

U.S. Department of Energy Recognizes National Hurricane Preparedness Week

May 25 – 31

Get Ready and Be Prepared for an Energy Emergency

The U.S. Department of Energy offers resources and guidance that can help prepare for and recover from energy disaster.

[Community Guidelines for Energy Emergencies](#)

DOE Office of Electricity Delivery & Energy Reliability

Natural hazards like floods, hurricanes, tornadoes, and earthquakes, as well as man-made hazards such as industrial accidents or acts of terrorism, can knock out power, cause fuel shortages, and disrupt natural gas service or water supplies, putting our lives on hold.

After a disaster strikes, government officials and energy companies address immediate critical needs, making sure power is restored as quickly as possible so emergency responders, medical professionals, and critical care facilities have the energy supplies they need to operate.

There is also a role for the community members. Homeowners, business owners, and local leaders can take proactive steps to minimize the effects of energy disruptions. [DOE offers resources and guidance to be well prepared.](#)

[Energy Disruptions Map](#)

Energy Information Administration (EIA) 202-586-8800

EIA's National Energy Mapping System (NEMS) can be used by state and local officials to help with resiliency and mitigation planning in advance of a hurricane's arrival. How is that possible? EIA's [Energy Disruptions Map](#) overlays NEMS with NOAA weather alerts so decision makers can clearly see what energy infrastructure lies within the expected path of a significant weather event. As a result, officials can clearly understand the infrastructure at risks, and the potential impacts or disruptions that can occur as a result of damage to that infrastructure.

Examples of the energy disruption map during previous storms are included below so you can see how this system would work during a storm. Check out the following examples (during an active storm, the site provides the ability to zoom in for detail.)

- [Hurricane Sandy](#)
- [Hurricane Isaac](#)

Additional Resources

- **For General Hurricane Preparedness - Refer to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for comprehensive information on hurricane preparedness at home and in your community. www.Ready.gov/hurricanes**
- **Weather Service information may be found at: <http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/prepare/ready.php>**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tues. May 27, Public Meeting on the Quadrennial Energy Review in New Orleans

Office of Energy Policy and Systems Analysis (EPSA)

We are pleased to invite you to participate in the next formal public meeting on the Obama Administration's Quadrennial Energy Review (QER) to be held in New Orleans at 9:00AM on May 27.

What: QER Stakeholder Meeting to Solicit Public Comment on Transmission, Storage and Distribution Issues Relating to Petroleum and Refined Products

When: May 27, Doors open at 8:00AM; Meeting begins at 9:00AM

Where: Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center New Orleans
Lecture Room, Medical Education Building
1901 Perdido Street
New Orleans, LA 70112

All QER public meetings include an open mic session for interested parties to give three-minute statements.

You may submit written comments, to: QERComments@hq.doe.gov

For more information on the QER, please contact Adonica Renee Pickett, 202-586-9168; Adonica.Pickett@hq.doe.gov

Wed. May 28, Clear Path II Energy Sector Emergency Response Dialogue and Training event

Office of Electricity Delivery & Energy Reliability
DOE Headquarters, Washington, DC

To help prepare the nation's energy sector first responders, the Department of Energy will host Clear Path II, a day-long invitation only energy sector emergency response dialogue and training event. The event will provide industry, State, Tribal, Local, and Federal partners with insights into disaster preparedness and response operations. For more information please contact Ben Steinberg, [202-586-8981](tel:202-586-8981); [Ben Steinberg](mailto:Ben.Steinberg@hq.doe.gov)

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