



SLSI SAFETY MESSAGE

PREPARING FOR HURRICANE SEASON

OVERVIEW: Hurricane season is June 1st through November 30th. A hurricane requires planning, as heavy rain, high winds and flooding cause severe damage to railroad equipment and infrastructure. It is possible to prepare in advance and plan for recovery.

BEFORE A HURRICANE:

- Conduct property inspections and remove or secure items like tools, equipment, flags and windsocks if they could be damaged or become projectiles in hurricane-force winds.
- Ensure fuels, oils, chemicals and above-ground tanks are secured and/or moved from potential flood areas.
- Notify local authorities if train traffic is suspended.
- Verify all employees' primary and alternate contact information.

DURING A HURRICANE:

- Monitor news for updates and keep a NOAA weather radio on hand.
- Comply with evacuation orders and record shelter locations for all employees.
- Do not walk outdoors or drive without being advised it is safe to do so by competent authority.

AFTER A HURRICANE:

- Account for everyone on your team.
- Survey your facility. Be mindful of dangers including downed utilities and hazards in standing water.
- Document any damage to railroad property or assets.
- Notify local authorities, customers and interchange partners before resuming operations.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Federal agencies like the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), organizations like the American Red Cross and projects like the Coastal Emergency Risks Assessment (CERA) offer a variety of resources to help track storms and flooding, locate shelters and develop emergency plans. Some of these resources include:

USEFUL WEBSITES

HELPFUL APPS

<p>NOAA's National Hurricane Center: Provides frequently updated forecasts and public advisories. nhc.noaa.gov</p>	<p>FEMA's App: Provides real-time weather alerts, emergency shelter locations, basic preparedness strategies and recovery resources.</p>
<p>NOAA's Inundation Database: Provides real-time coastal flooding information. tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov/inundationdb</p>	<p>American Red Cross's Emergency Severe Weather App: Offers safety tips, National Weather Service alerts, live weather maps and more.</p>
<p>CERA Website: Shows storm surge maps to communicate potential impacts and timing of storm surge. cera.coastalrisk.live</p>	<p>My Hurricane Tracker App: Provides push notifications for weather warnings, interactive tracking maps, radar and satellite images.</p>
<p>USGS's National Water Dashboard: Shows real-time water data in context with other weather-related data. dashboard.waterdata.usgs.gov/app/nwd/en/</p>	<p>HomeZada Mobile App: Helps homeowners create a home inventory to help track assets and support insurance claims.</p>