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SITUATION REPORT: HURRICANE EARL

Friday, September 3rd 2010

Important Information

As of 11:00 AM EDT, the center of Hurricane Earl was located 175 miles east of Cape Hatteras, North Carolina. Earl is moving north-northeast at about 18 mph. On the forecast track, the center of Earl will move away from the North Carolina Outer Banks today and approach southeastern New England tonight. Earl is currently a Category One Hurricane and although Earl will remain a large hurricane as it approaches southeastern New England, slow weakening is forecast during the next 24 to 36 hours.

A **Hurricane Warning** is in effect for Woods Hole, MA eastward around Cape Cod to Sagamore Beach, MA including Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket Island.

A **Hurricane Watch** is in effect beyond the Canadian border in Nova Scotia from Ecum Secum westward to Digby.

A **Tropical Storm Warning** is in effect for Ocracoke, NC to Sandy Hook, NJ, including Delaware Bay south of Slaughter Beach, the Chesapeake Bay south of New Point Comfort, and the coast of Long Island, NY from Fire Island Inlet eastward on the South Shore and Port Jefferson harbor eastward on the North Shore, and New Haven, CT to west of Woods Hole, MA including Block Island and north of Sagamore Beach, MA to Hull, MA and Stonington, ME eastward to Eastport, ME.

A **Tropical Storm Watch** is in effect for Cape Elizabeth, ME to west of Stonington, ME.

Tropical storm force winds are currently occurring within the North Carolina coast within the warning area but are expected to gradually diminish later today. Tropical storm force winds are likely to reach the coast from Virginia northward to Massachusetts later today and spread over the coast of Maine within the warning area tonight. Hurricane conditions are expected within the hurricane warning area in Massachusetts tonight and Saturday morning. A dangerous storm surge will raise water levels by as much as 2 to 4 feet above ground level within the Hurricane Warning area in Massachusetts and Tropical Storm Warning areas in North Carolina and the lower Chesapeake Bay. Elsewhere within the Tropical Storm Warning area, storm surge will raise water levels by as much as 1 to 3 feet above ground level.



National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (National VOAD)

Yesterday afternoon, National VOAD held its second Hurricane Earl conference call with National Members, State VOADs, FEMA and other interested parties. The next conference call will be held this afternoon; please see the following paragraph for more information.

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National VOAD conference calls to discuss the hurricane response are scheduled for the following times: this afternoon, Thursday September 2nd at 3:00 PM EDT; Friday September 3rd at 3:00 PM EDT; and Saturday September 4th at 1:00 PM EDT. The calls are now open not only to National Members and State VOADs, but also to community organizations and other interested parties. If you would like to participate and do not have the call specifics, please contact the office and speak with Danielle (703.778.5088 x1).

Yesterday afternoon, National VOAD held a conference call with its National Members, State VOADs and FEMA. Each organization spoke about their preparedness activities, whether it was an Eastern Seaboard state preparing for impact or a National Organization coordinating volunteers for deployment to areas damaged by the storm.

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National VOAD staff participated on several conference calls to better ascertain how the federal government is preparing for Hurricane Earl. A conference call between the National Members and State VOADs will be held this afternoon at 3:00 PM to discuss the hurricane response. If you would like to participate and do not have the call specifics, please contact the office and speak with Danielle (703.778.5088 x1).

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

The FEMA Response Watch Center continues to monitor the situation. The NRCC Activation Team remains activated at Level I with 24/7 operations and all ESFs, Emergency Management Agency Coordinators and Movement Coordination Centers ready to mobilize, deploy and support the NRCC as directed. The 1, 3, 6, 9 and 13 are also activated. Urban Search & Rescue has coordinated with Region I and activated the Blue Incident Support Team in Boston, MA and prepositioned another team in Marlborough, MA. Additionally, three Task Forces (NY-TF1, PA-TF1, and MD-TF1) will be placed on alert beginning today). MERS support continues in Puerto Rico, USVI and North Carolina.

Staging sites have been set-up at three locations: Fort Bragg, NC; Westover, MA, and Martha’s Vineyard, MA. Fort Bragg is staged with water, meals and generators. Westover is staged with water, meals, generators and tarps. Martha’s Vineyard is staged with water and tarps.

Region I RRCC has been upgraded to Level I and is operating a 24/7 watch. Per the plan, IMATs from Region I, Region V, Region IX and Region X deployed to the predetermined states. National IMAT-East will deploy to Massachusetts and Connecticut if needed. SLOs will deploy to State EOCs with the IMATs.

Region II RRCC remains activated at Level I and is operating at 24/7 watch. ESFs 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, and 15 are all activated and DCE onsite (ESFs 2, 9, 13, and 14 removed since yesterday). Region II IMAT Staff are deployed to New York, New Jersey, Puerto Rico and USVI. CAD reports sufficient staff and resources with no unmet needs.

Puerto Rico: No changes since last report.

USVI: VITEMA EOC is still activated with 24/7 operations but is making preparations to close (date unknown). Joint Public Assistance PDAs that were scheduled to begin on Friday September 3rd have been postponed for St. Thomas, St. Johns, and St. Croix until Tropical Storm Gaston passes.

Region III RRCC has been upgraded to Level II is operating a 24/7 watch. The Region deployed IMATs to Virginia and Maryland, a third IMAT is on standby for deployment to Delaware if needed.

Virginia: The state remains in a State of Emergency in preparation for Hurricane Earl. The Virginia EOC is at an increased readiness condition with additional staffing. The Commonwealth of Virginia upgraded to Hurricane Readiness Condition 1.

Delaware: The Delaware EMA has initiated a pre-hurricane checklist and is coordinating with the Delmarva Emergency Task Force.

Maryland: The state remains in a State of Emergency in preparation for Hurricane Earl. The Maryland EMA has begun their initial hurricane preparations, increasing their staffing and coordinating with partner agencies. The Maryland Joint Operations Center remains operating at Level I activation with 24/7 monitoring.

Pennsylvania: The Pennsylvania EMA continues initial hurricane planning.

Region IV RRCC remains activated at Level II from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM EDT and is operating at 24/7 watch. ESFs 1, 3, 6, 8 and DCE have been activated. A Regional IMAT remains deployed to the North Carolina EOC.

North Carolina: The state remains in a State of Emergency. NC EOC reported mandatory evacuation orders for the following areas: Pine Knoll Shores, Emerald Isle, all of Bogue Banks, Atlantic Beach, Indian Beach (all in Carteret County) and Ocracoke Island (Hyde County). Early report from the Region indicated that 6,200 customers are without power in Dare and Hyde Counties. Highway 12 is closed in Hatteras due to over-wash. The NC EOC is operating at Level II. No requests have been made overnight for FEMA assistance.

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The FEMA Response Watch Center continues to monitor the situation. The NRCC Activation Team has been upgraded to Level I with 24/7 operations. Requisitioned water, meals and generators are being processed with expected delivery to Fort Bragg, NC today. Additional water, meals, generators and tarps are being delivered to Westover, MA today. MERS support continues in Puerto Rico, USVI and North Carolina.

Region I RRCC has been upgraded to Level II and the Maynard MOC is operating a 24/7 watch. IMAT deployment plans remain the same as previously reported.

Region II RRCC has been upgraded to Level I and is operating from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM EDT; Region II Watch is operating 24/7. ESFs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 are all activated and DCE onsite. Region II IMAT Staff deployed to New York, New Jersey, Puerto Rico and USVI. FCOs and DCOs are still deployed to USVI; CAD reports sufficient staff and resources with no unmet needs. Region II is also preparing for the potential impact of Tropical Storm Gaston.

Puerto Rico: PREMA EOC has been deactivated. All disrupted cellular services have been restored and no injuries or fatalities have been reported. Post-storm Preliminary Damage Assessments (PDAs) were completed and no federal aid is needed. PREMA reports no shortfalls or unmet needs.

USVI: VITEMA EOC is still activated with 24/7 operations but is making preparations to close (date unknown). Joint Public Assistance PDAs are scheduled to begin on Friday September 3rd for St. Thomas, St. Johns, and St. Croix. No injuries or fatalities have been reported and all shelters have been closed. A reported 75%, 100% and 95% of power has been restored to St. Thomas, St John and St. Croix, respectively.

Region III RRCC remains activated at Level III from 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM EDT and is operating a 24/7 watch. Preparations are being made to deploy IMATs to Virginia and Maryland, a third IMAT is on standby for deployment to Delaware if needed.

Virginia: On September 1st, the Governor declared a State of Emergency in preparation for Hurricane Earl. The Virginia EOC is at an increased readiness condition with additional staffing. The Commonwealth of Virginia is at Hurricane Readiness Condition 3.

Delaware: The Delaware EMA has initiated a pre-hurricane checklist and is coordinating with the Delmarva Emergency Task Force.

Maryland: On September 1st, the Governor declared a State of Emergency in preparation for Hurricane Earl. The Maryland EMA has begun their initial hurricane preparations, increasing their staffing and coordinating with partner agencies. The Maryland Joint Operations Center is operating at Level I activation with 24/7 monitoring.

Pennsylvania: The Pennsylvania EMA has begun initial hurricane planning.

Region IV RRCC has upgraded to Level II and is operating at 24/7 watch. ESFs 1, 3, 6, 8 and DCE have been activated. A Regional IMAT remains deployed to the North Carolina EOC.

North Carolina: On September 1st, the Governor declared a State of Emergency in preparation for Hurricane Earl. Mandatory evacuation orders have been issued for Hyde County and Ocracoke Island.

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The FEMA Response Watch Center continues to monitor the situation. The NRCC Activation Team remains at Level III with 24/7 operations. Requisitions for 504,000 liters of water, 300,000 meals, 54 generators and one IEM Transponder Team. Mobile Emergency Response Support (MERS) is supporting Region II communications in Puerto Rico and the USVI; MERS support is also being provided to North Carolina.

Region I RRCC is at Level III and the Maynard MERS Operations Center is operating 24/7. Region I IMATs will deploy to MA and RI, National IMAT-East will deploy to CT, and Region V IMAT will deploy to NH. Region IX IMAT will deploy to VT. Region X IMAT will deploy to ME. State Liaison Office will deploy to State Emergency Operation Centers along with IMATs. Preliminary coordination has begun for an Incident Support Base in Westover, MA.

Region II RRCC is at Level II from 7:00 AM – 8:00 PM EDT; Region II Watch is operating 24/7. Per yesterday, ESFs and DCE still activated, IMAT Teams A, B and C still on alert/deployed.

Puerto Rico: PR EOC is fully activated with 24/7 operations. Damage assessments are ongoing; eight shelters are open with 122 occupants. An estimated 107,000 customers are without power and 60,000 without potable water service. Restoration date unknown.

USVI: VITEMA EOC has been activated with 24/7 operations. Damage assessments are ongoing. Power has been restored to St. John; 70% of the power restored to St. Thomas; 95% of the power restored in St. Croix. Region III RRCC is activated at Level III from 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM EDT and three IMATs and SLO have been identified and are able to deploy if needed. All state EOCs continue to monitor Hurricane Earl.

Region IV RRCC is activated at Level III, monitoring the storm and regional preparations. An IMAT and LNO are deployed to North Carolina EOC. An Incident Staging Base will be operational at Fort Bragg, NC by today, September 1. The NC EOC increased readiness to Level 4 (disaster/emergency likely to be within capacity of local government) and activated central, regional and state EOCs at 8:00 AM this morning. In NC, Hyde County issued an evacuation order as of 9:00 AM on August 31 and Ocracoke Island issued an evacuation order effective at 5:00 AM this morning, September 1.

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FEMA is monitoring the situation and activating appropriate staff and deployment centers along the projected hurricane route. The FEMA National Response Coordination Center (NRCC) activated at Level III on August 30th and began 24/7 operations at 8:00 AM EDT today. Incident Management Assistant Teams (IMATs) from Regions V, IX and X will be deploying to Region I to assist in hurricane preparations.

FEMA Region II Regional Response Coordination Center (RRCC) is at Level II from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM EDT. Emergency Support Functions (ESFs) 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 15 and the Defense Control Element (DCE) are activated until further notice. IMAT Team A is deployed to the U.S. Virgin Islands, IMAT Team B is on alert in New York, IMAT Team C is deployed to Puerto Rico. LNOs are deployed to Emergency Operation Centers (EOCs) in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Two pre-designated Federal Coordinating Officers (FCOs) are deployed to the U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico and Defense Coordinating Officers (DCOs) are on scene in the U.S. Virgin Islands. Region II anticipates post-disaster assessments to begin by the end of the week.

Puerto Rico: Puerto Rico Emergency Management Agency’s (PREMA) Emergency Operations Center is fully activated. The Governor has declared a State of Emergency island wide. The U.S. Coast Guard temporarily suspended operations for Puerto Rico Ports of Entry on the Islands of Vieques and Culebra. Airports in Culebra, Vieques and Fajardo are closed. San Juan International remains open. Nine shelters have been opened in the Municipality of Vieques with 93 occupants. Approximately 107,000 customers are without power. Schools were closed yesterday in 8 municipalities. No shortfalls or limiting factors identified.

U.S. Virgin Islands: The Virgin Island Territory Emergency Management Agency’s (VITEMA) Emergency Operations Center has been activated with 24/7 operations. The airports in St. Thomas are closed but are expected to reopen today. The U.S. Coast Guard will resume assessment of ports and waterways in the morning. Four shelters are open with approximately 41 occupants. An estimated 90% of the population in St. Thomas and

70% in St. Croix are without power; further assessments and restoration will resume today. USVI has requested 5,000-10,000 sandbags and additional radio equipment, which is being provided by FEMA. Territory schools are closed until further notice. VITEMA has begun preparations for Tropical Storm Fiona. No additional shortfalls or limiting factors identified.

National Members

American Red Cross

Last night in North Carolina, the Red Cross opened 15 shelters with a total population just under 400. As the weather clears, damage assessments will begin. Preparations are being finalized in Massachusetts. Over 200 volunteers have been assigned to support operations and 24 ERVs are in place. Feeding and sheltering plans are in place and ready. Additionally, the Red Cross holds conference call with all Northeast chapters and the National office each day at 3:00 PM to discuss the organization's hurricane response.

Relief operations are operating in North Carolina, New York and Massachusetts with leadership teams in place, coordination with government and community partners, prepared staff, potential shelter locations identified, and available material assets and gaps assessed. A relief operation will be initiated for Rhode Island today. Additionally, chapters in all other East Coast states are identifying staff and material assets that will either be utilized within their state or to support operations in other impacted states. Red Cross is engaging heavily with local, state and national media to promote preparedness messaging and the use of the Safe & Well linking tool. Red Cross is also using social media to reach a broader audience through multiple communication channels.

Based on the latest storm information, Red Cross is focused on ensuring sufficient staff and materiel assets are available in North Carolina to address Mass Care sheltering, feeding and bulk distribution needs. Leadership teams are ready and additional staff assets are being deployed. Red Cross has identified 82 potential shelters, of which two are already open to support current evacuations and 24 are on standby, prepared to open. Information regarding open shelters will be available to the public on www.redcross.org. In addition to the 13 Emergency Response Vehicles (ERVs) available for mobile feeding, an additional 24 ERVs are deployed to support the chapters on the east coast of North Carolina.

In New York, 100 potential shelter locations have been identified: 25 in Nassau County, 25 in Suffolk County and 50 in New York City. Chapters are in contact with local and state emergency management. An Advanced Public Affairs Team has deployed to assist with national media interests on Long Island.

A leadership team is being assembled to cover both Massachusetts and Rhode Island. The Disaster Operations Center has coordinated the deployment of 23 additional ERVs to supplement the two already in Massachusetts and one in Rhode Island. Two trailers loaded with a total of 1,000 clean up kits, 1,000 tarps, 4,000 work gloves, 1,000 comfort kits and 3,000 trash bags are en route to Dedham, MA. Chapters in both states are identifying regional shelter locations throughout the state and assessing shelter feeding plans. Cape Cod anticipates the possibility of opening between 3 or 4 shelters. Although Emergency Management does not believe that this is a strong possibility, bridges to Cape Cod close once winds reach 70mph. Nevertheless, Red Cross will be determining what should be moved to Cape Cod before a possible bridge closure. An Advanced Public Affairs Team has deployed to assist with national media interests on Cape Cod. Chapters are reviewing human and material resource shortfalls.

In Virginia, Red Cross staff has been in contact with State Emergency Management and is prepared to staff the State EOC when it goes to full activation today. Government agencies have not placed any shelters on standby but are stocking food in some locations that could be used as shelters. 13 ERVs are in the state. The Coastal Virginia Region has identified a leadership team to monitor and respond to any requests on the coast, but there are no official requests for Red Cross services at this time.

In Maryland, Red Cross staff has been in contact with State Emergency Management and is prepared to staff the State EOC if activated. The Red Cross is on standby to support the Cecil County Department of Social Services with staff and Mass Care feeding for up to 2 shelters. There are 4 ERVs in state. The chapter will partner with Civil Air Patrol to provide ground Disaster Assessment Teams if needed.

In Delaware, the State EOC will be operational with a skeleton crew and is not planning to activate Emergency Support Function 6. There is one ERV in state.

In New Jersey, Red Cross chapters continue to monitor the hurricane cone of uncertainty and assess staff availability. No EOCs are open at this time

In Pennsylvania, the Emergency Management Agency is not activating at this time but will reevaluate tomorrow. There are 9 ERVs in state.

In Connecticut, chapters are identifying primary and secondary shelters along the coast and are sending preparedness information to the public. There are 3 ERVs in state.

In Vermont, Emergency Management is not activating at this time, however Red Cross is in contact with government partners. There are 2 Emergency Response Vehicles in state.

In New Hampshire, the State EOC is at one level above normal operations. The chapter is evaluating possible shelter locations and relief operation headquarters. There is one ERV in state.

In Maine, the Emergency Management Agency is not activated. There are 3 ERVs in state. The 8 South Carolina ERVs have been moved to support North Carolina operations.

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On Tuesday, Red Cross began Disaster Assessment in Puerto Rico and USVI. Preliminary reports indicate that there are trees down and several thousand people without power but that there are very few dwellings with major damage and no major flooding.

As for relief operations in North Carolina, New York and Massachusetts, leadership teams have been identified and volunteers are being called in. 82 shelter locations have been identified in NC with 14 currently on standby. Locations are being identified in NY. In MA, Cape Cod is anticipating the possibility of 6 to 9 shelters. Chapters are identifying additional regional shelter locations throughout the state and assessing feeding plans. Two Emergency Response Vehicles (ERVs) are on standby. In North Carolina, 13 ERVs are on standby, two trailers of relief supplies and one shelter support trailer are being moved into place to support any potential operations. All chapters are working closely with local and state emergency management, FEMA and community partners.

Other states along the east coast are performing the following actions: call-downs are being performed to assess staff and leadership availability; information is being monitored from State and Local Emergency Management Officials; community partners are getting involved, communicating and coordinating with the states; and shortfalls in human and material resources are being assessed. As states are removed from a potential impact list, in-state ERVs may be placed on alert to support neighboring states. A total of 115 ERVs are on alert in other states to support Hurricane Earl operations if needed.

Up to date information can be found on our online newsroom at <http://newsroom.redcross.org/>. Shelter location and population information is regularly updated on the American Red Cross website.

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On Saturday, August 28th, the American Red Cross deployed a leadership team to the U.S. Virgin Islands (USVI), where they met with the FEMA Federal Coordinating Officer (FCO), Deputy FCO and VITEMA. Red Cross Chapters in the USVI and Puerto Rico are working closely with the local emergency management offices. This morning, Red Cross and government partners opened four shelter facilities: one each on St. Thomas and St. Croix, and two on St. John. The shelters are staffed with Red Cross and government workers and are outfitted with cots, blankets and food. Three on-island USVI Disaster Field Supply Centers (trailers) have been activated. Due to closed airports on the USVI and Puerto Rico, the Puerto Rico Red Cross Chapter is supporting stranded travelers with snacks. Shelter location and population information is available on the American Red Cross website. The direct link is <http://app.redcross.org/nss-app/>
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American Radio Relay League (ARRL)

Amateur Radio operators in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands are submitting reports on the storm’s impact. They are also currently assisting PREMA at the Emergency Operations Center. Amateur Radio operators along the East coast are continuing to monitor the path of the storm. Amateur Radio operators and SKYWARN trained storm spotters in the ARRL’s Southern New Jersey Section are participating in regular briefings with the National Weather Service Weather Forecast Office Mt. Holly. These briefings are also being shared with ARRL HQ in Newington, CT. The ARRL HQ Emergency Response Team on standby to support the Amateur Radio response and coordinate with service agencies at the national level.

ARRL is receiving regular reports from Amateur Radio operators in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Amateur Radio groups are beginning to work with local service agencies in preparation for the storm. Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES) emergency communications groups in New Jersey and Connecticut have reported that they are in “Stand-by Mode” and monitoring conditions. More reports from Amateur Radio operations and ARES emergency communication groups are expected as the storm progresses.

Brethren Disaster Ministries – Children’s Disaster Services

As of Thursday, September 2nd, Children’s Disaster Services has 70 volunteers on standby who are available to deploy for 2 weeks. An additional 10 individuals are available to volunteer locally, for a shorter period of time. Please see the following paragraph for information about CDS’ services and contact information.

Children’s Disaster Services (CDS), a program of Brethren Disaster Ministries, is continuously ready to meet the needs of children during or after a disaster. CDS does not yet know what or where their response will be to Hurricane Earl, because often a community’s child care needs aren’t known until after the hurricane hits. Once they respond, CDS will set-up child care centers in shelters, disaster assistance centers or other venues, while qualified volunteers will respond to traumatized children by providing a calm, safe and reassuring presence. If you find a need for these services, please call to request volunteers: (410) 635-8734 or (410) 635-8735.

Churches of Scientology Disaster Response

The Churches of Scientology Disaster Response are monitoring the situation and have volunteers along the East Coast on standby to respond if needed.

Church World Service

Church World Service (CWS) is monitoring the situation. Should the need arise the following describes the services CWS provides. We meet immediate needs by providing CWS Kits and Blankets to survivors and community partner agencies. Coordinate the faith-based response among 36 U.S.-based Protestant, Anglican and Orthodox Christian denominations. We provide expertise, training and mentoring in long-term recovery and apply extensive experience in national long-term recovery programming and support. We provide community-specific project development support and advocate for vulnerable communities before and after disaster.

Cooperative Baptist Fellowship

The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship is prepared to assess the situation for long-term recovery needs, if necessary, and has teams in Maryland and Virginia on alert and monitoring the storm.

Feeding America

Feeding America is hosting a preparedness and coordination call on Thursday, September 2 at 1:30pm EDT to discuss the projected impact of Hurricane Earl and final preparation regarding disaster relief operations in the aftermath of the storm. Following the near miss of Hurricane Earl, the Feeding America Member food banks in Puerto Rico report having no unmet needs at this time. In anticipation of the storm, Feeding America Member Food Banks along the East Coast have reported their coordination efforts with local and state officials and internal operations preparation. Regarding pre-positioned and staged supplies, the Feeding America National Office is moving an additional 3 truckloads of hydration beverages to food banks in North Carolina and Virginia today in anticipation of a potential landfall for Earl, Fiona or other storms in subsequent weeks.

The Feeding America National Office has reached out to Member food banks in Puerto Rico to address any unmet needs, and along the U.S. East Coast to begin preparations for the hurricane’s potential landfall. Relevant National Office Departments have been put on alert regarding the potential for landfall and the need of support for Member food banks throughout the holiday weekend.

Regarding pre-positioned and staged supplies, the Feeding America Network has staged approximately 40 truckloads of disaster relief supplies in 5 regional staging locations across the United States, including Second Harvest in Valdosta, Georgia and Community Food Bank of New Jersey in Hillside, New Jersey. These supplies include water, beverages, food boxes, shelf-stable food and snack items, personal care products and cleaning supplies. Additionally, Feeding America and their partner, Abbott, have prepositioned disaster relief packs of nutritional products in 23 Member food banks, including 22 along the Southeast coast and Puerto Rico. These disaster relief packs will serve more than 20,000 people in the initial aftermath of disasters and are intended to augment food bank efforts until additional supplies are brought in to the affected area.

Humane Society of the United States

The Humane Society of the United States stands ready to assist any state or local authority that may request our aid with animal rescue or emergency sheltering issues related to Hurricane Earl. Our activities will depend on the impact of the storm and the local capabilities to meet the needs of families with animals.

The Jewish Federations of North America

The Jewish Federations of North America is working with local federations up the East Coast to make sure they are prepared, should their community be hit by the hurricane. Our national organization is on standby and ready to assist our local federations and the general community as necessary.

Latter-day Saint Charities

Volunteers from Latter-day Saint Charities are ready to assist with relief efforts in each state along the Eastern seaboard and at least 20 members of the Rapid Response team are on stand-by for immediate deployment. Warehouses in most states along the Eastern seaboard are stocked with the following items: water, food, cleaning supplies, tarps, chain saws, generators, hygiene kits, blankets, other tools and supplies. These materials have been prepared and are available for use during the disaster response.

Lutheran Disaster Response

On Monday, August 30, Lutheran Disaster Response staff made contact with staff of Lutheran Social Services of the Virgin Islands and staff of the Caribbean Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. All interests in the U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico report a high level of confidence in preparations for the storm and were prepared to ride out the worst of its effects. In preparation for a potential East Coast landfall, Lutheran Disaster Response staff will be convening a conference call for contacts in the potentially affected areas on Wednesday, September 1, to discuss preparedness activities and potential response activities to follow.

Mercy Medical Airlift

Mercy Medical Airlift is closely watching Hurricane Earl. They have made plans to move the organization’s Emergency Operations Center to their remote site in Lynchburg should it appear that Virginia will be impacted by the storm. Should the inshore move occur, their operational phone lines will be forwarded accordingly. Questions should be directed to Jim Smith at 757.373.0774 or Ed Boyer at 703.628.9059.

Noah’s Wish

Noah’s Wish has committed volunteers to Virginia and Long Island if they are needed. Final headcounts and deployment arrangements are underway. We are waiting for volunteers to respond and monitoring the hurricane situation.

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Volunteers have been alerted for possible deployment to Virginia and/or Long Island to shelter animals that have been displaced by the storm. Detailed response activities will be determined as the storm's severity and damage is assessed in the next few days.

The Salvation Army

Salvation Army corps with mobile kitchen unit canteens in North Carolina along and east of I-95 completed preparedness activities on Thursday in anticipation of the arrival of Hurricane Earl. They are communicating and coordinating with their local communities and county emergency management officials to provide support. The following is a list of locations in which the Salvation Army is providing services at shelters, all of which are managed by the American Red Cross and coordinated by the county in which they are located.

In Morehead City (serving Carteret County) the Salvation Army is providing meals to evacuees at the Newport Middle School shelter. As of 7:00 PM last night, 75 meals were served. The county has established Points of Distribution in Atlantic, Cedar Island and Merrimon.

In New Bern (serving Craven and Pamlico Counties) the Salvation Army is providing meals to evacuees at the Pamlico Community College in Grantsboro. Meal service is expected to be Thursday dinner, 3 meals Friday and breakfast on Saturday.

In Washington (serving Beaufort, Hyde, Tyrrell, Washington, Martin and Bertie Counties) Beaufort County emergency management officials requested that the Salvation Army serve meals at the Southside High School shelter in Beaufort County. Meal service began for Thursday dinner; as midnight, 25 emergency personnel had been served.

The Eastern Pennsylvania Division has communicated their preparedness needs with the Southern DE Corps (Dover and Sussex). They are monitoring the storm and, should Pennsylvania not be impacted, they will be available to assist with needs in other divisions.

The New Jersey Division has all volunteers put on standby for local deployment. All canteens and support vehicles are prepared for an immediate response. The NJ Division is the lead agency for feeding in ESF 6. Daily conference calls are being coordinated between FEMA (Ken Curtin) and the NJ Department of Human Services (the department in the state government with responsibility for the planning and implementation of ESF 6). EDS Director Brenda Beavers is maintaining daily communication with the NJ VOAD. NJ VOAD calls will be scheduled on a regular basis if there is a recovery effort in the state, if needed. The State has been advised that the Field Kitchen is has been prepared for deployment and would be available in 48 hours.

The Greater New York Division (Long Island) has been on alert since Wednesday, September 1st and is participating in all emergency management 'advance warning' calls and Eastern Territory conference calls. All logistical supply lines and potential operating units have been notified. Updates are being monitored through all available resources.

The Massachusetts Division has canteens stocked with teams ready to deploy, including one being staged on the Cape. Food and hydration supplies being built up and generators being provided to Corps that may be hardest hit. Corps in southeast Massachusetts are preparing to provide food to shelters in town, if needed. Volunteers are on standby and Hyannis is preparing to provide a shelter for transient population, if needed. A Press release is being sent to local media about Massachusetts' preparations. There has been regular communication with Massachusetts EMA and VOAD and local HAM radio groups have been contacted to provide emergency communications if needed. Preparations are being made to activate the DHQ EOC and call center if needed.

Northern New England Division is in communication with territorial leadership and will respond to the hurricane in accordance with the State MOU. Canteens and volunteers have been readied for deployment.

Southern New England Division is communicating with state and local emergency management. Canteens are readied and stocked. Rhode Island has been the general focus, where Earl may have greatest impact, but also prepared to help the Greater New York Division or Massachusetts, as requested by the territory.

Personnel in coastal North Carolina communities are reviewing local response plans and procedures for the potential of localized deployment to impacted communities. As a result, all Salvation Army centers along and east of the Interstate 95 corridor through North Carolina have been notified to prepare for disaster response and service. The Salvation Army is coordinating with the North Carolina Division of Emergency Management. The Salvation Army encourages all residents in Earl's potential path to prepare an emergency supply kit, an evacuation plan and to stay informed of all warnings and potential protective actions. Disaster response professionals in North Carolina recommend visiting <http://www.readync.org/> for tips in developing their individual family preparedness plan. The Salvation Army asks people who want to help those affected by Hurricane Earl to visit <http://www.salvationarmycarolinas.org/> or call 1-800-SAL-ARMY.

Samaritan's Purse

North American Disaster Relief personnel continue to monitor the storm's path. Equipment at our North Wilkesboro, North Carolina facilities stands ready for deployment. The nature of our response will depend on the storm's severity and the resulting damage assessment.

Save the Children

Save the Children has been monitoring Hurricane Earl all week and has their response team on standby on the East Coast. We have materials prepositioned should shelters open with significant numbers of children affected.

United Way Worldwide

The United Way Worldwide (UWW) Crisis Team has been monitoring Hurricane Earl as it moves north, through the Caribbean and closer to the East Coast. UWW is reaching out to local United Ways to offer support, provide updates on the hurricane's projected path and strength, and to remind them of the crisis resources available to them with UWW.

World Vision

World Vision is monitoring the path of Hurricane Earl and will determine how to respond over the next 120 hours. If needed, two 40,000 square-foot facilities along the East Coast are available to respond with needed supplies.

State VOADs

DC VOAD

Members of the Washington DC VOAD are monitoring the situation and are on standby if needed.

Maryland VOAD

Maryland VOAD organizations are monitoring the situation. The VOAD hopes to facilitate communication through the use of their website: <http://mdvoad.org>.

Virginia VOAD

The Virginia VOAD VDEM ESF 17, Volunteer & Donations Management representatives will be released at 1:00PM EST.

Southeastern Virginia Chapter of the American Red Cross is planning to release headquarters staff and return to normal chapter operations at 8:30am.

The United Methodist Church Norfolk District Disaster Response Team (DDRT) has completed preparation for Hurricane Earl and has 2 Early Response Teams (ERT) and equipment trailers in pre-deployment status and has been in contact with the coastal UMC churches to review and implement their disaster plans. Standing by and monitoring the storm.

Virginia UMC Conference Disaster Response Team has 4 ERT teams on standby for deployment at +1 and +3, as well as three equipment trailers, one debris trailer and one supply trailer. Courthouse Community United Methodist Church in Virginia Beach will be the ERT Housing Center if we need to deploy teams. If needed, Baylake United Methodist in Virginia Beach will also serve as housing. Miles Memorial in Norfolk and St. Marks UMC in Hampton may become involved as housing locations. The Virginia Conference Missions and Global Justice Director is standing by to make the official request to UMCOR for assistance if needed. Reverend Bob Pihlcrantz CDRC is in contact by telephone with SEVA Regional VOAD partners, with Virginia Beach EOC and Virginia DEM EOC VERT ESF-17 by telephone and WEBEOC, and is participating in conference calls as needed.

Eastern Shore UMC District

DDRT is activated and ready. All district clergy and Local Church Coordinators are on standby - they have been checking lines of communication and identifying places of particular need and concern. We do have many low-lying areas that flood on storm-tides, which are a particular concern to local Emergency Management. We have been in contact with the DEM Coordinator for Accomack County. Conference Disaster Trailer is secured and ready for deployment; our District Trailer can be ready shortly thereafter.

Portsmouth UMC District

DDRT has been activated and is monitoring the situation.

Virginia Baptist Disaster Response has been tracking the storm and is placing the following units and leadership on alert today: a Feeding Unit with the capacity for 15,000 meals, Assessment and Recovery Units including Mudout and Chainsaw, Temporary Child Care and Water Purification.

The Food Bank of the Virginia Peninsula is in the final stages of preparation. Their inventory is reviewed and they have secured half a truckload of vitamin water through Feeding America, backup fuel for the fleet, refrigerated trailers and a generator. The Food Bank has provided food to the homeless shelter programs, LINK Hampton Roads in Newport News and HELP in the city of Hampton.

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In the Southeast Virginia (SEVA) Regional VOAD, the local American Red Cross chapter is currently assessing resources available through September 9th and doing a call of all disaster staff (paid & volunteer) to determine availability. They are monitoring the situation and assuring all preparedness activities are being completed. The VOAD is maintaining contact and information flow with the chapter jurisdictions' city emergency management, regional Red Cross chapters, state points of contact and the American Red Cross National Headquarters.

Mercy Chefs is prepared and staged in Danville, VA. The SEVA VOAD member Foodbank is on alert and are prepared to stage food if necessary. Virginia Beach Society for the Prevention of Cruelty of Animals (SPCA) will be available to accept animals from first responders or those who may be evacuated during the hurricane. Virginia Beach SPCA's process for accepting animals is outlined on their website at www.vbspca.com. VOLUNTEER Hampton Roads will assist citizens find a place to volunteer who would like to do so after the storm. Citizens will be directed to nonprofit members that are directly involved in disaster relief.

The United Methodist Church (UMC) Norfolk District Disaster Response Team is in the final stages of preparation for the storm and has 2 Early Response Teams (ERTs) and equipment trailers in pre-deployment status. They have been in contact with the coastal UMC churches to review and implement their disaster plan. Additionally, the Virginia United Methodist Church Conference Disaster Response Team has 4 ERTs on standby for deployment as well as three equipment trailers, one debris trailer and one supply trailer. Courthouse Community United Methodist Church is the requested staging location for deploying UMC ERT and UMC Volunteer in Mission Teams.

Federal Hurricane Response Websites

IRS Disaster Assistance and Emergency Relief for Individuals and Small Businesses:

www.irs.gov/businesses/small/article/0,,id=156138,00.html

National Hurricane Center, National Weather Service: www.nhc.noaa.gov

Ready America: www.ready.gov/america/beinformed/hurricanes.html

Social Security Administration Hurricane Information: www.ssa.gov/hurricane/

Small Business Administration Disaster Loan Information: www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance/index.html

USA.gov Hurricane Telephone Hotlines:

www.usa.gov/Citizen/Topics/PublicSafety/Hurricane_Recovery/Telephone_Hotlines.shtml

U.S. Department of Homeland Security/FEMA: www.fema.gov

U.S. Department of Homeland Security/FEMA Business Resources: www.fema.gov/business/

U.S. Postal Service National Mail Service Updates: www.usps.com/communications/news/serviceupdates.htm
http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/refresh/graphics_at2+shtml/?hwind120-content

< Please refer to the following page for the maps of Hurricane Earl >

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