging group, with e-mail. Specify affected offices.
- ☐ Ensure all shifts are filled. Add additional resources as needed for anticipated time period.
- ☐ Notify team of possible storm activity and be ready for additional callout or be prepared to move into "Rolling Storm Mode" or to support other Regions.
- ☐ Communicate with System Storm Center any changes or staffing assignments.
- ☐ Communicate to Regional Storm Center any local office change of assignment. Prepare for conference call(s) for final planning and discussion. *(This may involve preparations to travel to other affected areas.)*

REGIONAL STORM CENTER

- ☐ Duty Team will plan to open Storm Center at identified time.
- ☐ Communicate with ROC Manager any assignment changes.
- ☐ Initiate conference call with Restoration Managers to finalize plan, as necessary.
- ☐ Plan to join Operational or Systemwide conference calls with System Storm Center.

SYSTEM STORM CENTER

- ☐ Review line & tree resource coverage and availability by region. Determine if off-system contractors or mutual aid resources will be needed.
- ☐ Host Operational or Systemwide conference calls with System Storm Center and Restoration Managers to finalize plan, as necessary.
- ☐ Create event in RoD.

Proactive Planning

Build Actionable Dashboards

- Helps to avoid Avoiding miscommunication
 - Provide a Common Operating Picture
 - Save time and money

Tropical Storm Warnings

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Hurricane Warnings

 1

Flood Warnings

 8

Office: KLZK
Issued: 2020-08-29T12:00:00+00:00
Expires:

Office: KLZK
Issued: 2020-08-29T08:15:00+00:00
Expires:

Office: KLZK
Issued: 2020-08-28T13:34:00+00:00
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Court Facilities within

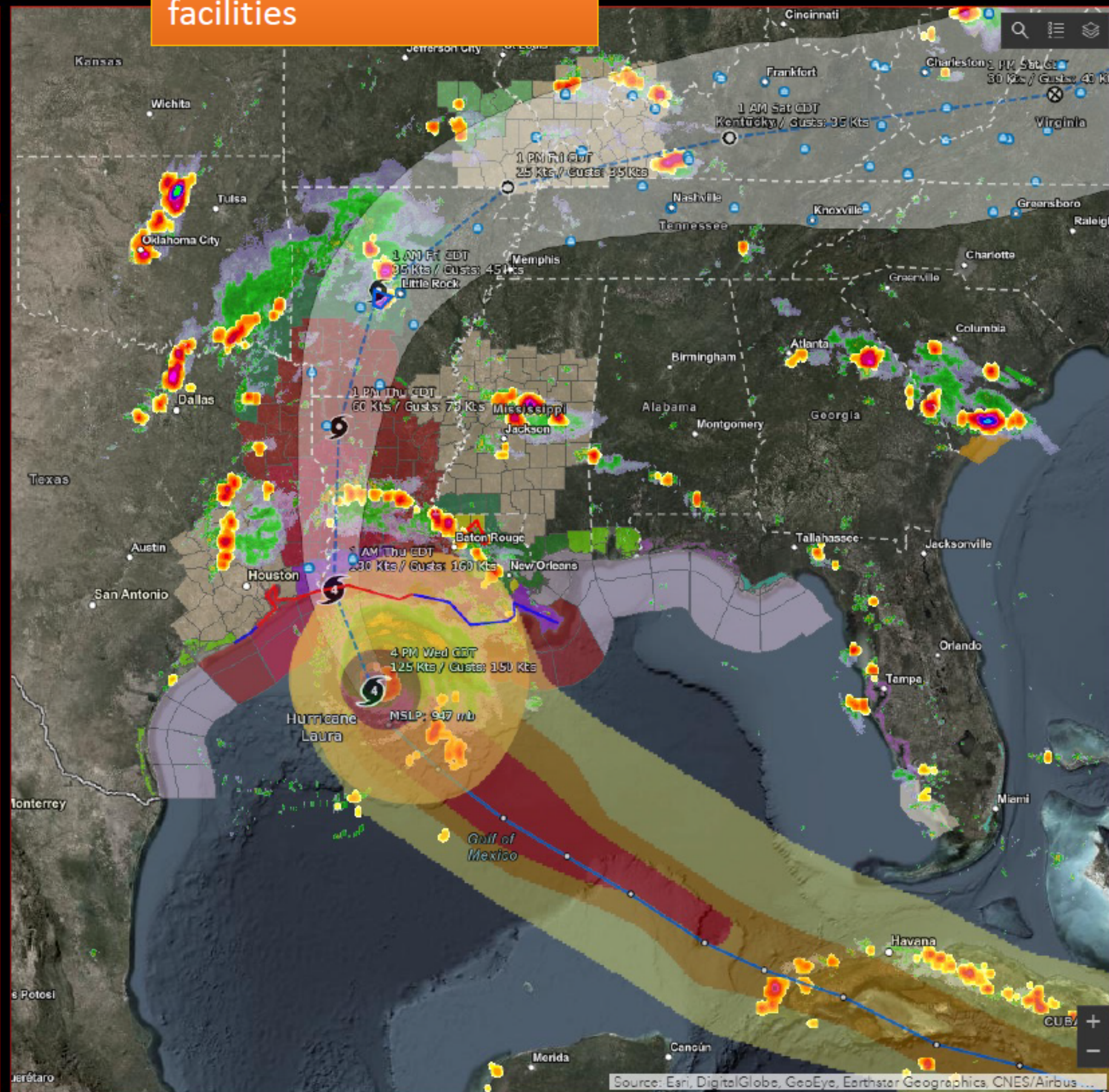
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Potentially Impacted Court Facilities

- U.S. Post Office and Courthouse
101 South Jackson Avenue
El Dorado
Operational Status: Open
- Richard Sheppard Arnold U.S. Courthouse
600 West Capitol Avenue
Little Rock
Operational Status: Open
- Old U.S. Post Office and Courthouse
300 West Second Street
Little Rock
Operational Status: Open
- U.S. Courthouse and Post Office
500 North State Line Avenue, TX
Texarkana
Operational Status: Open
- U.S. Post Office and Courthouse
100 Reserve Street
Hot Springs
Operational Status: Open
- Federal Building
700 West Capitol Avenue
Little Rock
Operational Status: Open
- George Howard, Jr. Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse
100 East Eighth Avenue
Pine Bluff
Operational Status: Open
- Parking Facility
622 West Fourth Street
Little Rock
Operational Status: Open
- U.S. Courthouse Annex
500 West Capitol Avenue
Little Rock
Operational Status: Open
- E. C. Gathings Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse
615 South Main Street

Tropical Storm impacts on facilities



No Storm Surge Watches

Storm Surge Warning

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Tornado Warnings

 1

Office: KLIX
Issued: 8/26/2020, 5:41 PM
Expires: 8/26/2020, 6:15 PM

Tropical Storm Warnings

 **20**

No Hurricane Warnings

Flood Warnings

 **5**

Office: KCTP
Issued: 2020-08-04T22:00:00+00:00
Expires: 2020-08-05T17:37:00+00:00

Office: KPHI
Issued: 2020-08-04T13:25:00+00:00
Expires: 2020-08-04T20:31:00+00:00

Office: KLWX
Issued: 2020-08-

Court Facilities within

 **30**

Forecast error cone

Potentially Impacted Court Facilities

J. Caleb Boggs U.S. Courthouse and Federal Building
844 North King Street
Wilmington
Operational Status: Open

Marine Midland Building
824 North Market Street
Wilmington
Operational Status: Open

800 North King Street
800 North King Street
Wilmington
Operational Status: Open

CATO Building
1218 Forrest Avenue
Dover
Operational Status: Open

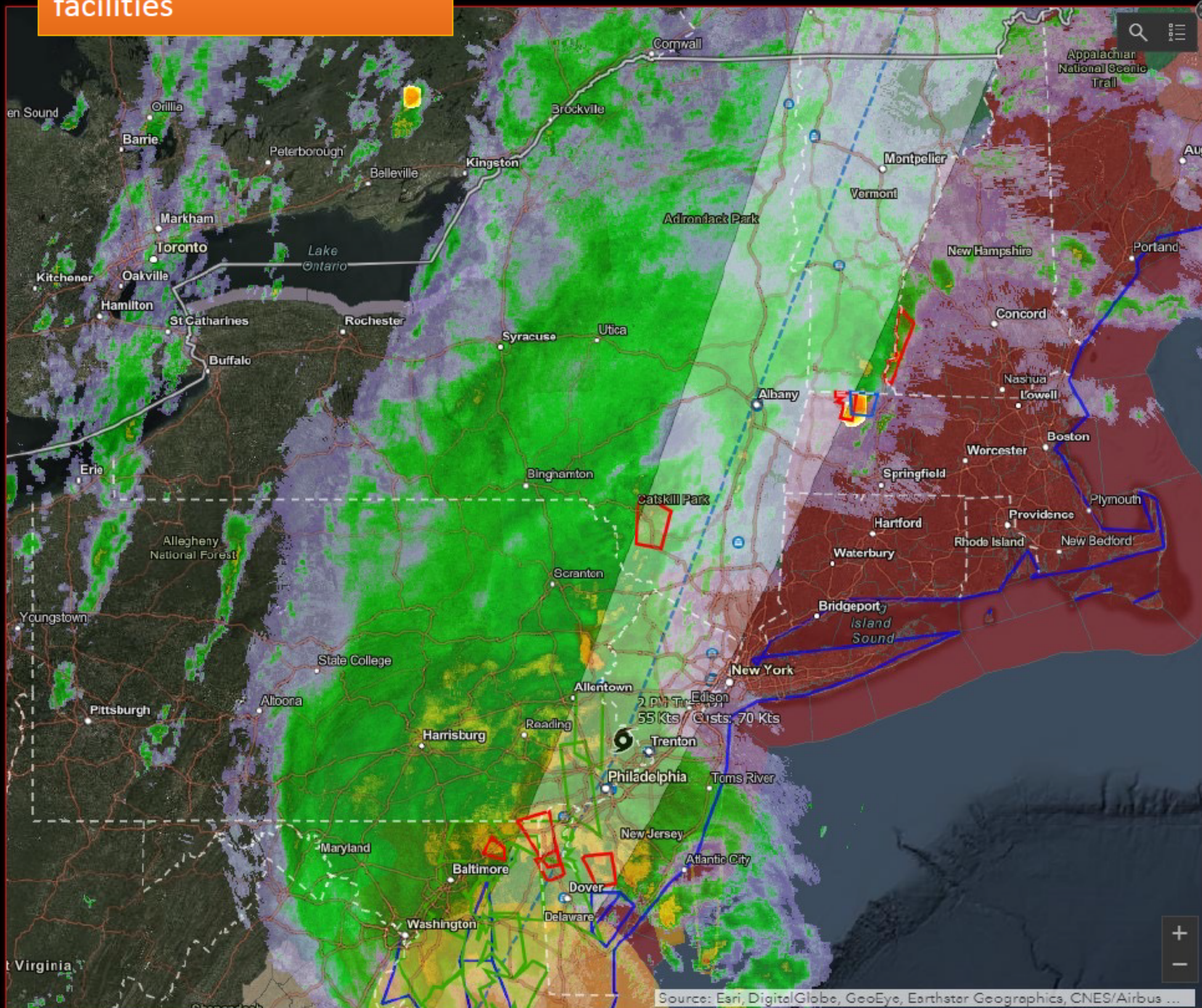
U.S. Post Office and Courthouse
401 Market Street
Camden
Operational Status: Open

Clarkson S. Fisher Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse
402 East State Street
Trenton
Operational Status: Open

Peter Rodino Federal Building
970 Broad Street
Newark
Operational Status: Open

Martin Luther King Jr. Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse
50 Walnut Street
Newark

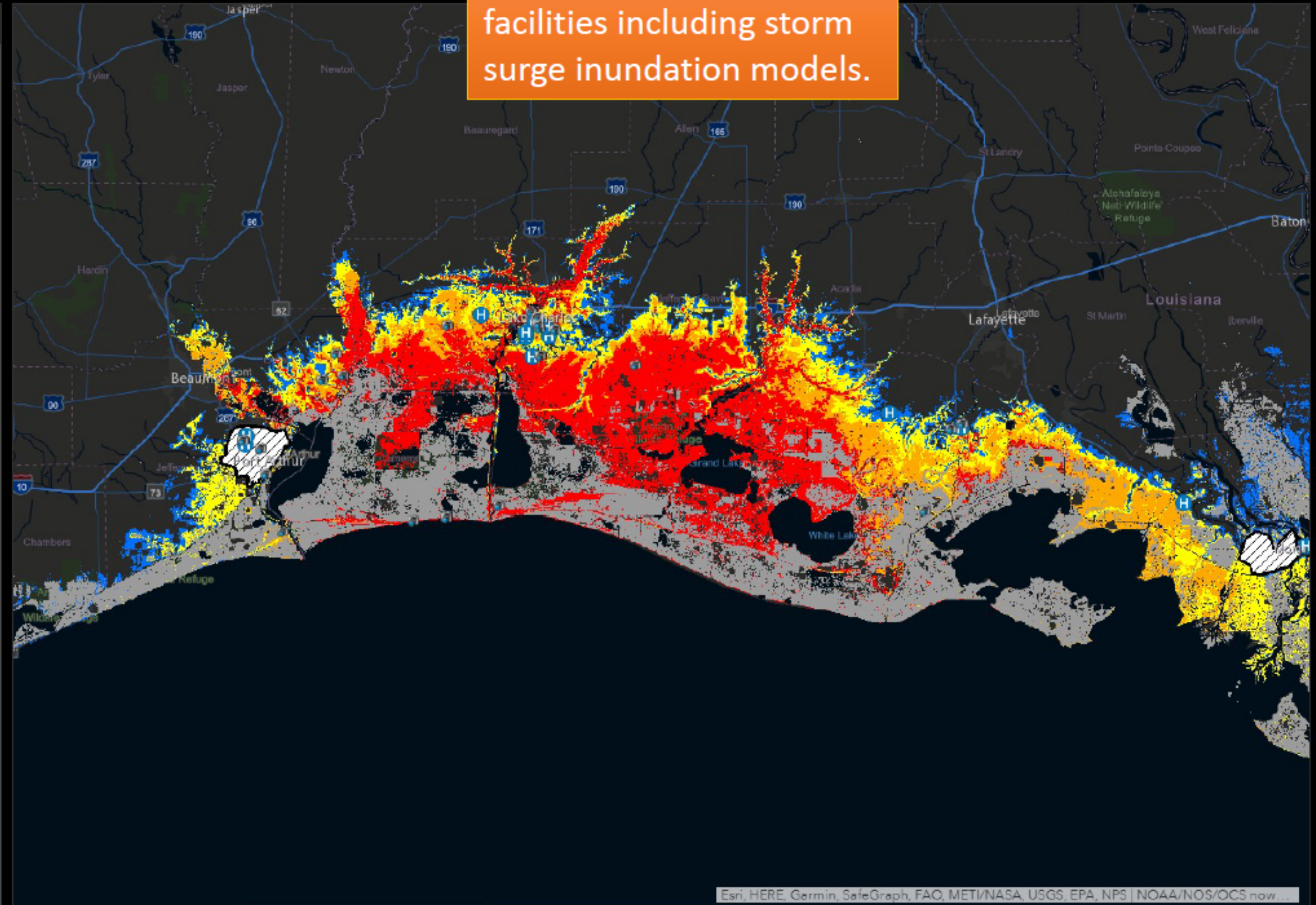
Tropical Storm impacts on facilities



Tropical Storm impacts on facilities including storm surge inundation models.

Hospitals in Surge

- Cornerstone Specialty Hospitals Southwest Louisiana
- Archer Institute of Lake Charles Memorial Health System
- Franklin Foundation Hospital
- Oceans Behavioral Hospital Lake Charles
- Avail Health Lake Charles Hospital
- Lake Charles Memorial Hospital
- CHRISTUS Ochsner St Patrick Hospital
- West Calcasieu Cameron Hospital
- CHRISTUS Ochsner Lake Area Hospital
- Abrom Kaplan Memorial Hospital
- Abbeville General Hospital
- East Jefferson General Hospital
- Ochsner Medical Center - Kenner
- West Jefferson Medical Center
- Ochsner Medical Center - Main Campus
- Lady of the Sea General Hospital
- University Medical Center New Orleans (FKA Medical Center of Louisiana at New Orleans and Interim LSU Public Hospital)
- Touro Infirmary
- Tulane Medical Center
- Ochsner St Mary (FKA Teche Regional Medical Center)
- CHI St Lukes Health - Brazosport Hospital
- The Medical Center of Southeast Texas
- CuraHealth Hospital - New Orleans (FKA Kindred Hospital New Orleans)
- Bridgeway Continuing Care



2020 Disasters Damage Photo

Hospitals

Inundation Area

Potential Storm Surge Flooding

Image

Less than 1 foot above ground

Greater than 1 foot above ground

Greater than 3 feet above ground

Greater than 6 feet above ground

Greater than 9 feet above ground

Levee Area - Contact local officials for flood risk

Intertidal Zone/Estuarine Wetland



A dramatic, dark sky filled with heavy, dark clouds. Faint, wispy clouds are visible in the upper left, while the rest of the sky is dominated by thick, dark, and textured cloud formations. A few thin, white lines suggest the presence of lightning or rain falling from the clouds.

Proactive Planning

Ensure Unity of Messaging



Maintenance

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1. Developing Standard Operating Procedures
2. Perform Meaningful After-Action Reviews
3. Create and adhere to a Governance Process

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Perform Meaningful After-Action Reviews

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2. How can I utilize my team productively?
3. Whats in it for me?

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How can I utilize my team productively?

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Course Modules

Future Course Modules To Include.....

- How to Access pertinent, trusted, and detailed weather forecast data
- How to Leverage historical impact data including duration, damages, resources used in restoration
- How to Segregate data by geographic or area of responsibilities, customers impacted, material and costs
- How to Create Meaningful Dashboards
- How to organize Resources, both back office and field response
- How to better organize and manage Logistics
- How to organize Materials
- How to streamline Communications INTERNALLY
- How to streamline Communications EXTERNALLY
- How to create a governance structure so that...
- How to Measure your performance (SAIDI, Costs,etc.)
- Perform AAR's and prioritize to ensure continuous improvement
- Continue to fine tune by Incorporating system improvements into your predictive model