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Unit 4:

Making Better Decisions

Unit Objectives



At the end of this unit, participants will be able to:

- Identify the components of the Hurricane Evacuation Study (HES)
- Explain clearance times and their use
- Identify the capabilities of HURREVAC

Review



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What Are Best Practices?



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It's Not the Plan. It's the Process.



Step 1

- Form a Collaborative Planning Team

Step 2

- Understand the Situation

Step 3

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Step 4

- Plan Development

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- Plan Preparation, Review & Approval

Step 6

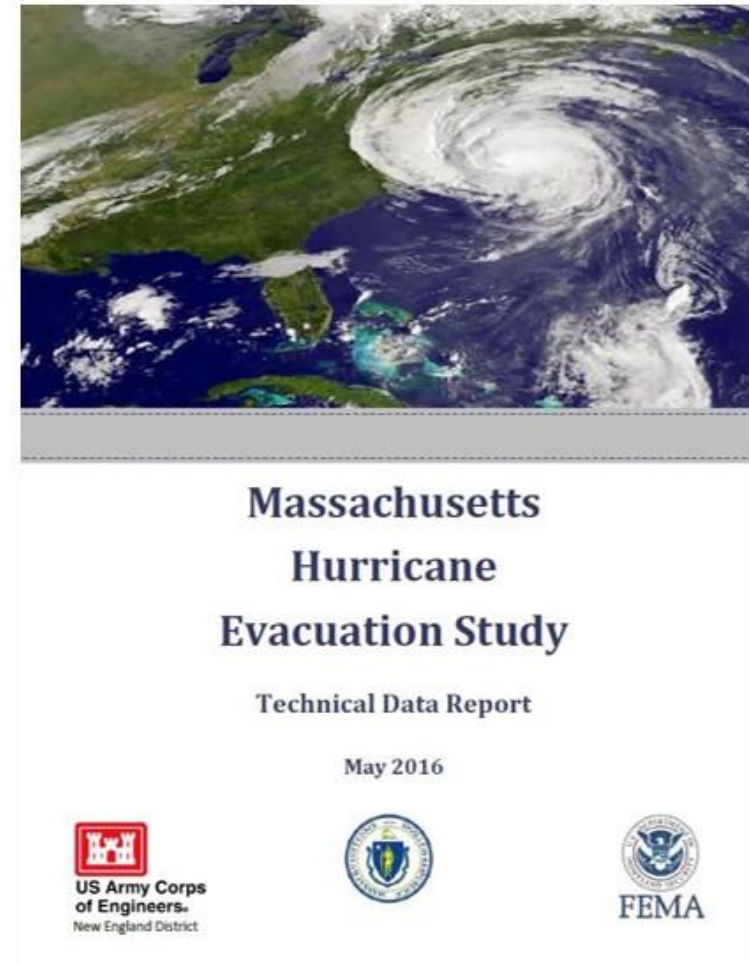
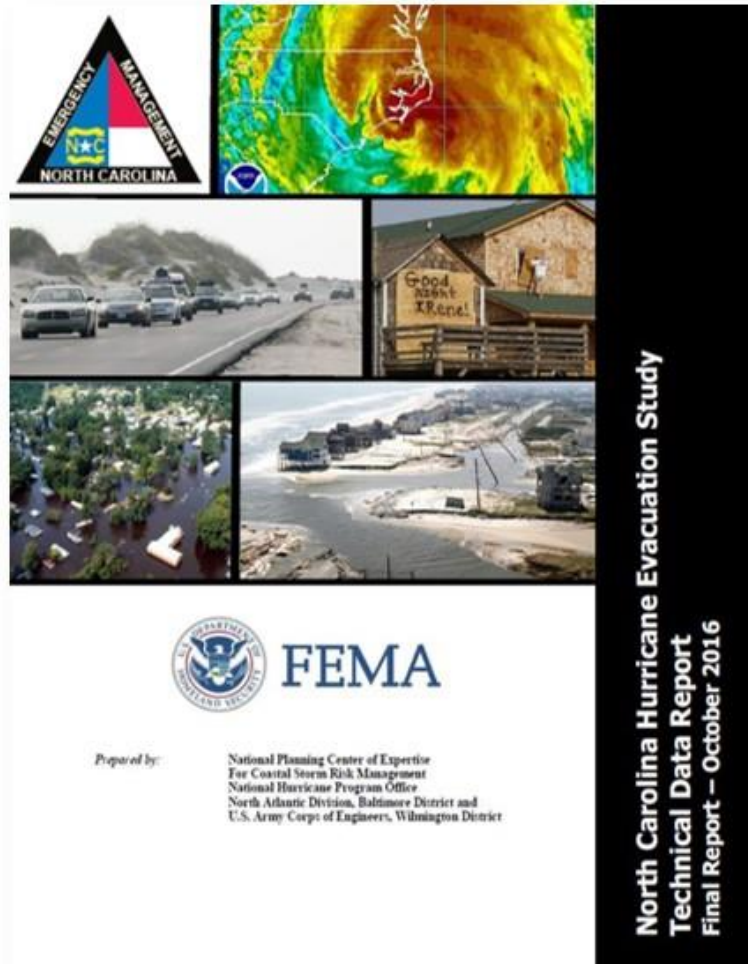
- Plan Implementation & Maintenance



Better Information – HES



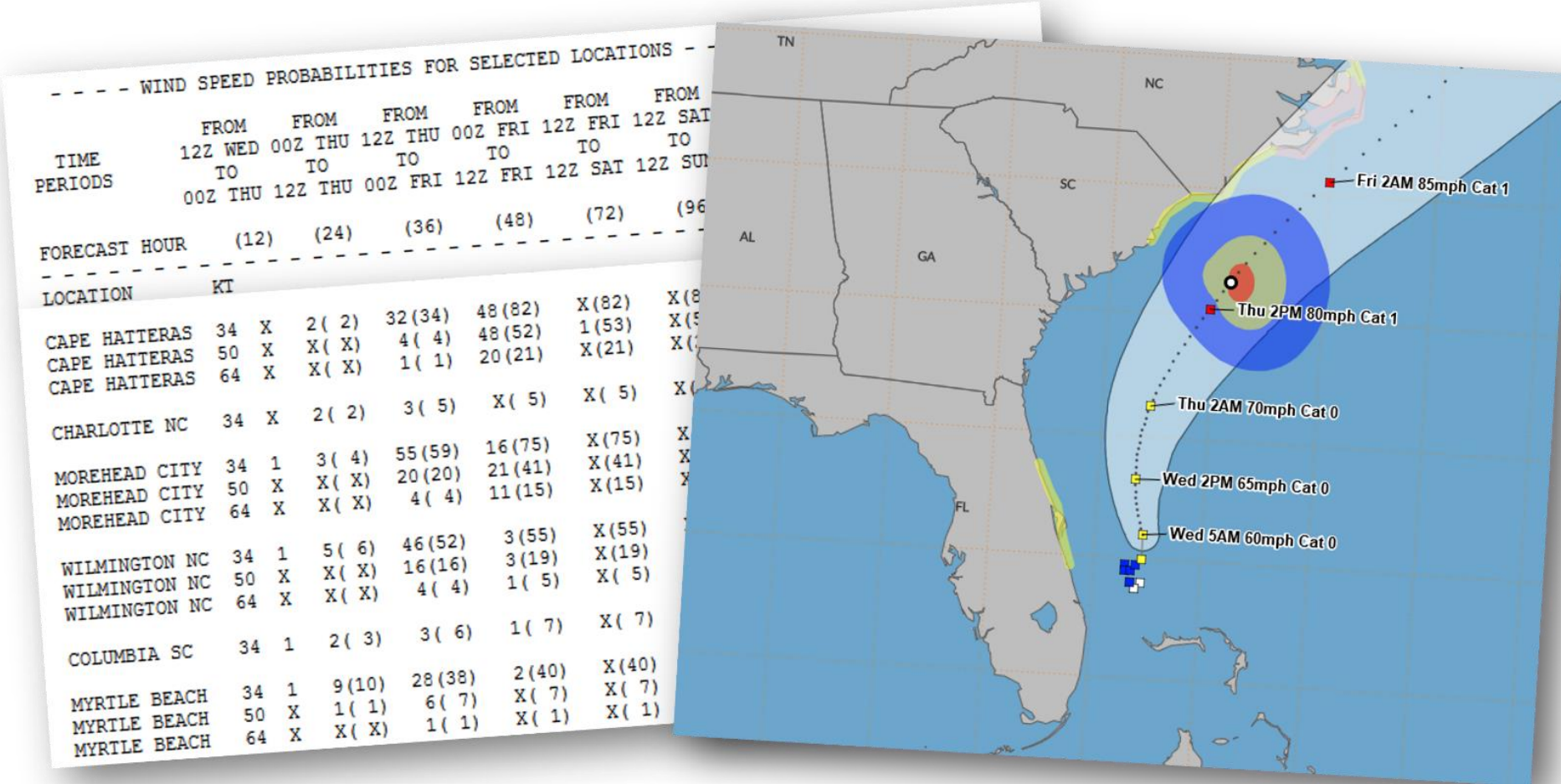
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Right Tools, Time and Reason



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The Process: Study. Plan. Execute.



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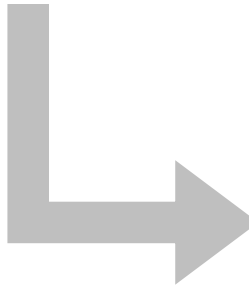
The Process: Study



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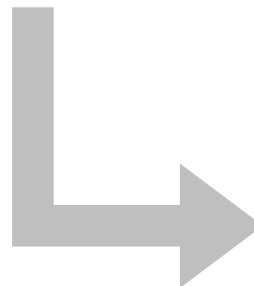
Study

- Identify Hazards
- Determine Vulnerability
- Evacuation Timing



Plan

- Inform Hazards and Risk
- Develop Timelines
- Identify Triggers



Execute

- Monitor Threat
- Assess Risk
- Take Action

What Is Useful Information?



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“ We're not that much smarter than we used to be, even though we have *much more* information.

...that means the real skill now is learning how to pick out the *useful* information...”

The Signal and the Noise
- Nate Silver

How Do the Hazards Affect You?



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RESOURCES

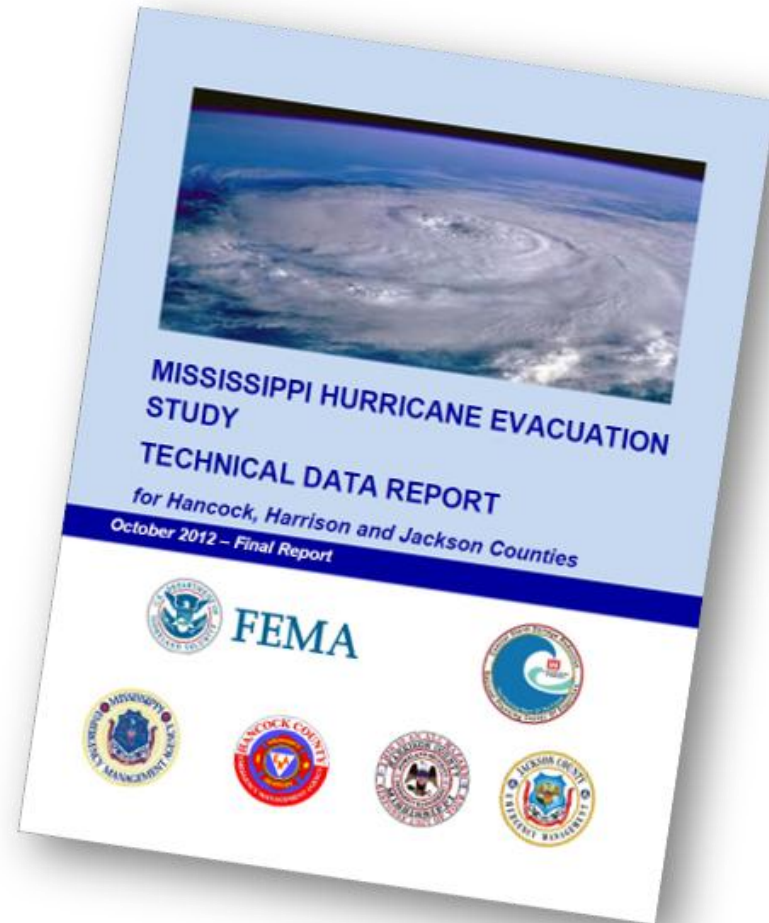
- Hurricane Evacuation Study (HES)
- THIRA *Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment*
- Flood Risk Maps
- HAZUS Modeling
- Historical incidents
- Local Knowledge



Hurricane Evacuation Study Components



- **Hazard Analysis**
What will be wet and what stays dry?
- **Vulnerability Analysis**
Who/what will be affected in your community?
- **Behavioral Analysis**
What is the Public thinking?
- **Shelter Analysis**
What are your shelter needs?
- **Transportation Analysis**
Where is traffic going to back up?



FAQs

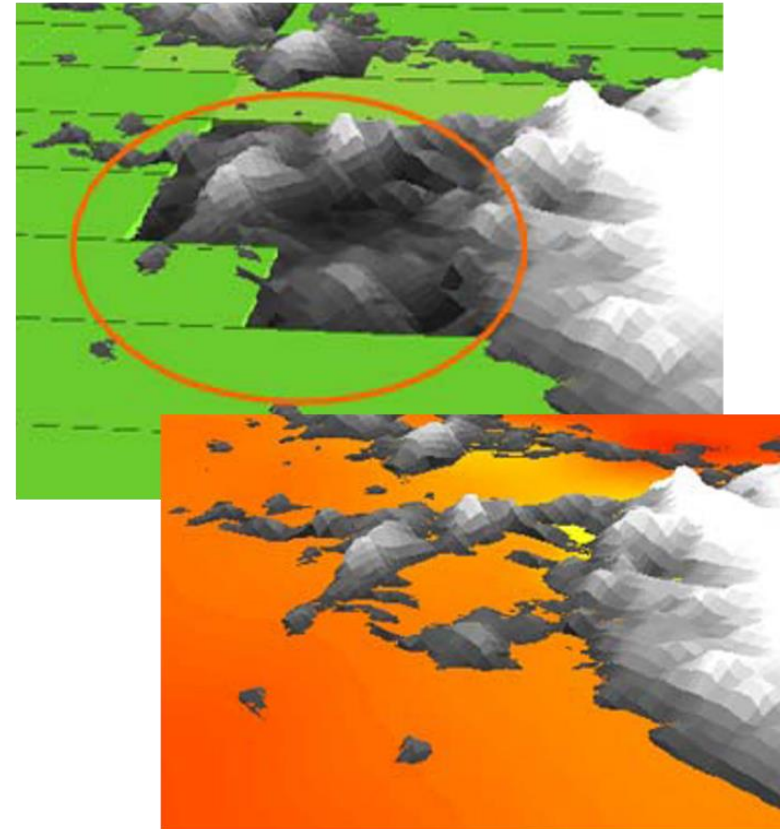
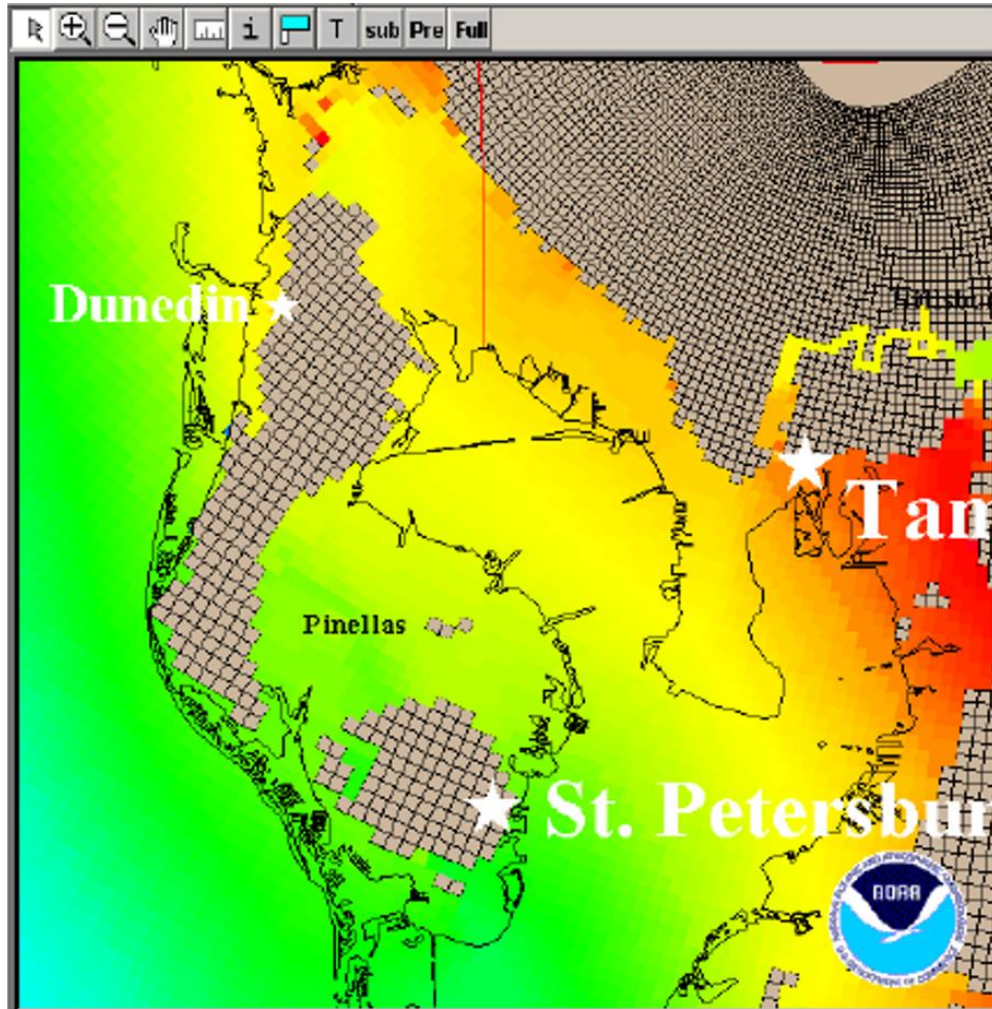
- What will be wet? Dry?
- How high will the water get?
- How far inland?

- **Hazard Analysis**

SLOSH. GIS Mapping. Surge Maps.



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SLOSH Output by category, overlaid on a Digital Elevation Model

What's Wet and What's Dry?



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AREAS OF POSSIBLE FLOODING

- Tropical Storms and Category 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 Hurricanes
- Category 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 Hurricanes
- Category 2, 3, 4, and 5 Hurricanes
- Category 3, 4, and 5 Hurricanes
- Category 4 and 5 Hurricanes
- Category 5 Hurricanes

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NATIONAL HURRICANE PROGRAM STORM TIDE FLOOD RISK AREAS

MAP ATLAS FOR:
*St. Tammany Parish,
Louisiana*

JUNE 2015

PANEL LOCATOR DIAGRAM



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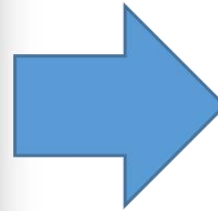
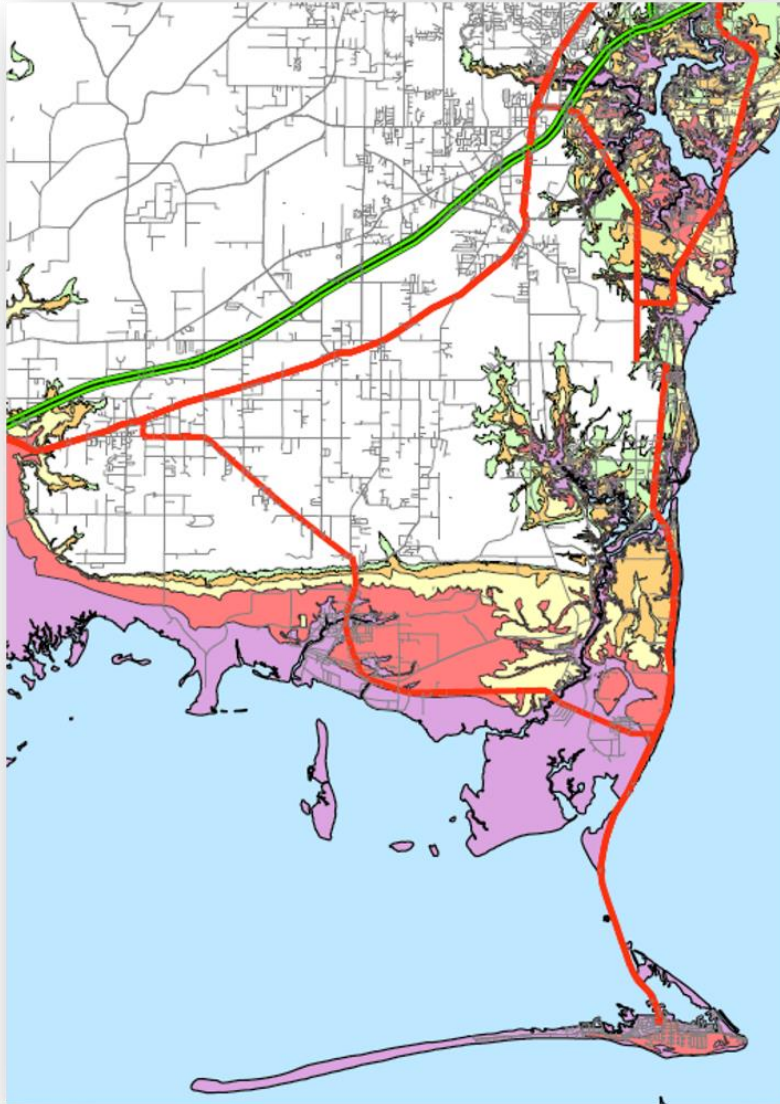
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Building Evacuation Zones



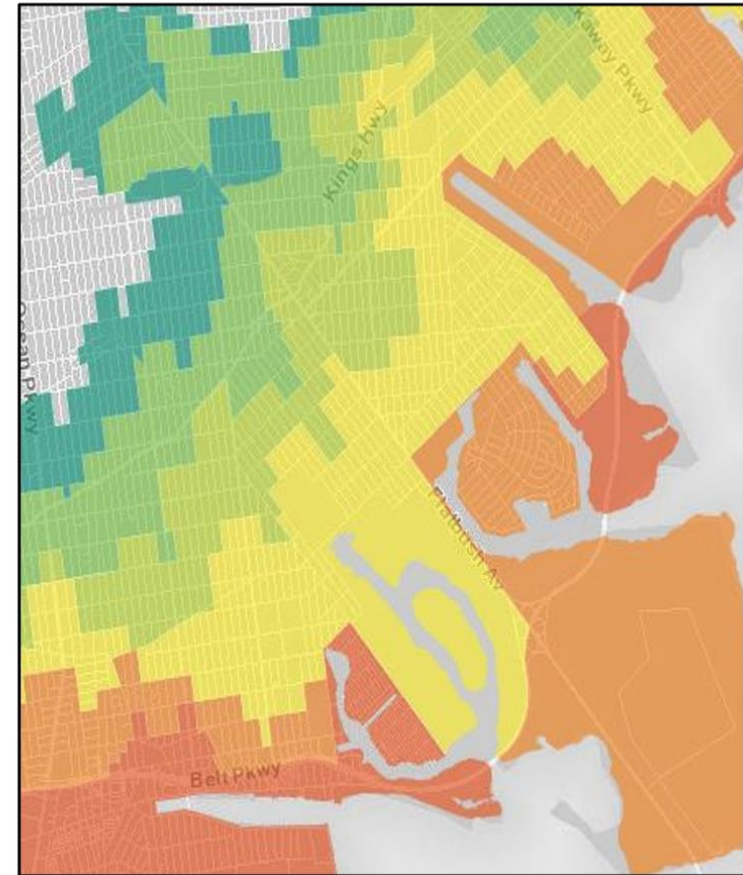
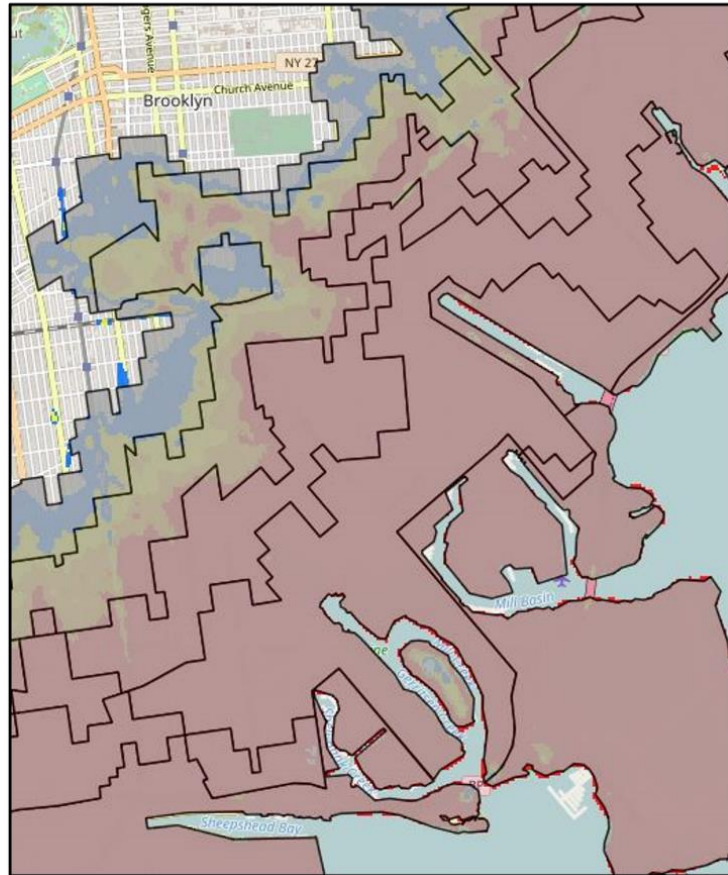
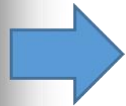
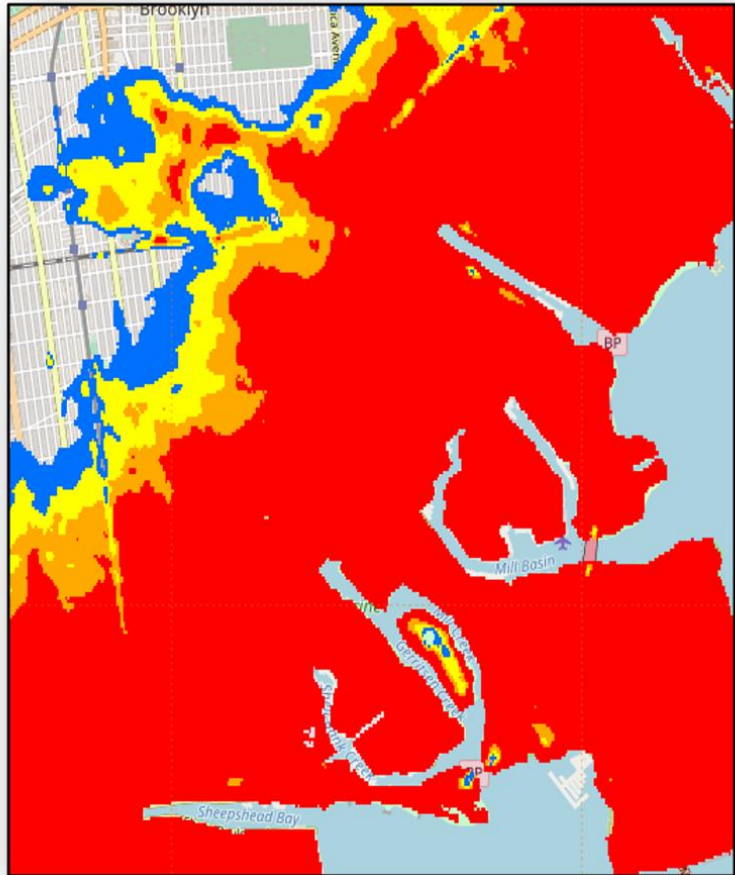
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Building Evacuation Zones with MOMs



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NYC Surge Heights by Bearing (MEOWs)



	WNW	NW	NNW	N	NNE	NE
Category 1	12.6	12.1	10.7	8.8	6.6	5
Category 2	20.9	20	20.1	16.5	11.4	8.1
Category 3	26.6	27.6	27.4	23.4	17	11.3
Category 4	32.4	33.9	33.9	30.6	21.7	14.6

NYC Evacuation Zones



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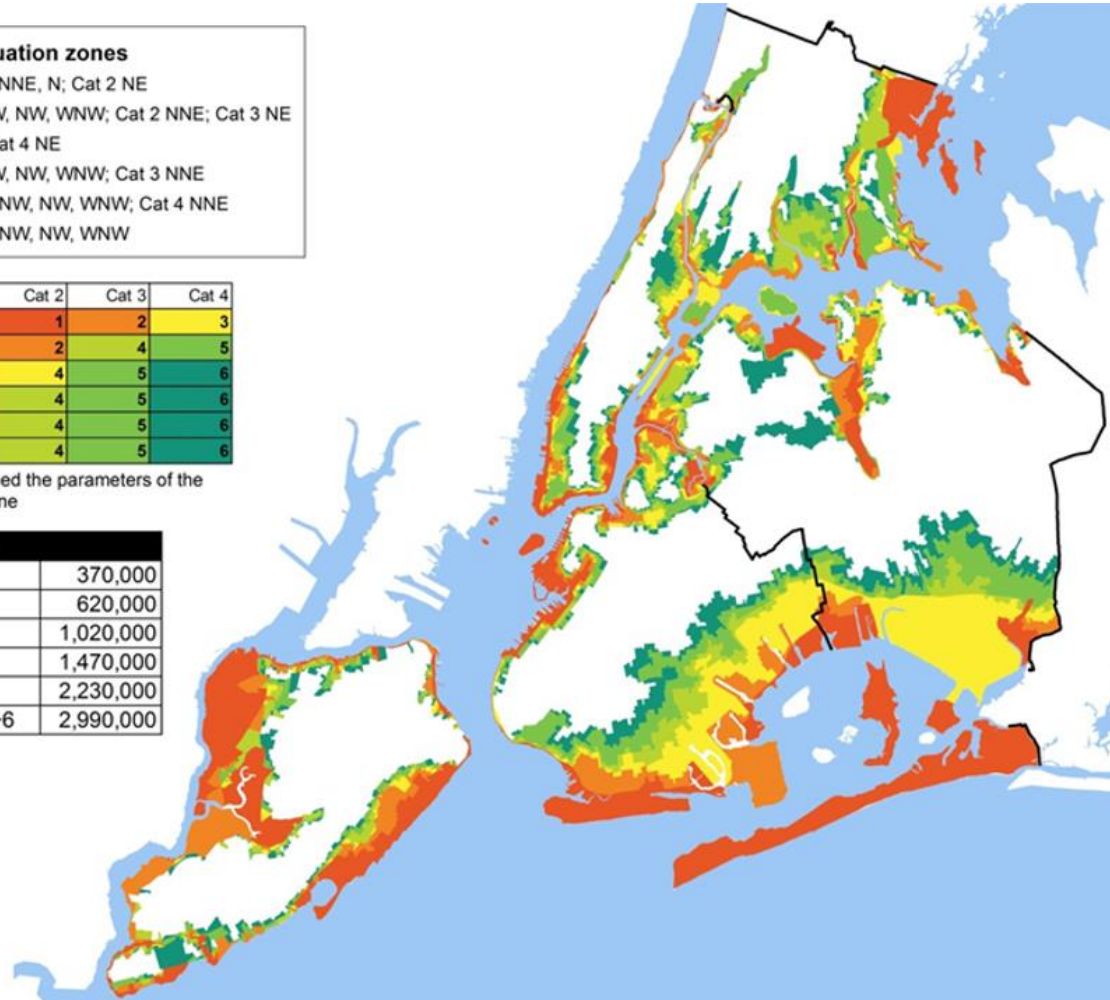
Hurricane evacuation zones

1	- Cat 1 NE, NNE, N; Cat 2 NE
2	- Cat 1 NNW, NW, WNW; Cat 2 NNE; Cat 3 NE
3	- Cat 2 N; Cat 4 NE
4	- Cat 2 NNW, NW, WNW; Cat 3 NNE
5	- Cat 3 N, NNW, NW, WNW; Cat 4 NNE
6	- Cat 4 N, NNW, NW, WNW

	Cat 1	Cat 2	Cat 3	Cat 4
NE	1	1	2	3
NNE	1	2	4	5
N	1	4	5	6
NNW	2	4	5	6
NW	2	4	5	6
WNW	2	4	5	6

* For storms that exceed the parameters of the model, go up one zone

2010 Population	
Zone 1	370,000
Zone 1+2	620,000
Zone 1+2+3	1,020,000
Zone 1+2+3+4	1,470,000
Zone 1+2+3+4+5	2,230,000
Zone 1+2+3+4+5+6	2,990,000



FAQs

- Who will be affected?
 - What critical facilities are at risk?
- **Vulnerability Analysis**

Who's at Risk from Storm Surge?



County Surge Area	Permanent Residential Structures	Non-Permanent Residential Structures	Total Residential Structures	Commercial Structures	Industrial Structures	Tourist Structures
Category 1	2,281	0	2,281	89	0	1
Category 2	5,007	253	5,330	209	4	2
Category 3	9,059	338	9,397	520	7	9
Category 4	9,480	380	9,860	525	7	9
Category 5	10,020	437	10,457	544	7	9
Non-Surge Area	5,518	682	6,200	99	0	1

Hancock County, MS

Table 3-7: Vulnerable Structures by Storm Surge Area

Mississippi Hurricane Evacuation Study – Technical Data Report – 2012

What Facilities Are at Risk?



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Facility Type	Cat 1	Cat 2	Cat 3	Cat 4	Cat 5	None
Casino	2	-	-	-	-	-
Dam	-	-	-	3	-	19
EOC	-	-	-	-	1	-
Fire	3	2	4	1	1	4
Hazmat	-	4	-	-	-	1
Hospital	-	-	1	-	-	-
Hotels	2	2	5	-	-	1
Police	-	-	4	-	-	-
School	1	3	5	1	-	1
Senior Center	-	-	1	-	-	-
Shelter	-	-	-	-	-	5
TOTAL	7	12	25	6	3	32

Hancock County, MS

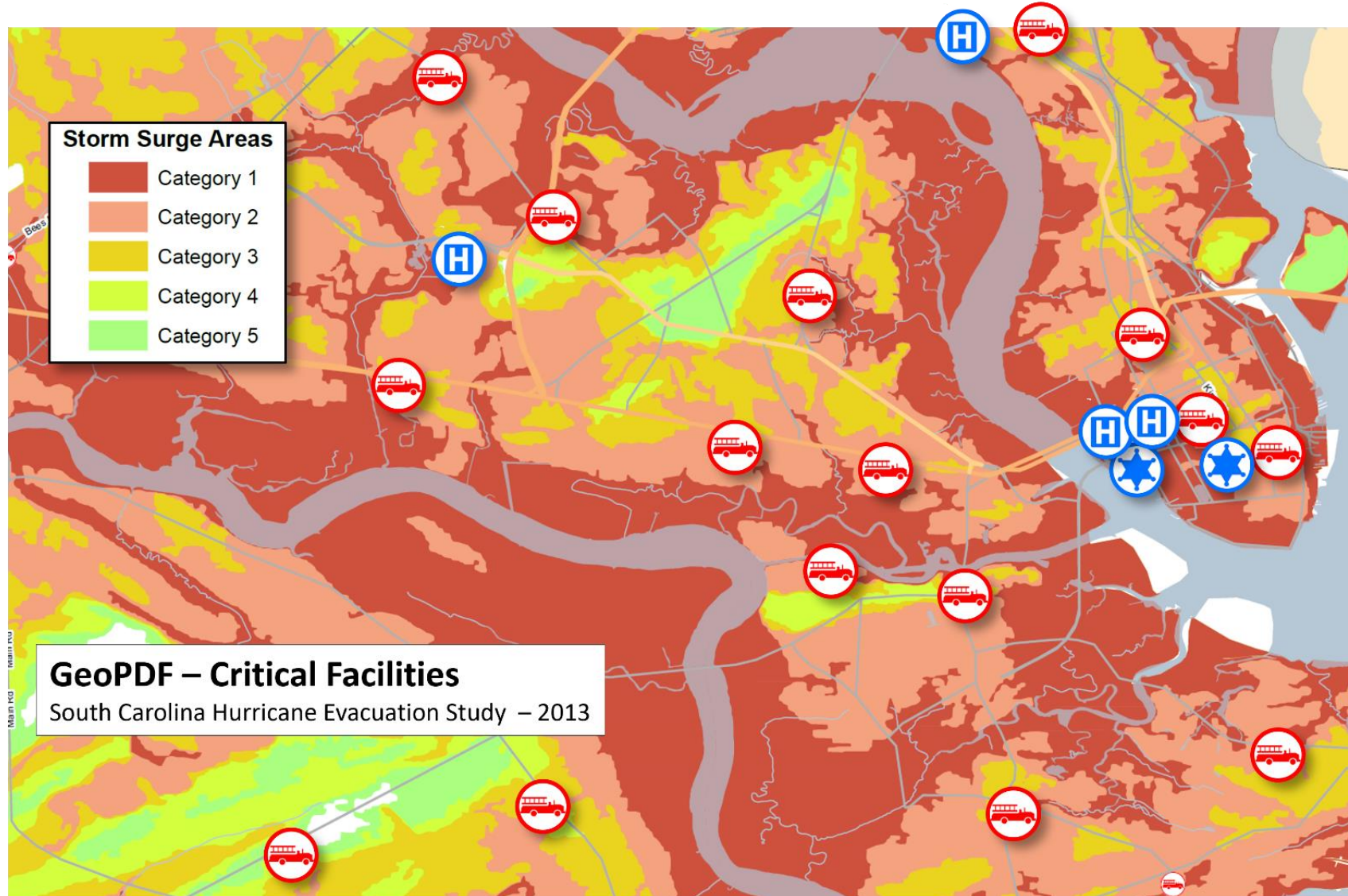
Table 3-9: Critical Facilities Summary Table

Mississippi Hurricane Evacuation Study – Technical Data Report – 2012

What Facilities Are at Risk (GIS)?



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FAQs

- Will the Public evacuate?
- Where will they go? How? When?
- Do they understand the threat?

- **Behavioral Analysis**

What Are People Thinking?



SURVEY RESULTS

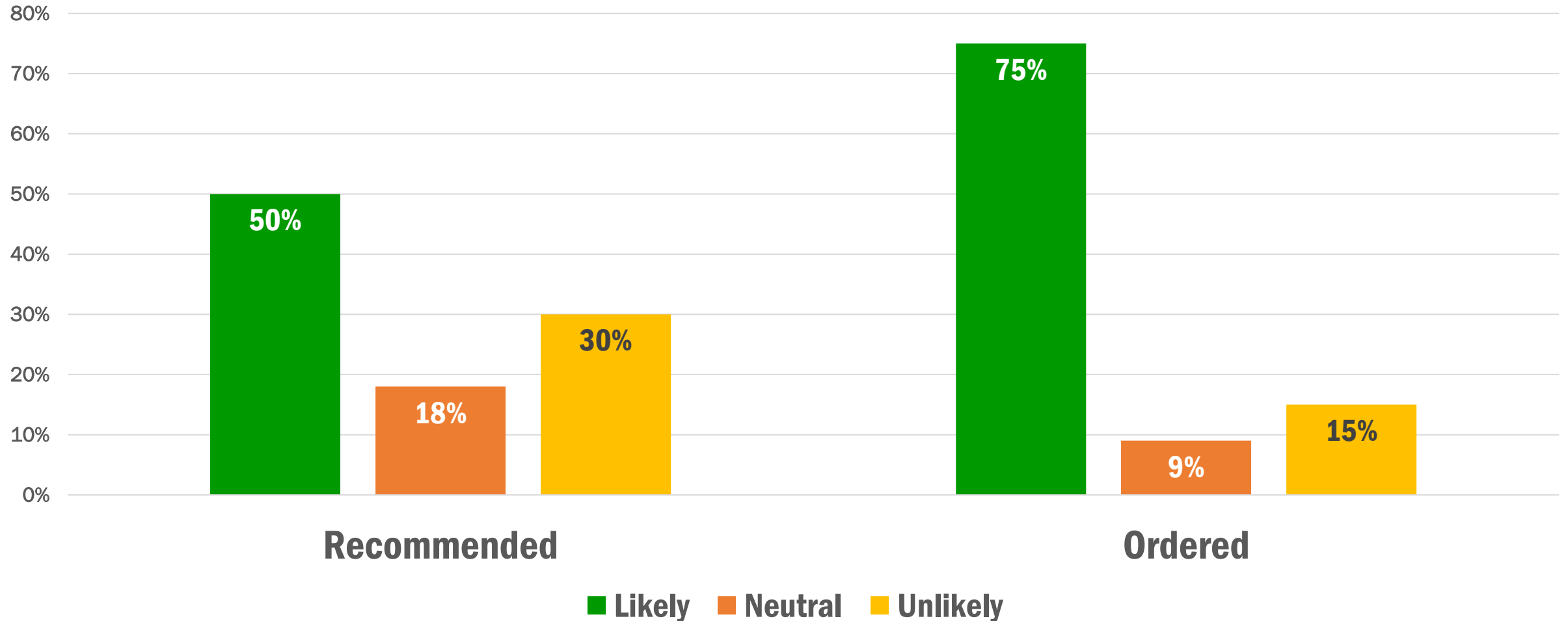
- Serious under-concern about surge
- Evacuation intent often overstated
- Evacuation intent highest for:
 - Major hurricanes
 - Mandatory/Ordered evacuations
 - Households with children
 - People with recent real hurricane experience
- Often get 'False Experience' effect

Will the Public Evacuate?



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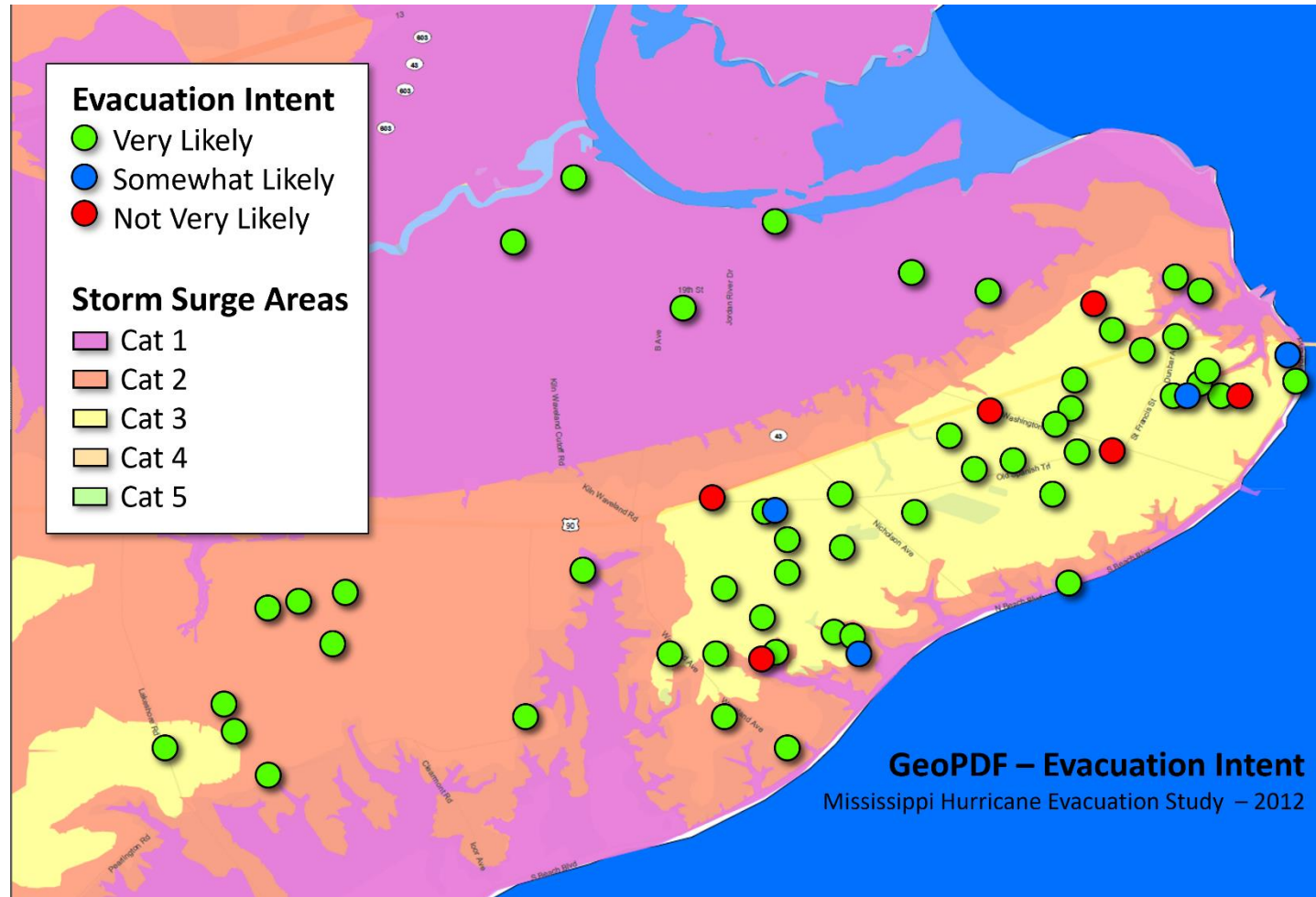
Likelihood of Evacuating



Where Should I Focus My Outreach?



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WHY DO PEOPLE EVACUATE?

- They understand their vulnerability/risk
- They were told to evacuate

FAQs

- Who will seek public shelter?
- How many shelter spaces are needed?
- In county? Out-of-county?

- **Shelter Analysis**

Number of Shelter Spaces Needed?



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SHELTER ANALYSIS

- **Shelter Locations**, with respect to Evacuation Zones and Storm Surge flood risk areas
- **Potential Demand**
- **Identification of Deficits**

Shelter Usage Rates (planning purposes)

- 3-8% Coastal
- 10% Inland

What's Available?



Evacuation Scenario	Total Evacuating People Low Occupancy	Total Evacuating People High Occupancy	Public Shelter Demand Low Occupancy	Public Shelter Demand High Occupancy	Sheltering Capacity	Surplus/Deficit Low Occupancy	Surplus/Deficit High Occupancy
Category 1	60,660	101,821	1,576	1,990	8,239	6,663	6,249
Category 2	103,871	151,069	2,909	3,384	7,469	4,560	4,085
Category 3	113,773	162,005	3,567	4,052	7,746	3,902	3,417
Category 4	184,748	234,032	8,528	9,025	2,818	-5,710	-6,207
Category 5	211,125	260,502	10,898	11,295	0	-10,898	-11,395

Table 5-4: Evacuating Population and Public Sheltering Demand – Baldwin County
Alabama Hurricane Evacuation Study – Technical Data Report – 2012

Resources for Evacuating Populations



SHELTER DEMAND	POTENTIAL EVACUEES	REGULAR CAPACITY 7,953 Additional Needed	EMERGENCY CAPACITY 15,906 Additional Needed	ASSESSMENT OF CAPACITY
1%	1,533	0	0	Regular Shelter Capacity Can Support Demand
2%	3,065	0	0	Regular Shelter Capacity Can Support Demand
3%	4,598	0	0	Regular Shelter Capacity Can Support Demand
4%	6,131	0	0	Regular Shelter Capacity Can Support Demand
5%	7,633	0	0	Regular Shelter Capacity Can Support Demand
6%	9,196	1,243	0	Emergency Shelter Capacity Can Support Demand
7%	10,728	2,775	0	Emergency Shelter Capacity Can Support Demand
8%	12,261	4,308	0	Emergency Shelter Capacity Can Support Demand
9%	13,794	5,841	0	Emergency Shelter Capacity Can Support Demand
10%	15,326	7,373	0	Emergency Shelter Capacity Can Support Demand
13%	19,924	11,971	4,018	Over Capacity
15%	22,990	15,037	7,084	Over Capacity
20%	30,653	22,700	14,747	Over Capacity



FAQs

- Where will traffic backup?
- What is the road capacity?
- How long will it take to evacuate?

- **Transportation Analysis**

How Long Will It Take to Evacuate?



TRAFFIC MODEL INPUTS

- Demographics
- Behavioral Assumptions
- Evacuation Routes
- Roadway Capacities
- Travel Destinations
- Evacuation Scenarios



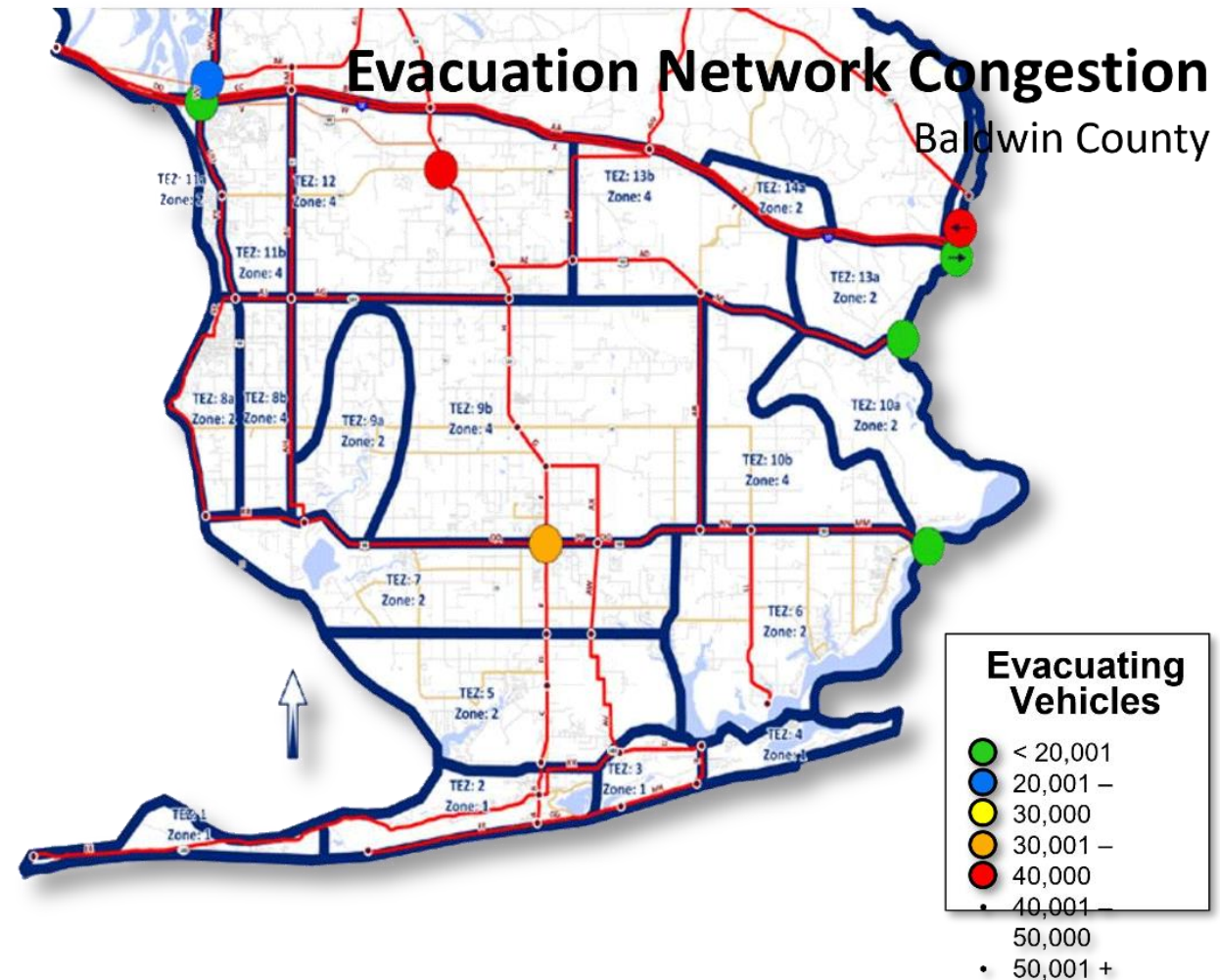
Where Will the Traffic Problems Be?



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TRANSPORTATION ANALYSIS

- **Traffic Patterns**
 - Bottle Necks
 - Evacuating Vehicles
- **Clearance Times**
 - Response Rate
 - Seasonal Population
 - Evacuation Scenarios
one-way, multi-state, etc.



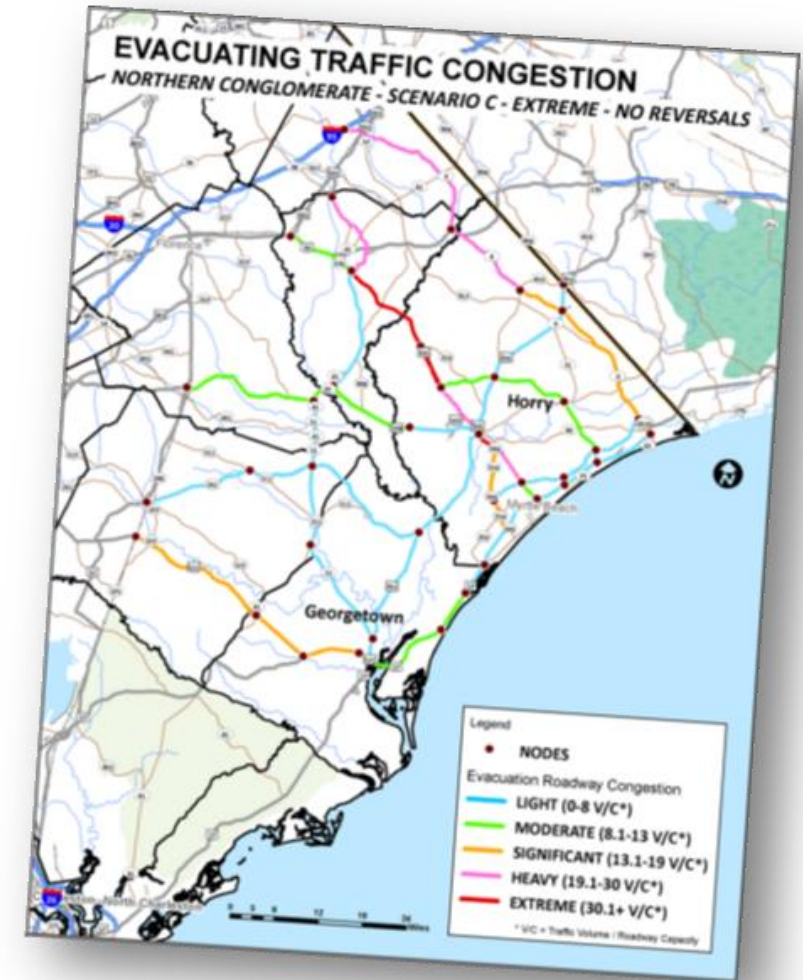
Modeled on the Road Network



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CLEARANCE TIMES

- Time for the evacuating population to reach a point of safety
 - First evacuating vehicle enters the road network
 - Last vehicle reaches an assumed point of safety
 - Includes travel time and waiting in congestion
 - Doesn't relate to any one particular vehicle
 - Driven by bottlenecks



How Long Should Evacuation Take?



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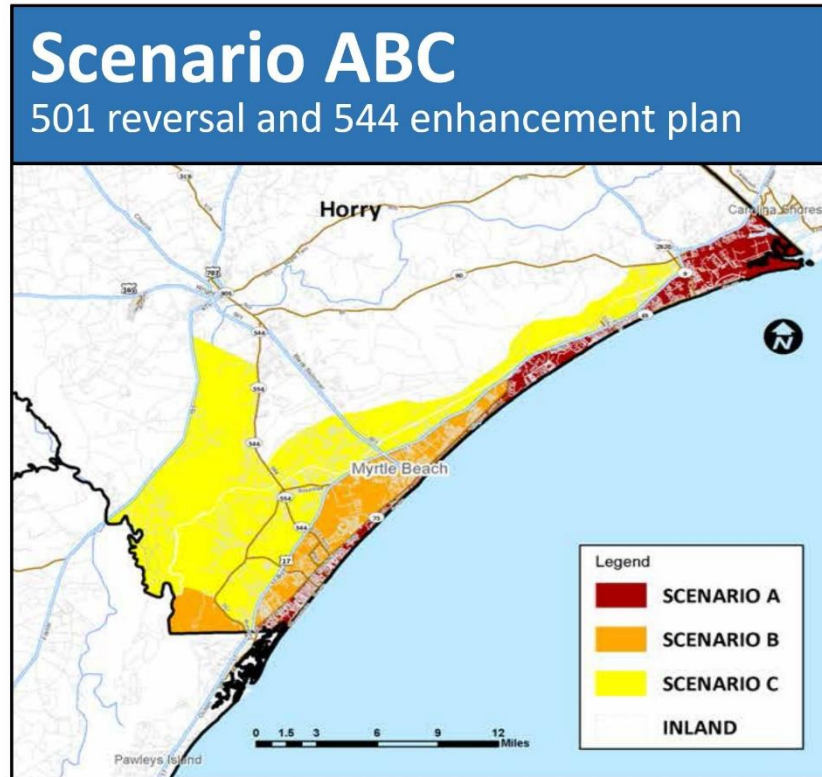


Figure 6-6: Evacuation Zones

South Carolina Hurricane Evacuation Study – Technical Data Report – 2013

Response	Low Occupancy	Med Occupancy	High Occupancy	Extreme Occupancy
SLOW	22	26	29	31
MEDIUM	20	24	27	29
FAST	19	23	26	28
IMMEDIATE	18	22	25	27

The Process: Plan



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Trust the Process

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Making Better Decisions – Triggers



FAQs

- What forces us to react?
 - What is acceptable risk?
 - What assumptions can I make?
- **Identify Hazard Triggers**

What Forces You to Act?



Lane Reversal Decision Factors

South Carolina Lane Reversal Factors

South Carolina Hurricane Plan 2015

Decision Factor	Indicator
The storm's current/projected intensity and the public perception of the threat to their safety.	Category 3 or greater storm portrayed through the media as a significant threat will probably require the use of lane reversal.
Tourism occupancy: High tourist occupancy greatly increases evacuating population and thereby increases traffic congestion.	<p>For a Category 1 or 2 storms, monitor traffic flow and have lane reversal ready. A Category 3 or greater storm will indicate the need for reversal.</p> <p>(Note: Beaufort County <u>requires</u> Highway 278 reversal during tourist season at 85% tourist occupancy)</p>

Storm Category vs. Evacuation Actions



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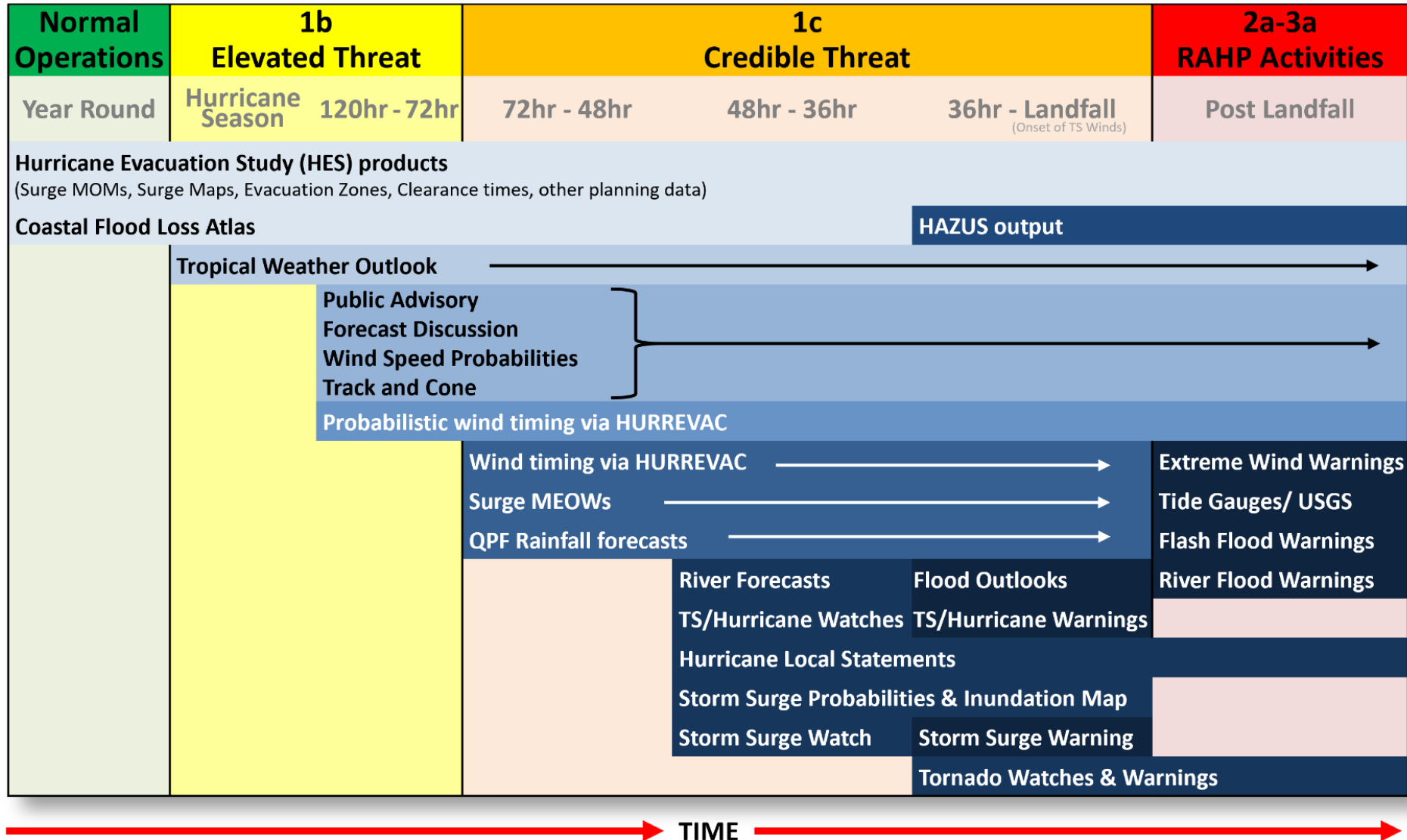
Storm Category	Evacuation Actions							
	Tropical Storm Force Wind Arrival	EARLY South & East of Abercom/US-204	MANDATORY Islands & Low-lying Areas South & East of Abercom/US-204	MANDATORY South & East of Abercom/US-204	RECOMMENDED Islands & Low-lying Areas South & East of Abercom/US-204	MANDATORY Remainder of County	MANDATORY Entire County	MANDATORY Entire County
Cat 5								30+48NH
Cat 4							30+48NH	
Cat 3							30+48NH	
Cat 2						24+30NH		
Cat 1 Direct					24+30NH			
Cat 1 Parallel to Coast				18+24NH				
Tropical Storm Direct			18+24NH					
Tropical Storm Parallel Coast		12						
Arrival Tropical Storm								
Islands and Low-lying Area Early Evacuations are 6 to 12 hours prior to Mandatory Evacuations Hours for Evacuation + Added Hours for Nursing Home (NH) and Special Needs Evacuations								

Chatham County Evacuation Guidelines (Not Current)

When Is Key Information Available?



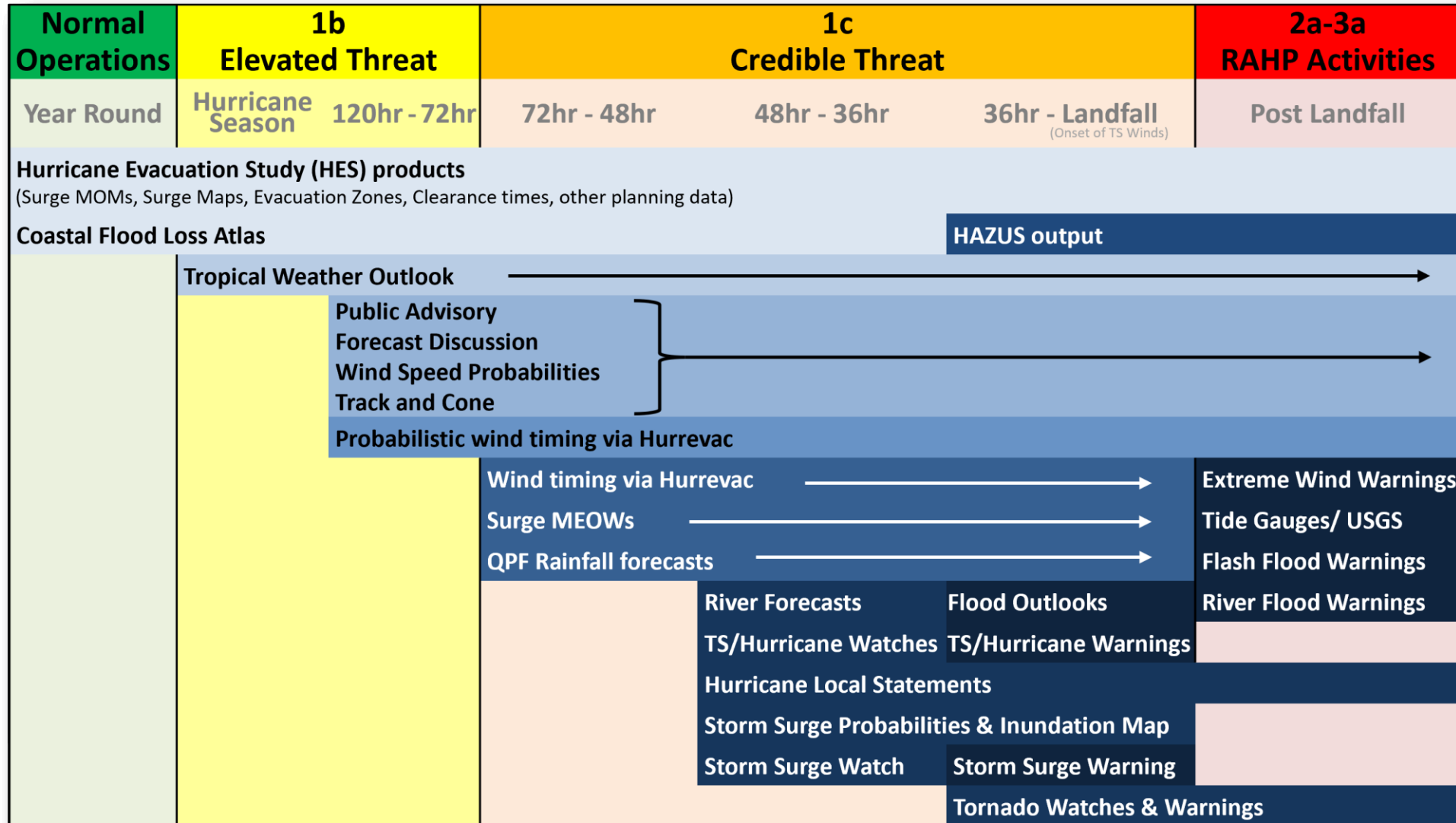
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NWS Products – When is Key Info Available?



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→ **TIME** →

Making Better Decisions – Timelines



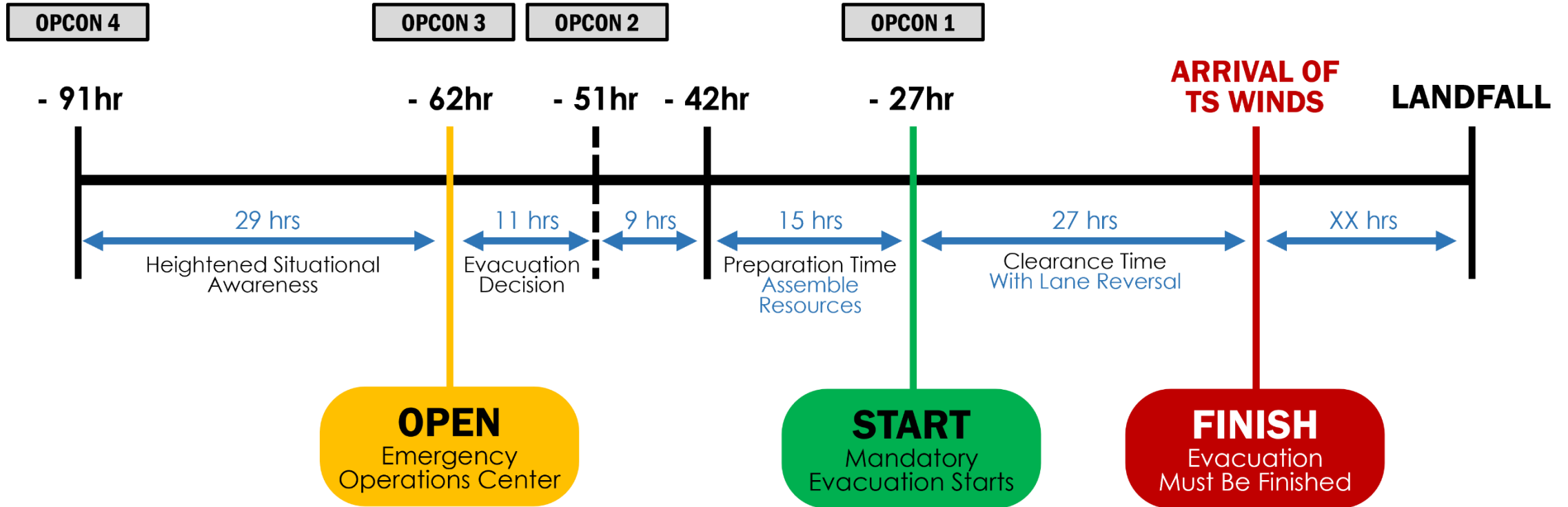
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FAQs

- When do we open shelters?
- When do we need to deploy?
- How do we stay synchronized?

- **Decision Timelines**

Evacuation Scenario Decision Timeline



Horry County Evacuation Timeline for ABC Scenario

Hurricane Readiness Checklist



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Hurricane Preparedness – prior to June 1	PRIORITY LEVEL	PERSONNEL RESPONSIBLE	STATUS OF TASK	DATE/TIME COMPLETED
Hurricane Planning				
• Update local hurricane operation, evacuation plans and resource files				
• Revise Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)				
• Review local emergency management ordinances and update				
• Test HURREVAC and/or other hurricane tracking software				
• Review Stafford Act Policies with State Emergency Management				
• Determine evacuation decision making authority w/ line of succession				
Emergency Operations Center (EOC)				
• Replenish supplies and check equipment				
• Test communication lines				
• Update activation plans and train staff				
• Update HURREVAC to latest version				

Hurricane Readiness Checklist (cont.)



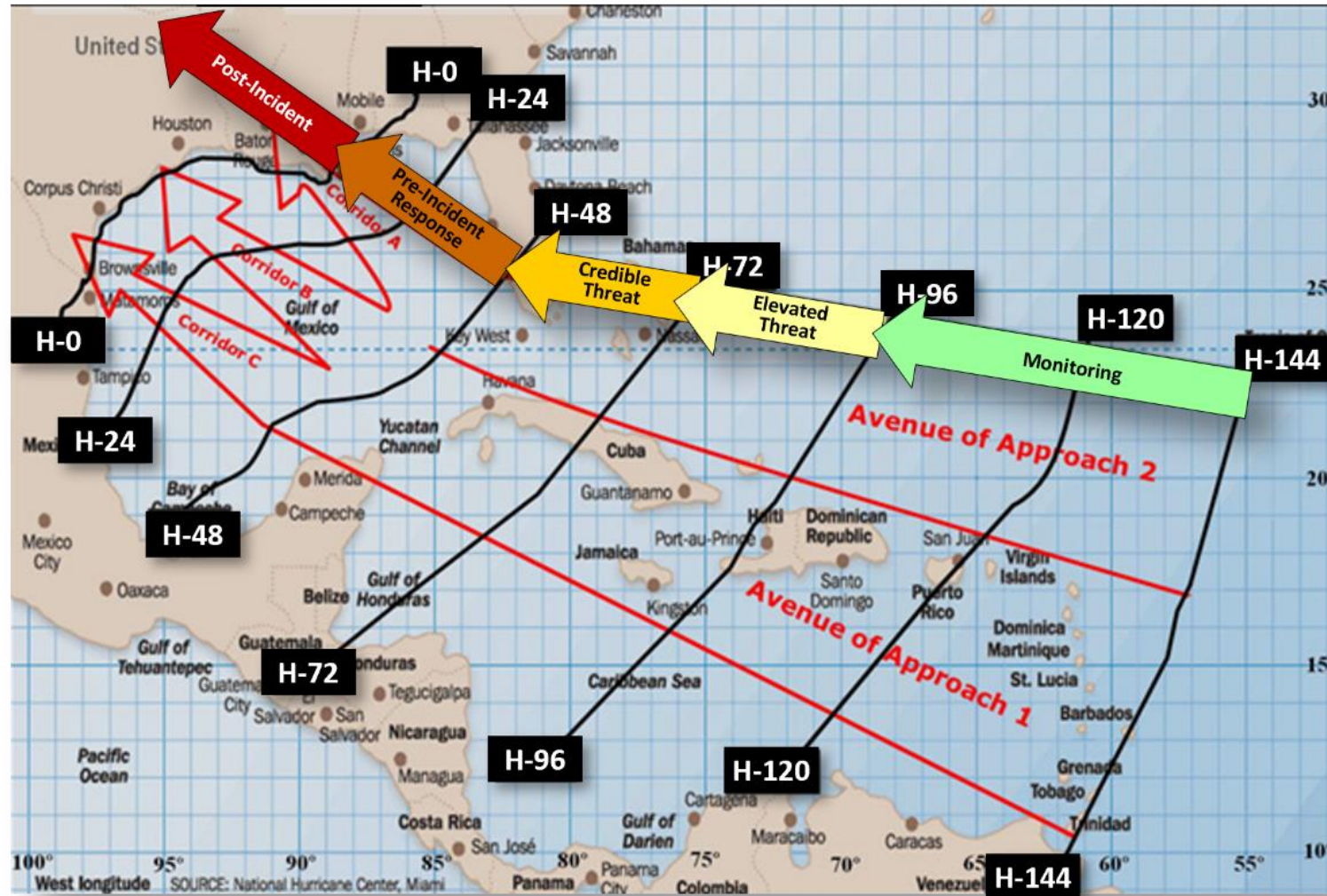
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Storm Impacts Imminent (~36 hours) Hurricane Watches and Warnings Issued	PRIORITY LEVEL	PERSONNEL RESPONSIBLE	STATUS OF TASK	DATE/TIME COMPLETED
Storm Watch				
• Conference calls with NOAA local WFO/RFC/SPC				
• Continue to monitor HURREVAC and other systems				
• Monitor storm track and provide local government officials updates				
• Anticipate the possible arrival of rainfall and tornados				
• Monitor river stages and rainfall forecast				
Emergency Operations Center (EOC)				
• Activate EOC (partial or full based on clearance times and threat)				
• Request primary ESF support agencies provide EOC briefings				
• Complete and distribute EOC situation reports, as applicable				
• Prepare EOC facility- Mitigate for Winds, Water, etc.				

Scenario-Based Operational Levels



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FEMA RVI Hurricane Plan

The Process: Execute



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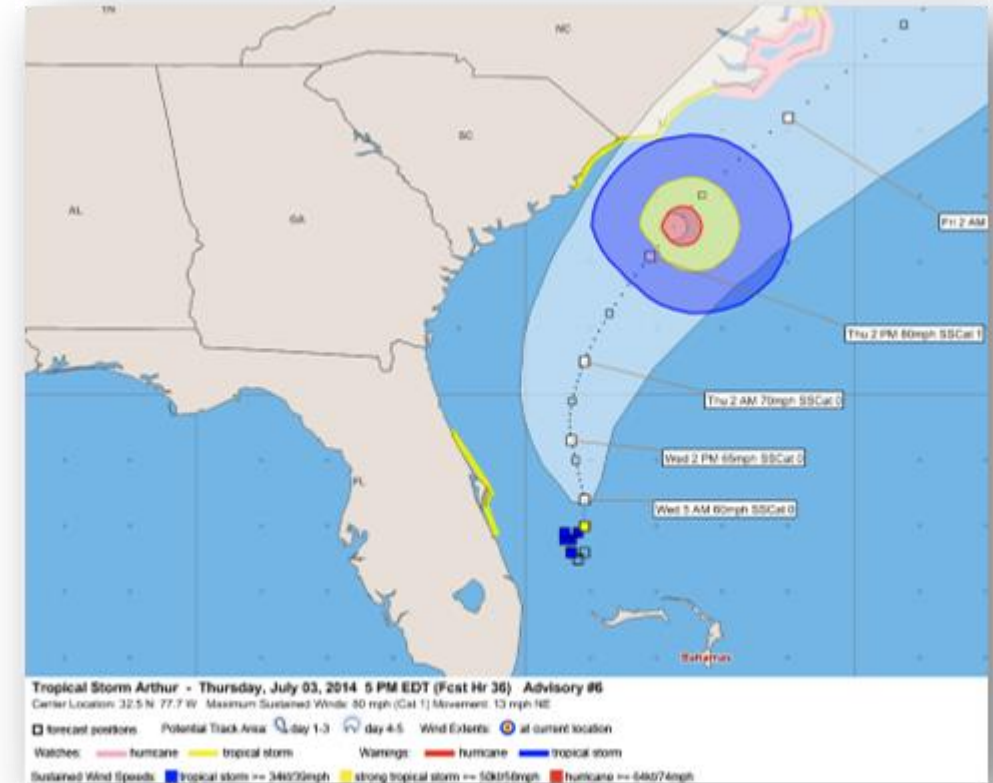
Analyze and Respond



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----- WIND SPEED PROBABILITIES FOR SELECTED LOCATIONS -----

TIME PERIODS	FROM 12Z WED 00Z THU	FROM 12Z THU 00Z FRI	FROM 12Z THU 00Z FRI	FROM 12Z THU 00Z FRI	FROM 12Z THU 00Z FRI	FROM 12Z THU 00Z FRI	FROM 12Z THU 00Z FRI
	TO 00Z THU	TO 12Z THU	TO 12Z THU	TO 12Z THU	TO 12Z THU	TO 12Z THU	TO 12Z THU
FORECAST HOUR	(12)	(24)	(36)	(48)	(72)	(96)	(120)
LOCATION	KT						
CAPE HATTERAS	34 X	2 (2)	32 (34)	48 (82)	X (82)	X (82)	X (82)
CAPE HATTERAS	50 X	X (X)	4 (4)	48 (52)	1 (53)	X (53)	X (53)
CAPE HATTERAS	64 X	X (X)	1 (1)	20 (21)	X (21)	X (21)	X (21)
CHARLOTTE NC	34 X	2 (2)	3 (5)	X (5)	X (5)	X (5)	X (5)
MOREHEAD CITY	34 1	3 (4)	55 (59)	16 (75)	X (75)	X (75)	X (75)
MOREHEAD CITY	50 X	X (X)	20 (20)	21 (41)	X (41)	X (41)	X (41)
MOREHEAD CITY	64 X	X (X)	4 (4)	11 (15)	X (15)	X (15)	X (15)
WILMINGTON NC	34 1	5 (6)	46 (52)	3 (55)	X (55)	X (55)	X (55)
WILMINGTON NC	50 X	X (X)	16 (16)	3 (19)	X (19)	X (19)	X (19)
WILMINGTON NC	64 X	X (X)	4 (4)	1 (5)	X (5)	X (5)	X (5)
COLUMBIA SC	34 1	2 (3)	3 (6)	1 (7)	X (7)	X (7)	X (7)
MYRTLE BEACH	34 1	9 (10)	28 (38)	2 (40)	X (40)	X (40)	X (40)
MYRTLE BEACH	50 X	1 (1)	6 (7)	X (7)	X (7)	X (7)	X (7)
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Making Better Decisions – Forecasts



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FAQs

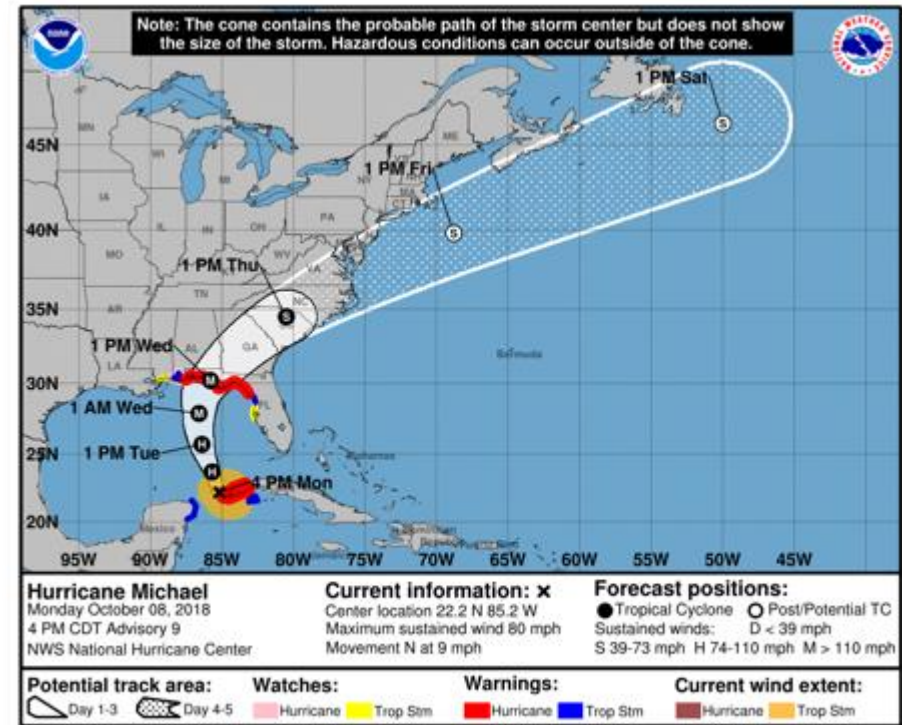
- What's the forecast?
- A threat to my community?
- When are hazards expected?

- **NHC Forecasts**

What NHC Forecasts?



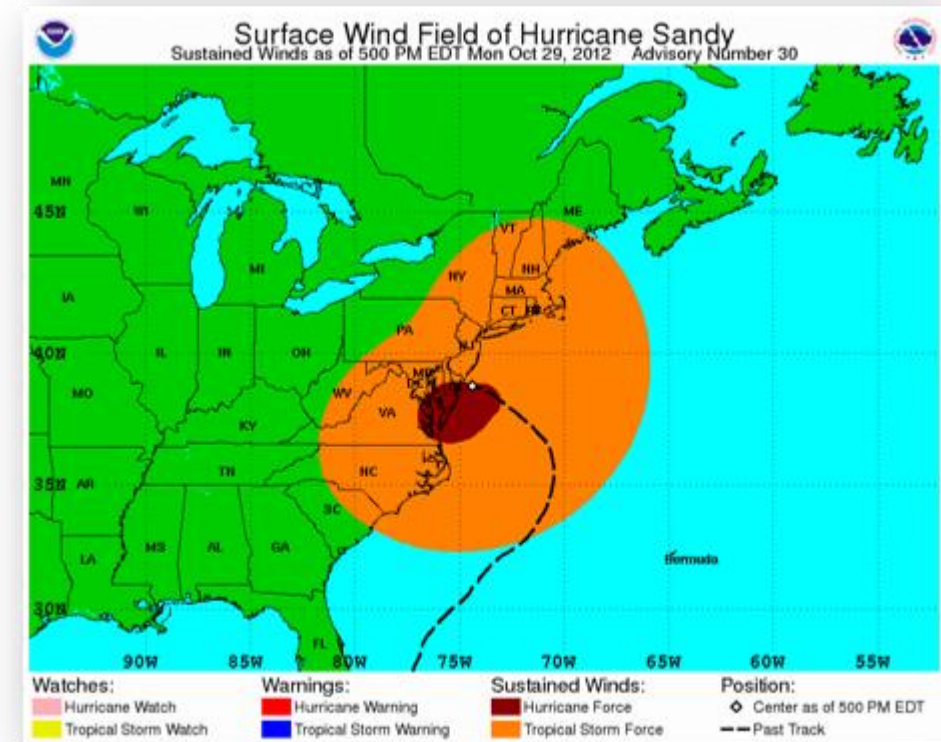
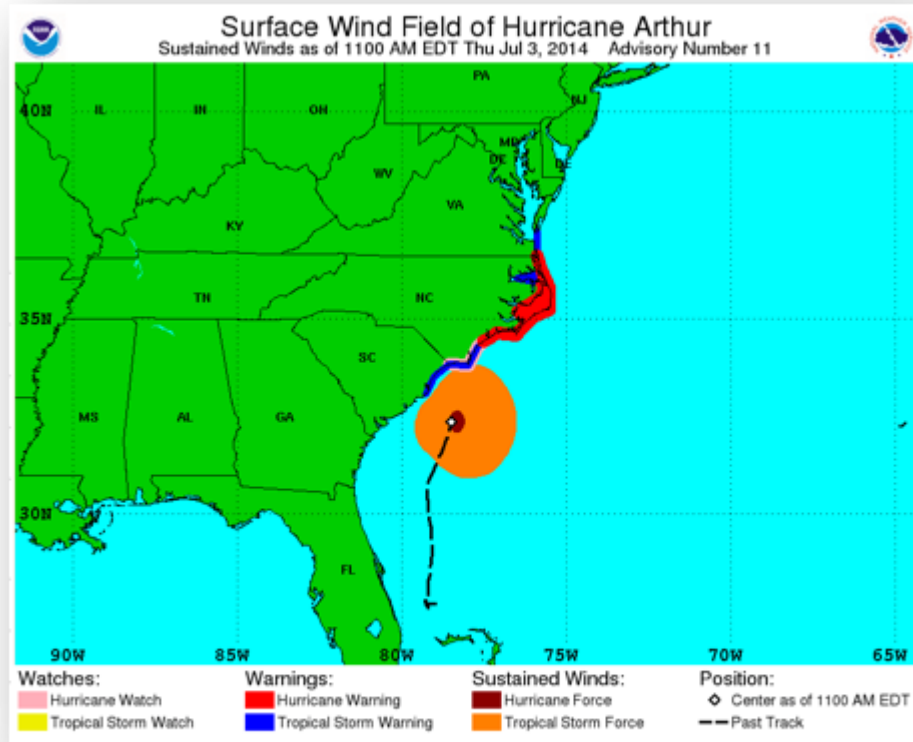
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Storm Characteristics



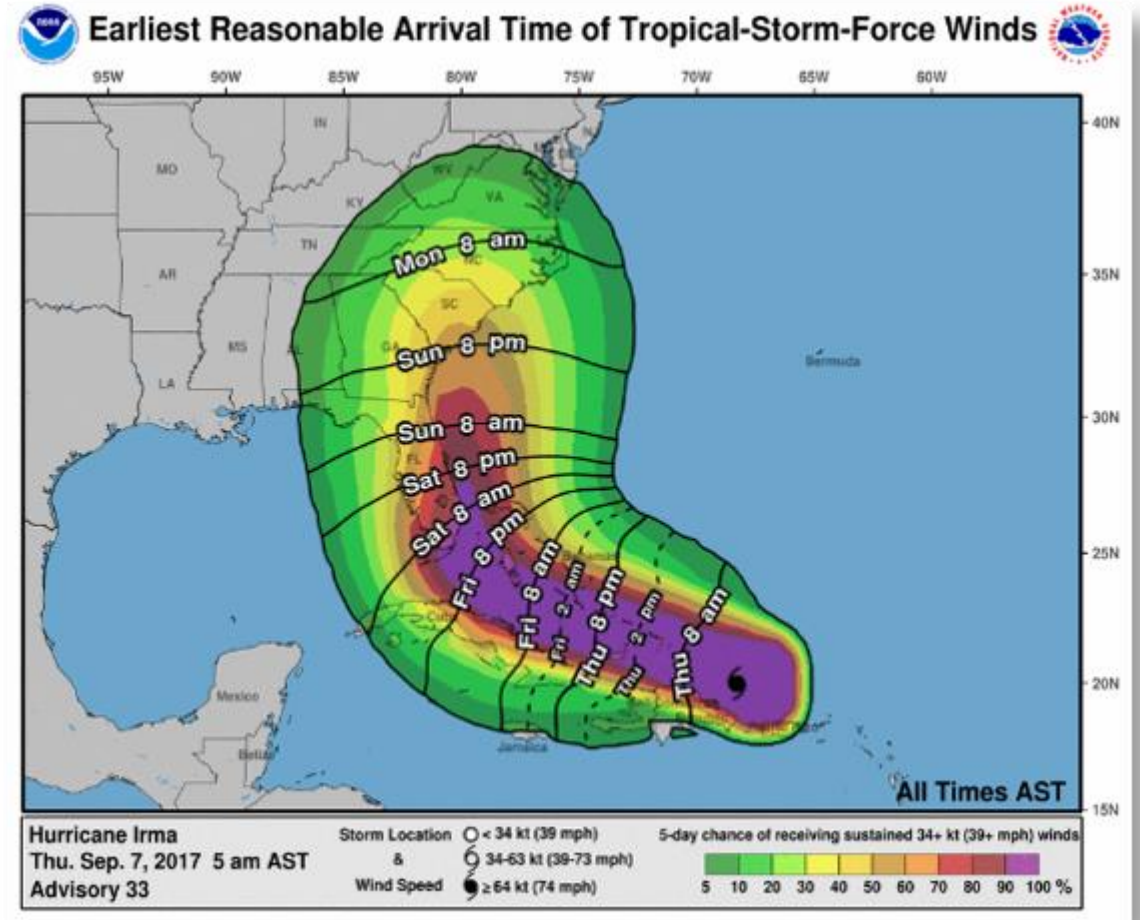
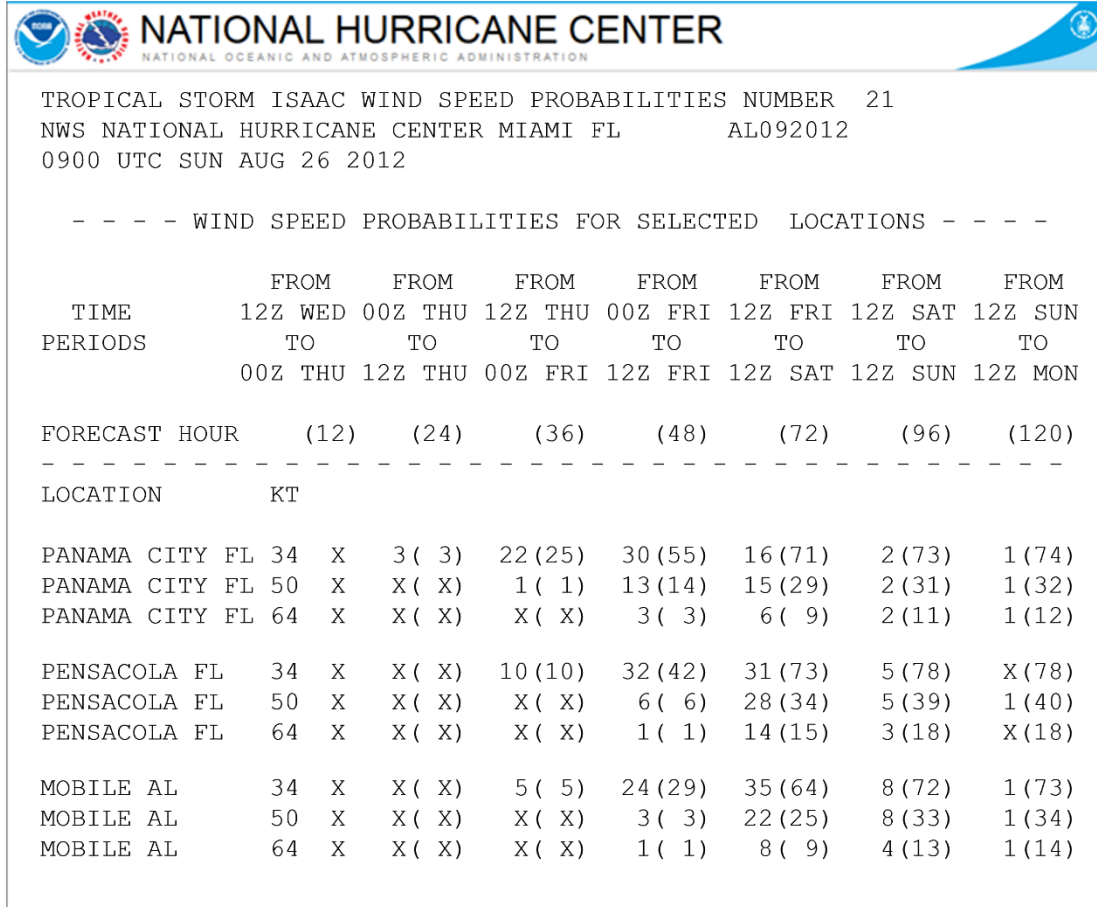
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Where Is the Storm Going?



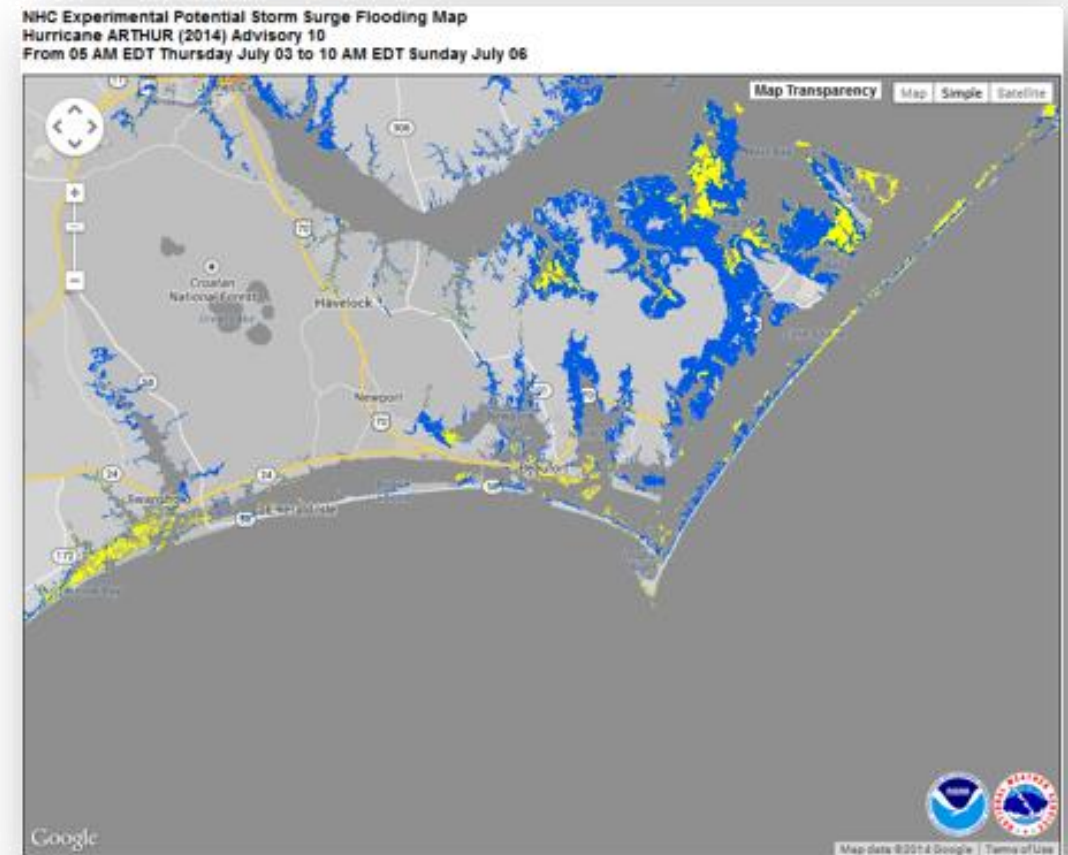
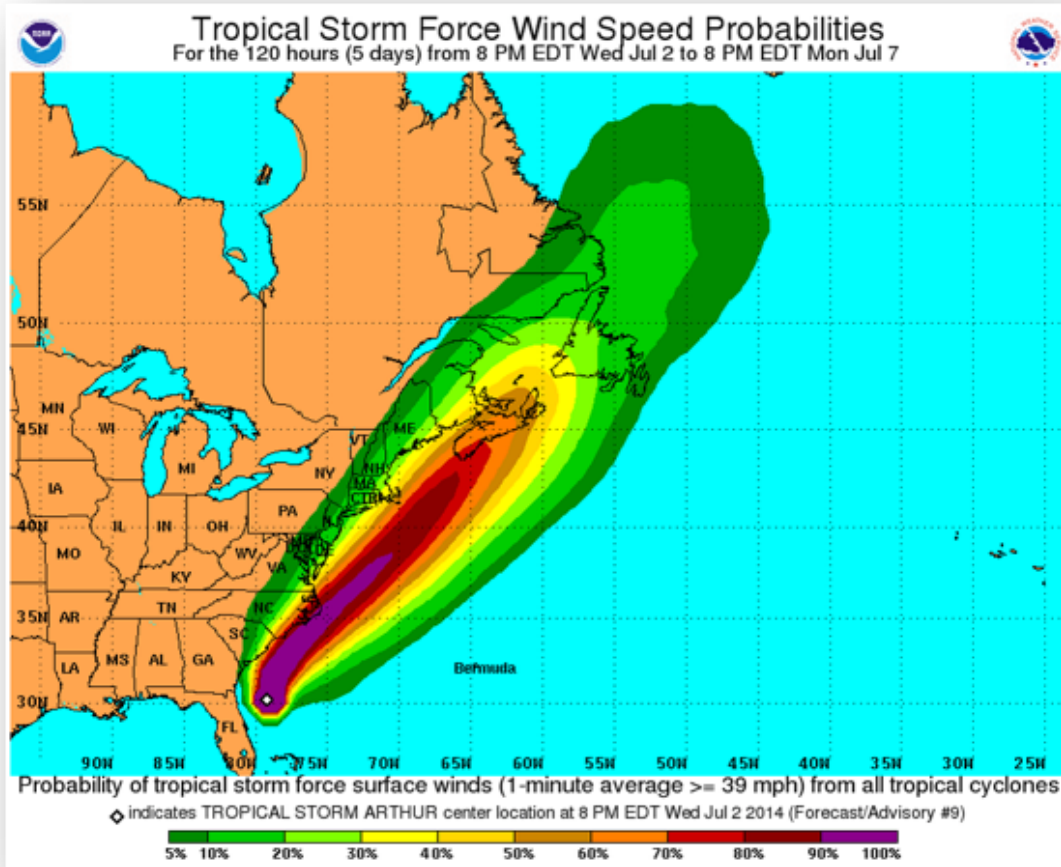
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Evaluate the Storm Threat



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FAQs

- What is the forecast?
- Evacuation start times?

- **HURREVAC**

POLL QUESTION

Do you have a HURREVAC account?

- A. Yes, and I use it regularly.
- B. Yes, but I am unfamiliar with how to use it.
- C. I just registered for an account.
- D. I do not have an account.

HURREVAC 2



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- Hurricane tracking and decision support tool
 - Uses NHC forecast data
 - Calculates evacuation start times
- A resource for EMs during evacuations
 - Common forecast picture
- Reports
 - Wind timing
 - Evacuation timing
 - Storm summary



HURREVAC 3



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- **Web based**

- No downloads or software to install
- Use your computer, tablet or phone
- Access your profile/preferences anywhere

- **SLOSH Display**

- MOMs & MEOWs
- MEOW mixer

- **Register online**

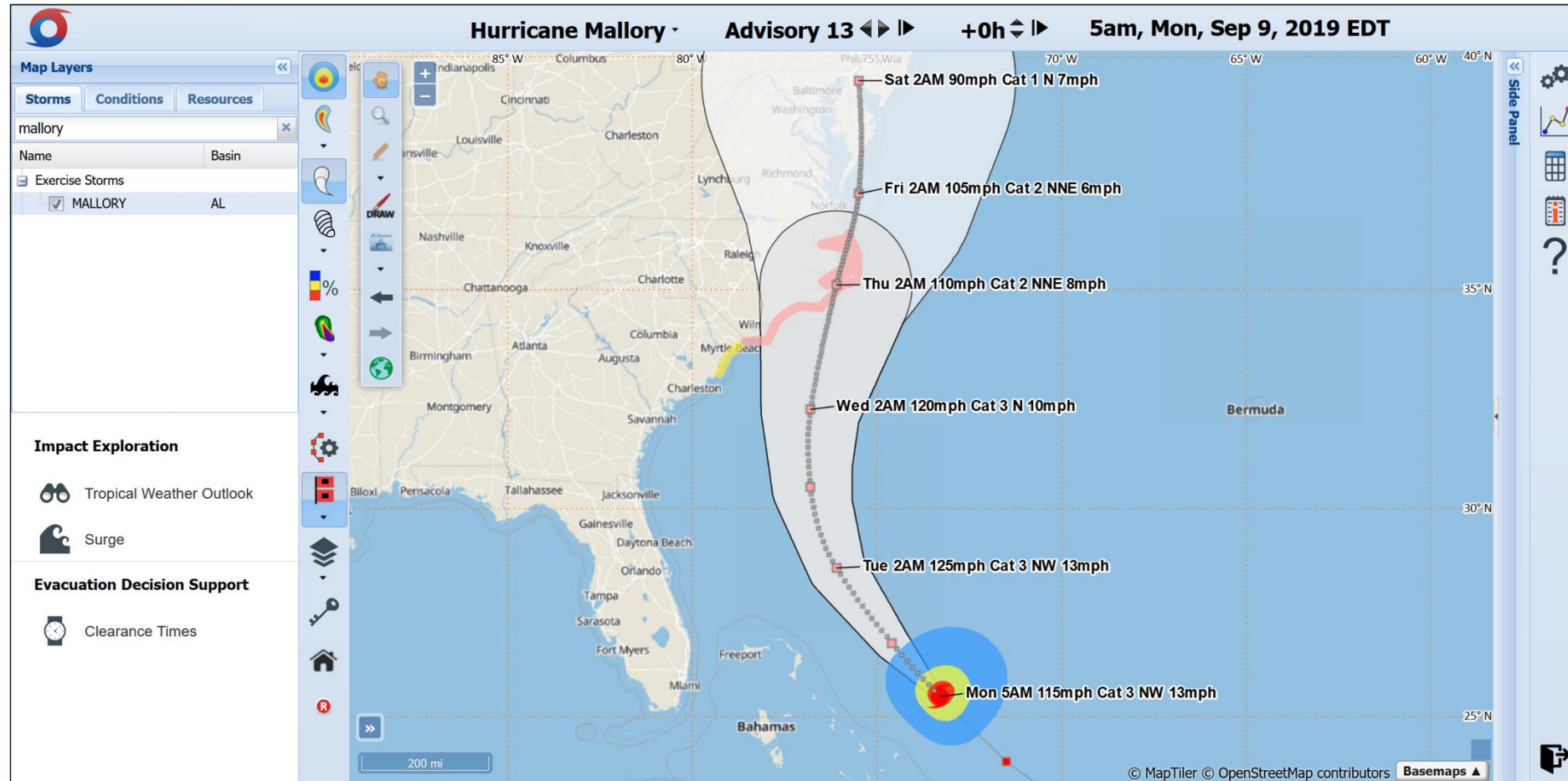
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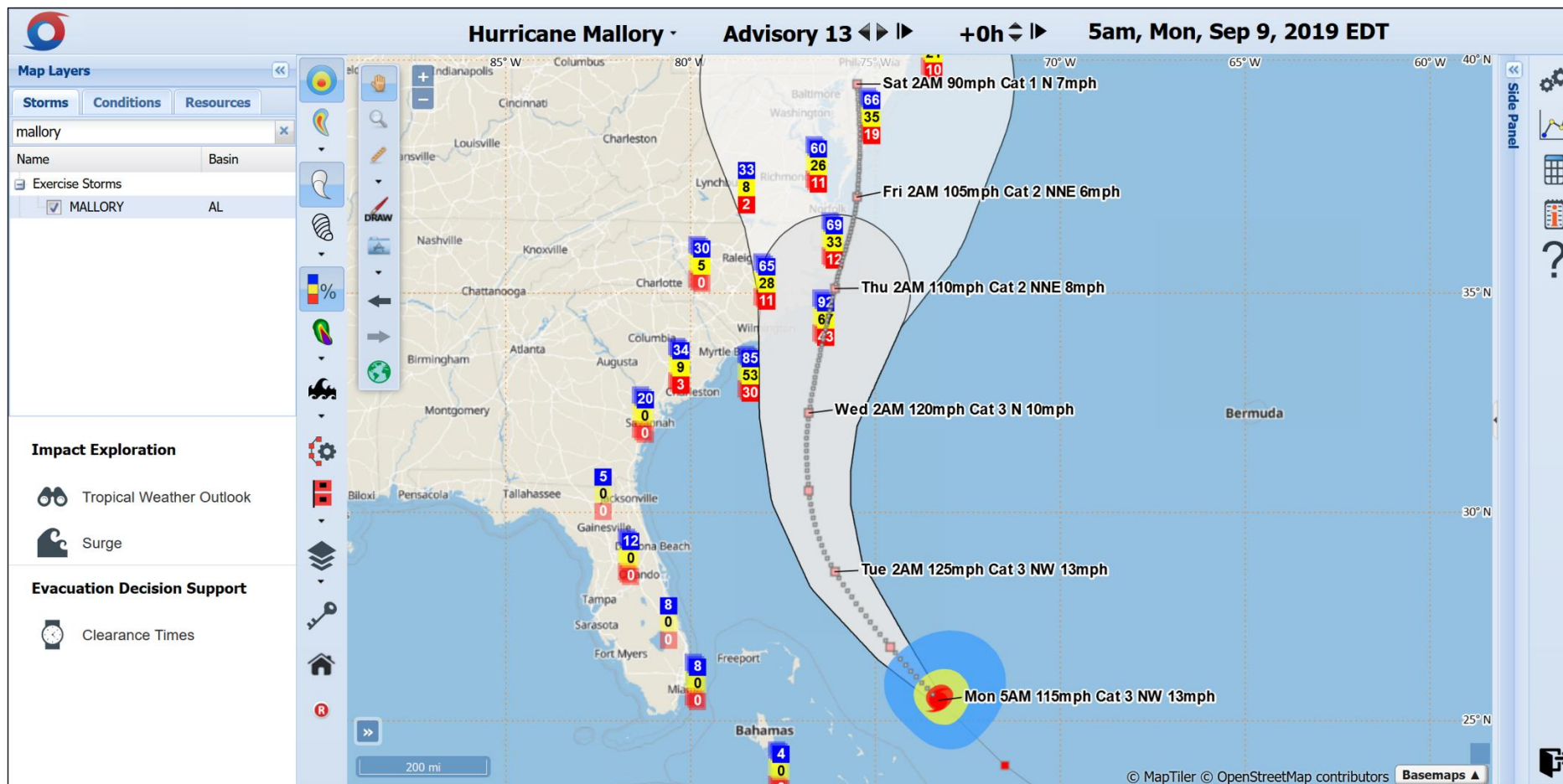
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Wind Threat – Wind Speed Probabilities



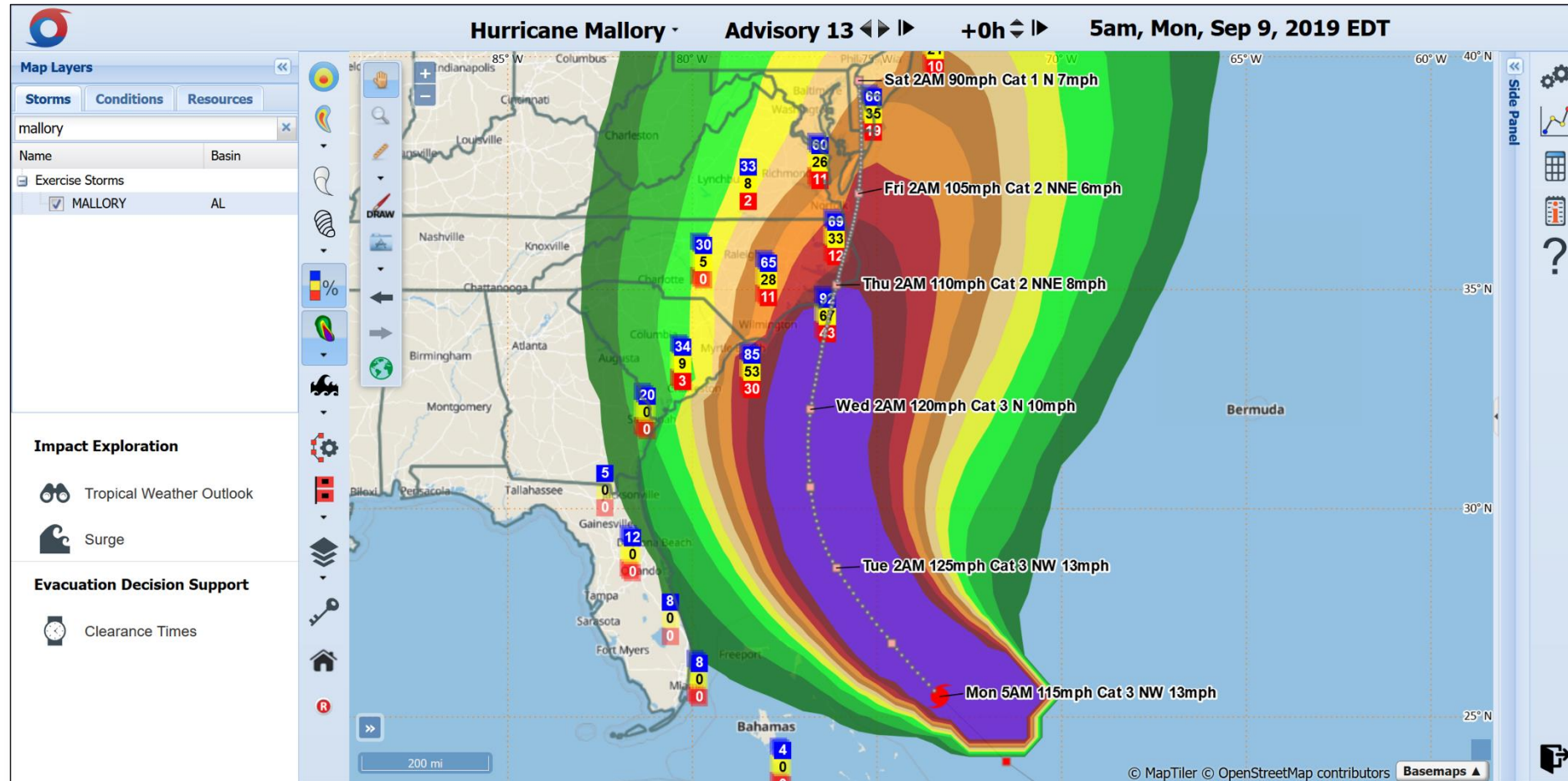
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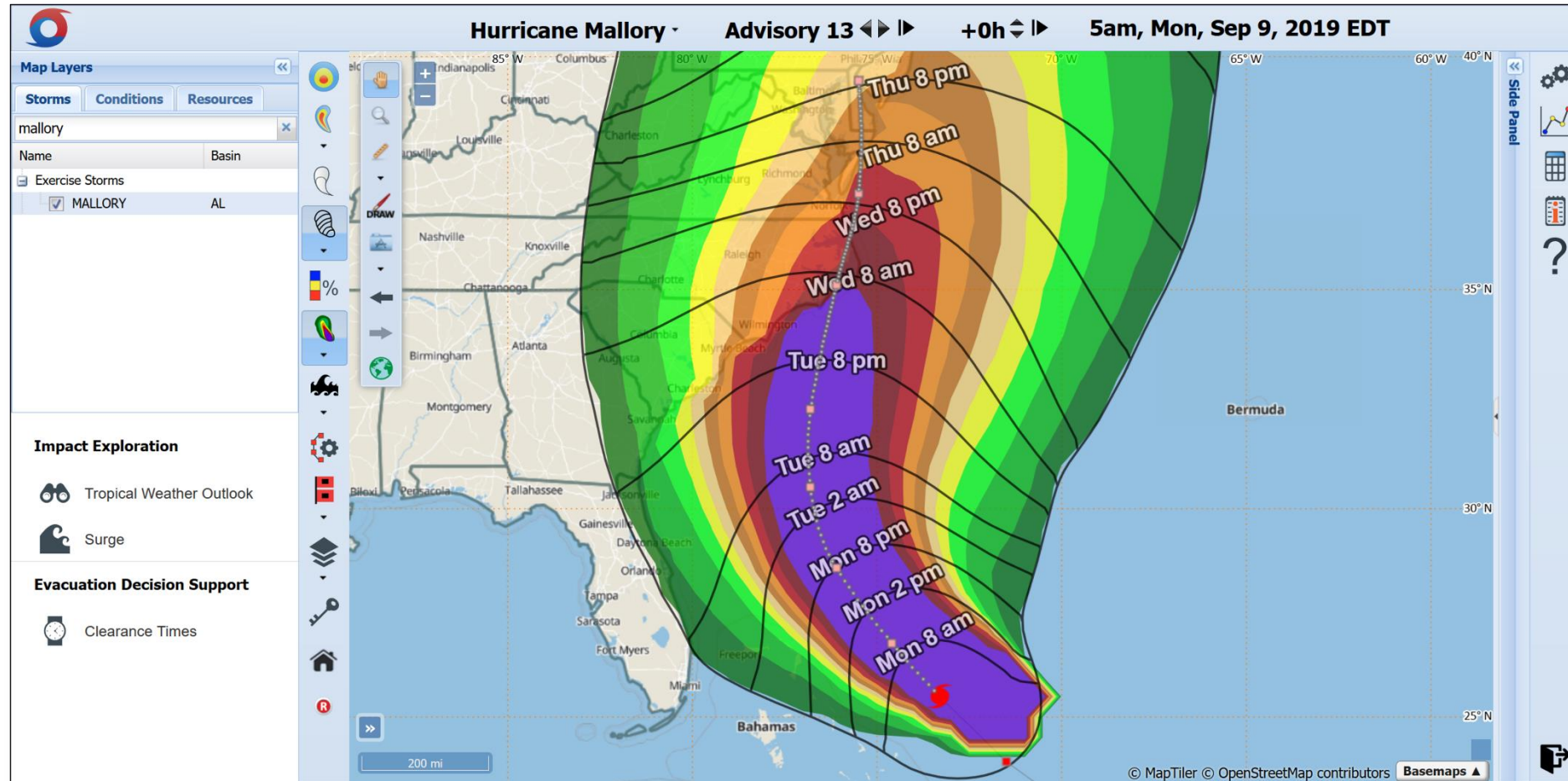
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Wind Threat - Time of Arrival



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Wind Timing – Single Location



Wind Timing at Location MALLORY #13

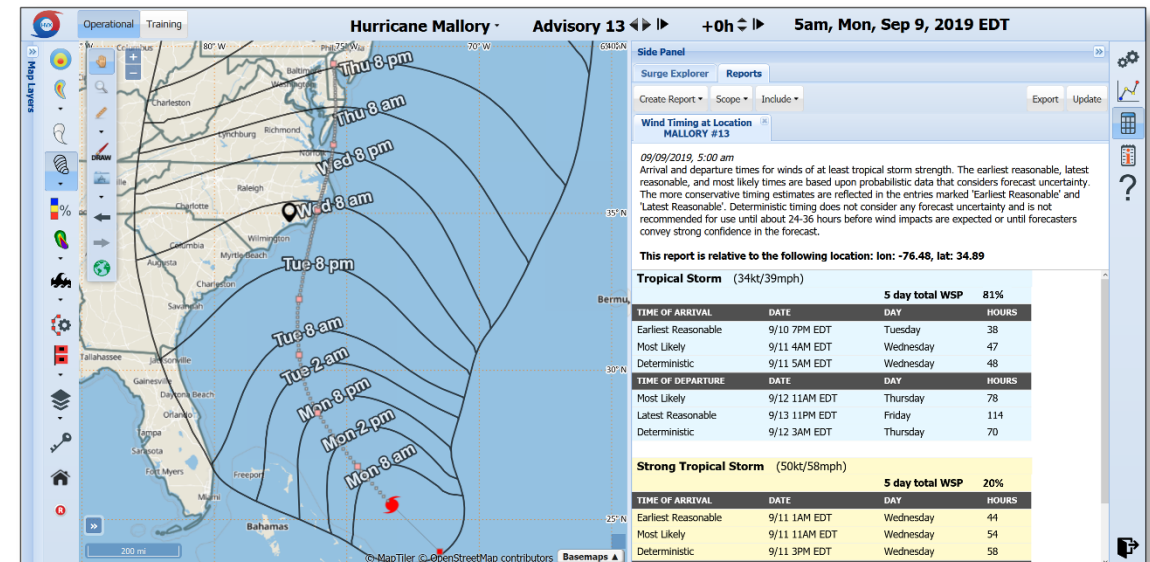
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Arrival and departure times for winds of at least tropical storm strength. The earliest reasonable, latest reasonable, and most likely times are based upon probabilistic data that considers forecast uncertainty.

This report is relative to the following location: lon: -76.48, lat: 34.89

Tropical Storm (34kt/39mph)

5 day total WSP				81%
TIME OF ARRIVAL	DATE	DAY	HOURS	
Earliest Reasonable	9/10 7PM EDT	Tuesday	38	
Most Likely	9/11 4AM EDT	Wednesday	47	
Deterministic	9/11 5AM EDT	Wednesday	48	
TIME OF DEPARTURE	DATE	DAY	HOURS	
Most Likely	9/12 11AM EDT	Thursday	78	
Latest Reasonable	9/13 11PM EDT	Friday	114	
Deterministic	9/12 3AM EDT	Thursday	70	



Wind Timing – All Affected Areas

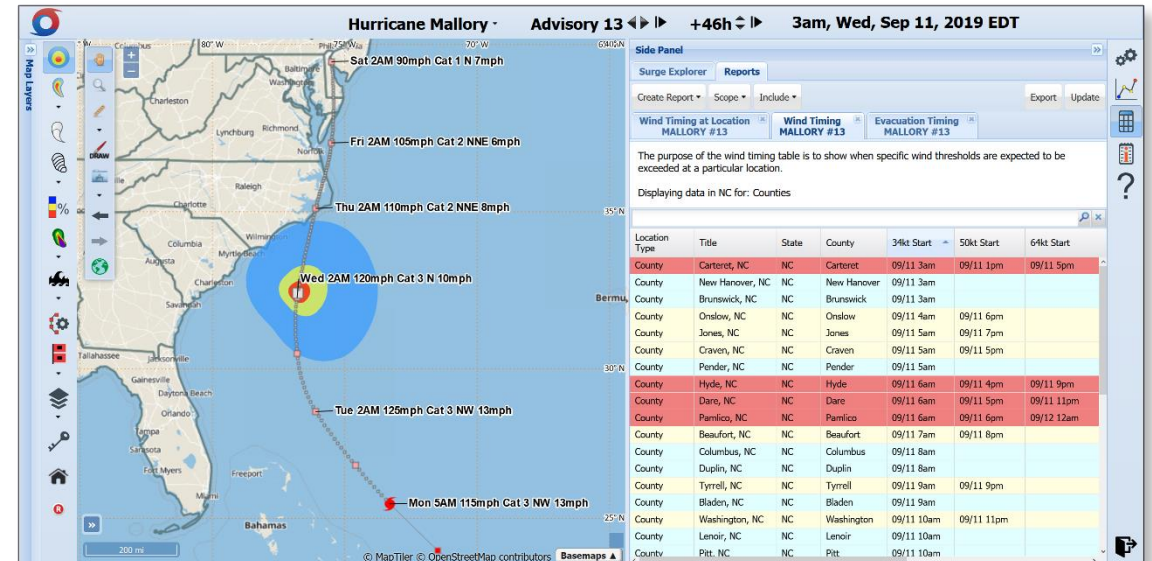


Wind Timing MALLORY #13

The purpose of the wind timing table is to show when specific wind thresholds are expected to be exceeded at a particular location.

Displaying data in NC for: Counties

State	County	34kt Start	50kt Start	64kt Start	64kt End	50kt End	34kt End
NC	Carteret	09/11 3am	09/11 1pm	09/11 5pm	09/12 3am	09/12 3am	09/12 3am
NC	New Hanover	09/11 3am					09/12 3am
NC	Brunswick	09/11 3am					09/12 3am
NC	Onslow	09/11 4am	09/11 6pm			09/11 10pm	09/12 3am
NC	Jones	09/11 5am	09/11 7pm			09/12 12am	09/12 3am
NC	Craven	09/11 5am	09/11 5pm			09/12 3am	09/12 3am
NC	Pender	09/11 5am					09/12 3am
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NC	Pamlico	09/11 6am	09/11 6pm	09/12 12am	09/12 3am	09/12 3am	09/12 3am
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NC	Duplin	09/11 8am					09/12 3am



Evacuation Start Times



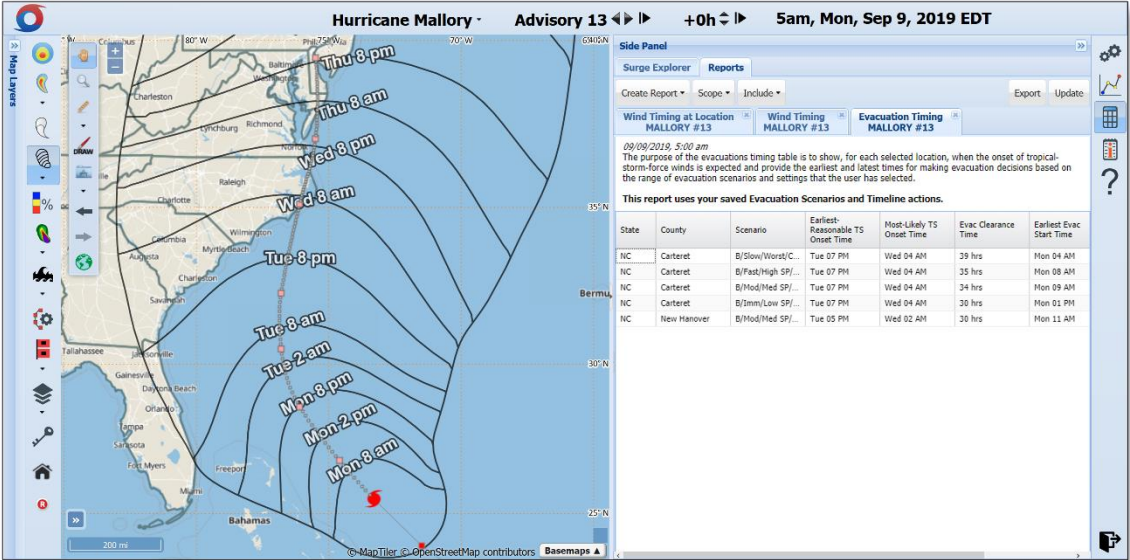
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NC	Carteret	B/Slow/Worst/County	Tue 07 PM	Wed 04 AM	39 hrs	Mon 04 AM	Mon 01 PM	93
NC	Carteret	B/Mod/Med SP/County	Tue 07 PM	Wed 04 AM	35 hrs	Mon 08 AM	Mon 05 PM	93
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Calculating Evacuation Start Time



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HAZARDS

**Storm
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**Arrival Time of
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PLANNING SCENARIOS

HES Data

(Hurricane Evacuation Study)
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**Clearance Time
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EVACUATION

**Evacuation
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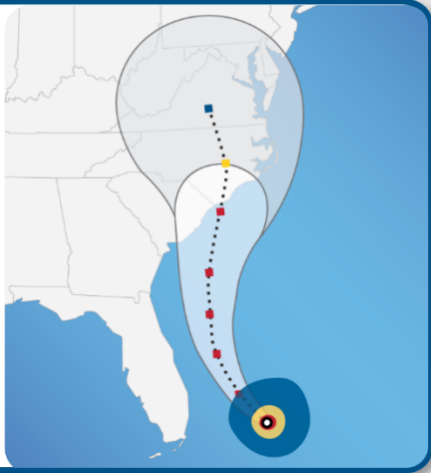
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**Storm
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47 Hours

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CATEGORY 3

**Clearance Time
Scenario**



39 Hours

EVACUATION

**Evacuation
Start Time**



8 Hours

Evacuation Scenarios



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Evacuation Scenarios

Timeline Actions

Timing Arcs

State: North Carolina

County: Carteret

Use Base Location

HURREVAC makes recommendations for evacuation start times based on how long it takes to evacuate a vulnerable population ahead of the arrival of tropical-storm-force winds (34kt/39mph). To utilize this capability of the program, you must first select one or more evacuation scenarios from a region's Hurricane Evacuation Study. Refer to the Study's technical data report, or ask your state's Hurricane Program Manager for guidance on making selections appropriate to a particular storm situation.

[Technical Data Report](#)

Total Evacuation hours: 39

Scenario: Scenario B

Response: Slow (9 hour) response

Seasonal Population: Worst-case number of evacuees from seasonal population

Scope of Reported Time: Time to evacuate the county

Scenario already saved

Evacuation Start Times (cont.)



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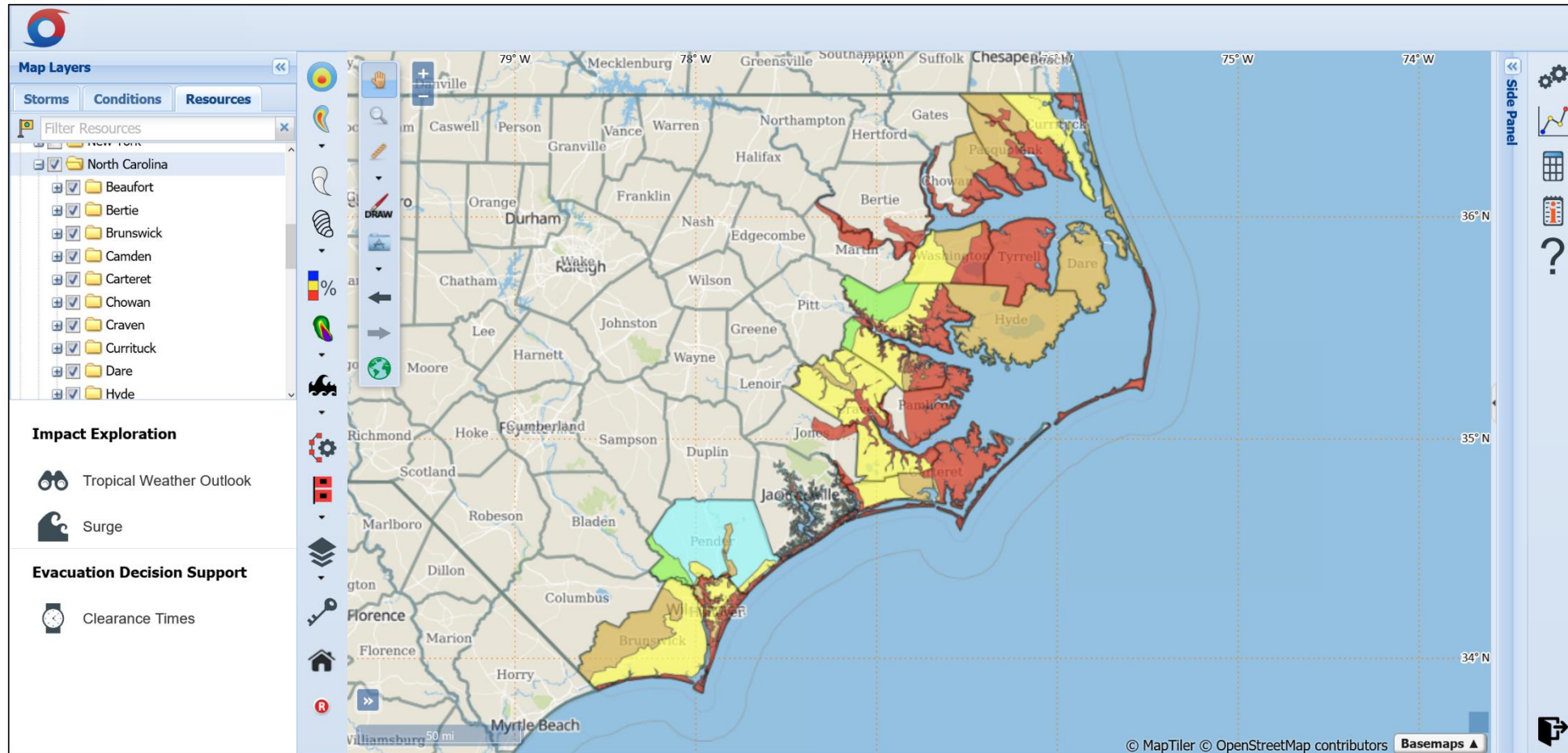
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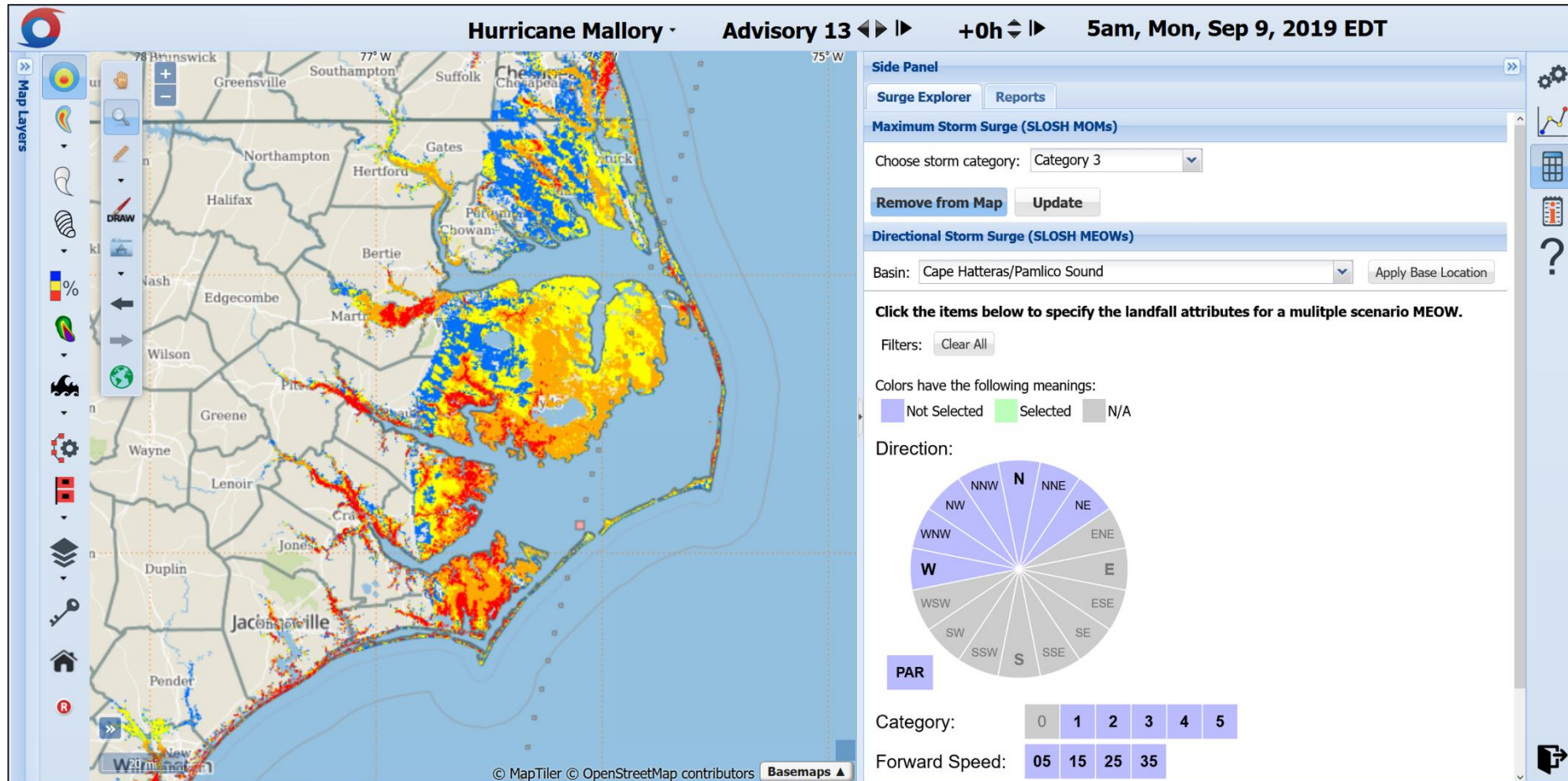
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Surge Threat – SLOSH MOMs



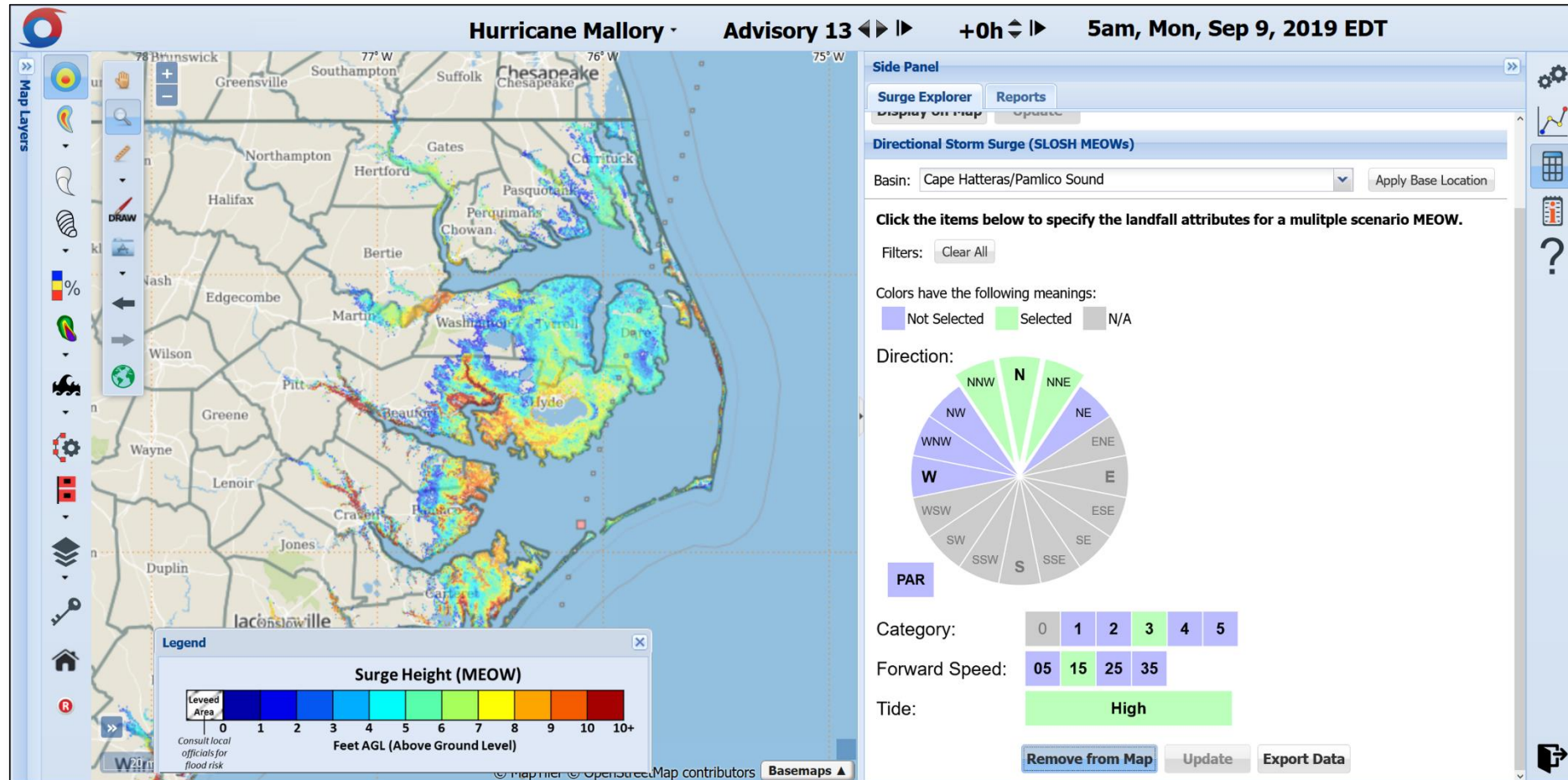
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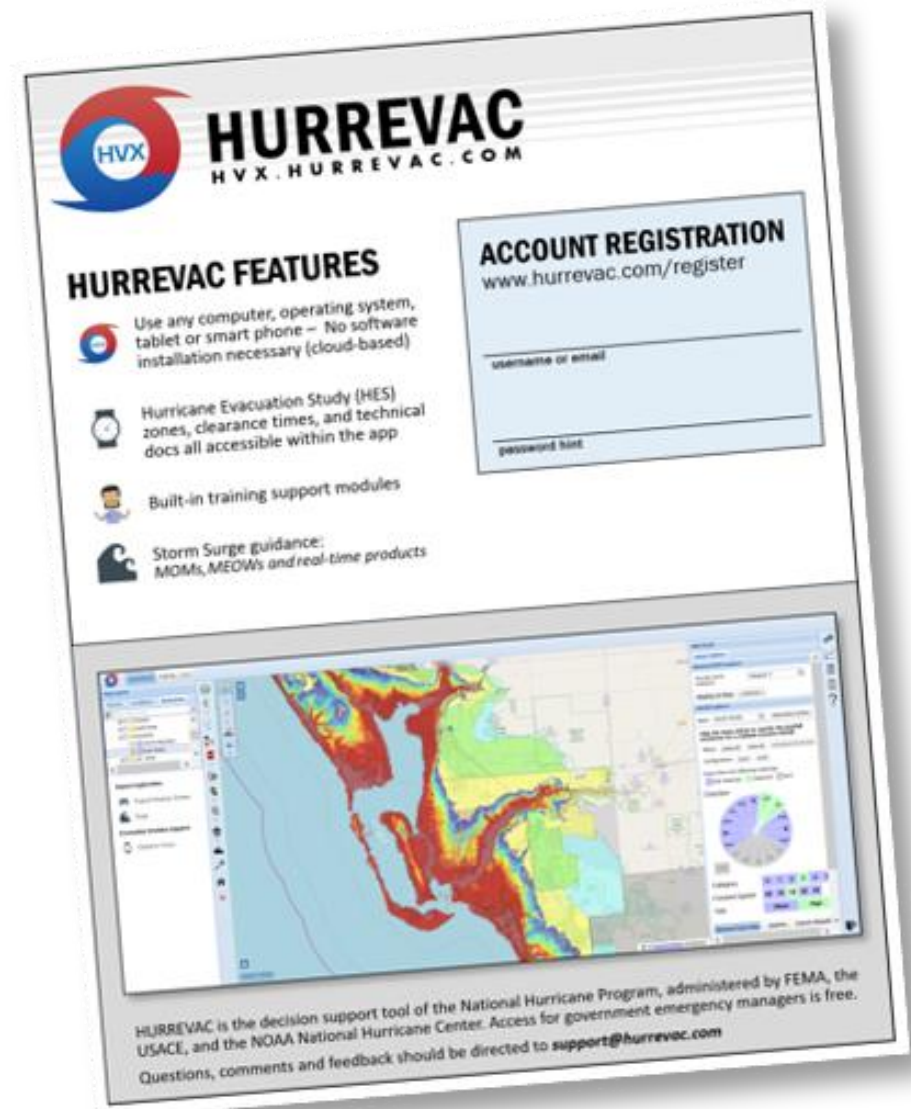


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Making Better Decisions – HLT



FAQs

- Confidence? Contingencies?
- What is the forecast/evacuation timing?
- Can we get a briefing?

- **Hurricane Liaison Team**

Background

- Initial idea arose in the early 1990s
- Proven during response to the 1995 Hurricane Season
 - Erin and Opal
- Formalized in 1996
 - Request from Governor of Florida to FEMA and NHC Director



Mission



“The Hurricane Liaison Team’s mission is to improve our Nation’s capability to respond to hurricanes through the rapid exchange of critical information between the National Hurricane Center and Federal, State, Local, Tribal and Territorial emergency managers.”

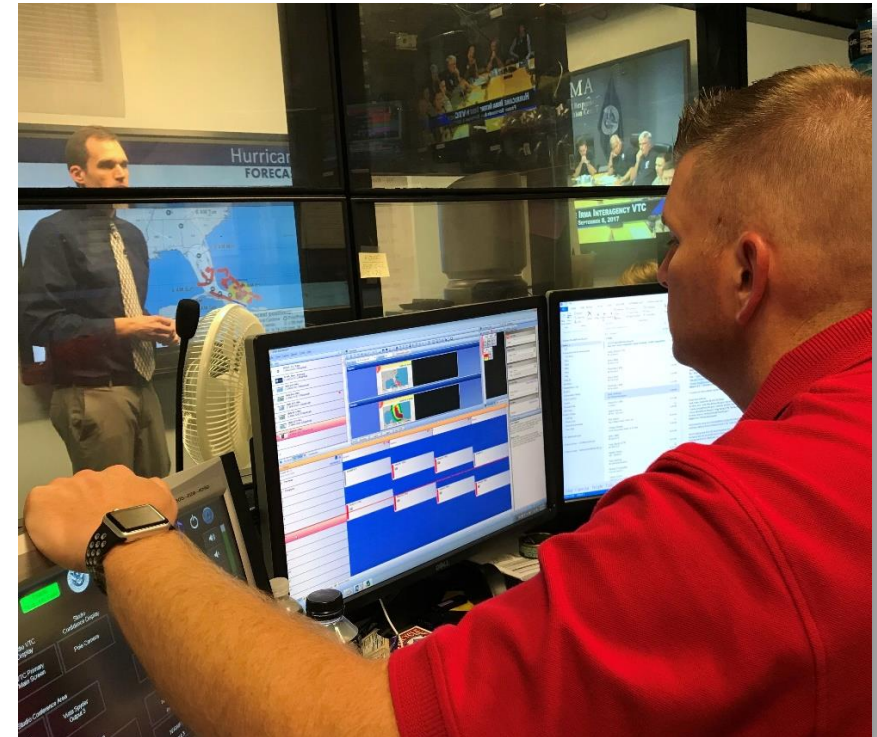


Rapid Communications



Partnership between the NWS and FEMA

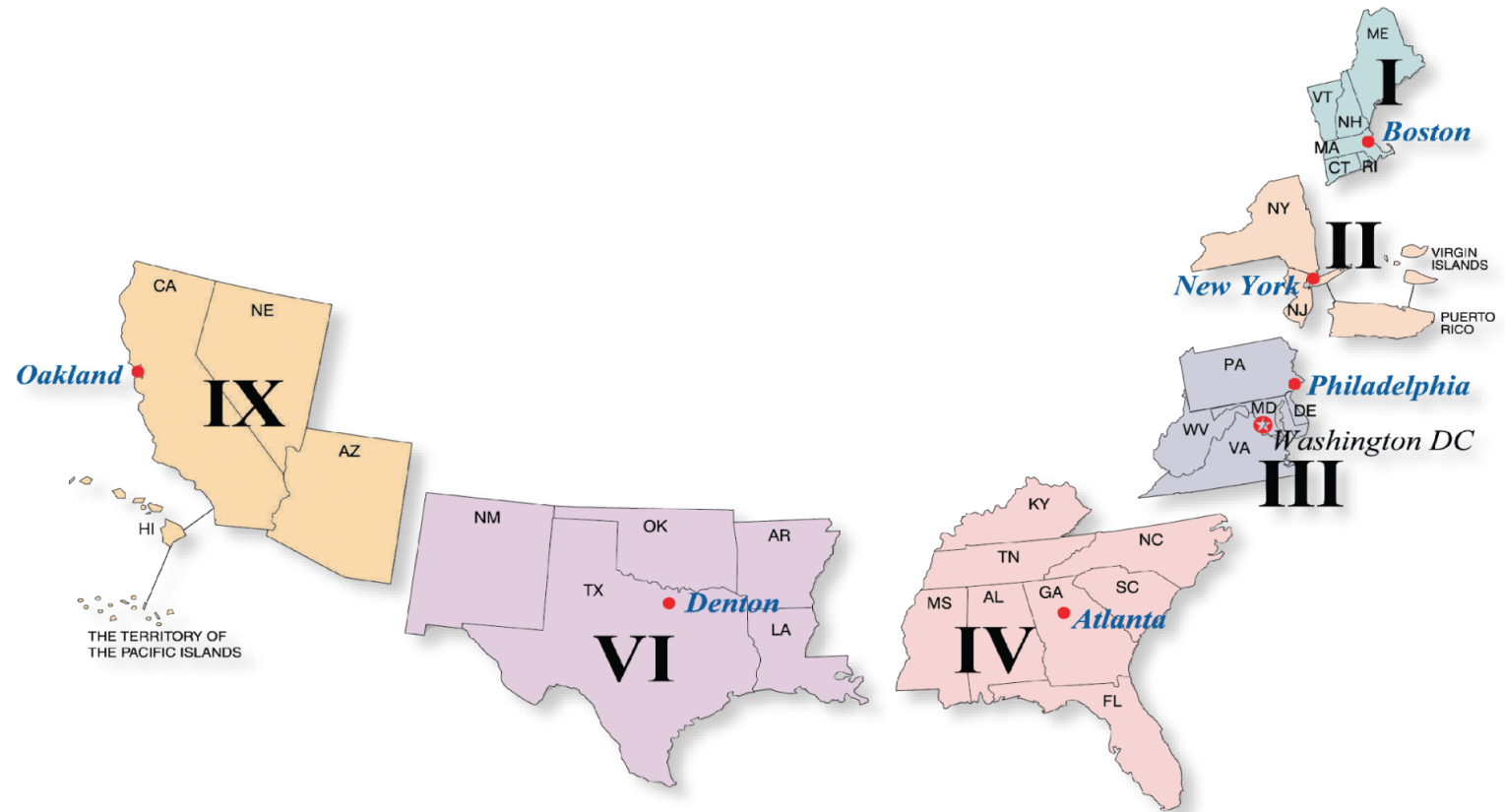
- FEMA Hurricane Program Managers
- FEMA Reservists
- NWS meteorologists and hydrologist



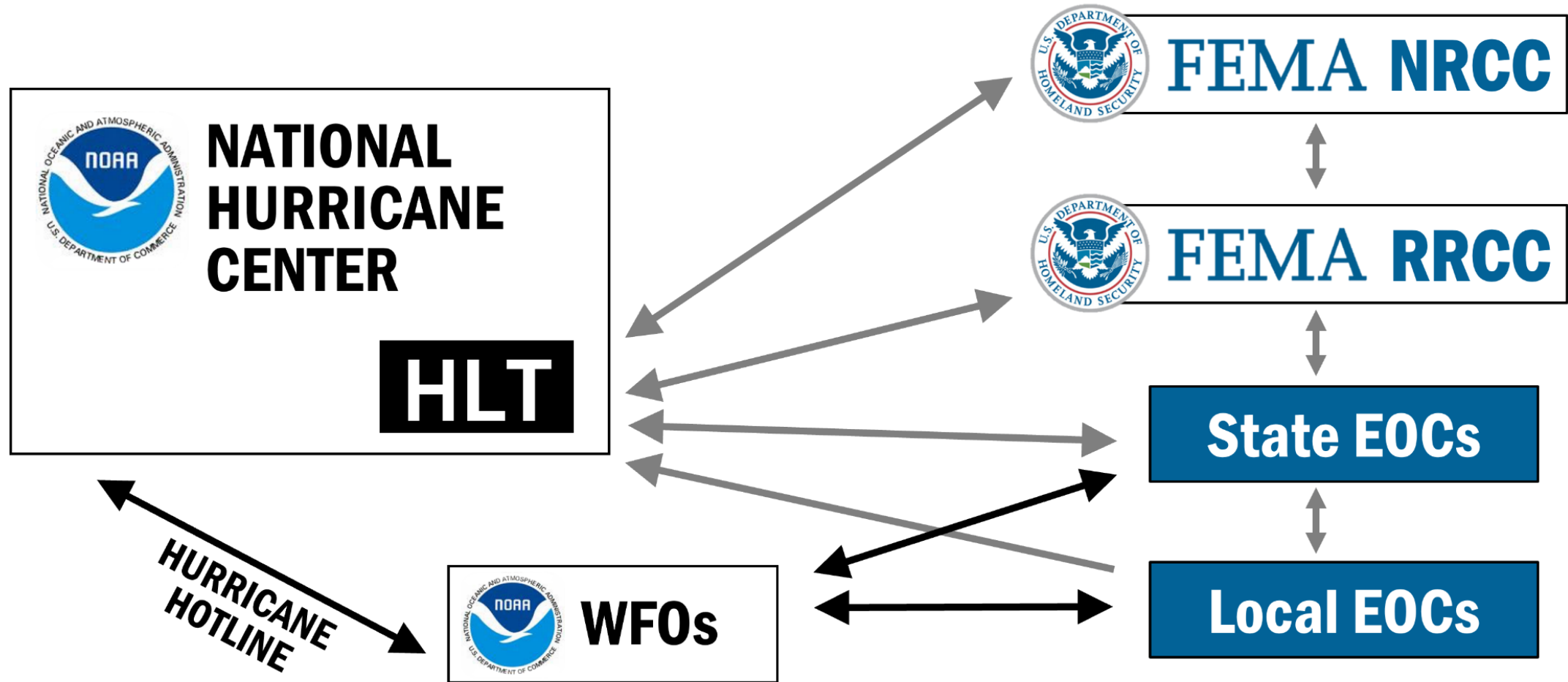
Regional Hurricane Program Manager (HPM)



- Technical Knowledge
- State/Local Relationships
- Deploy to NHC



Communication Flowchart



Responsibilities

- Real-time interpretation, assessment and guidance;
 - Apply NHC forecasts with Regional, State and local response evacuation plans
- Forum for EMs to ask questions,
 - Reinforce decisions;
 - Assist with use of NHC forecasts and predictive modeling
- Provide NHC visibility on State and local protective actions
 - Improve messaging



Responsibilities – Comms

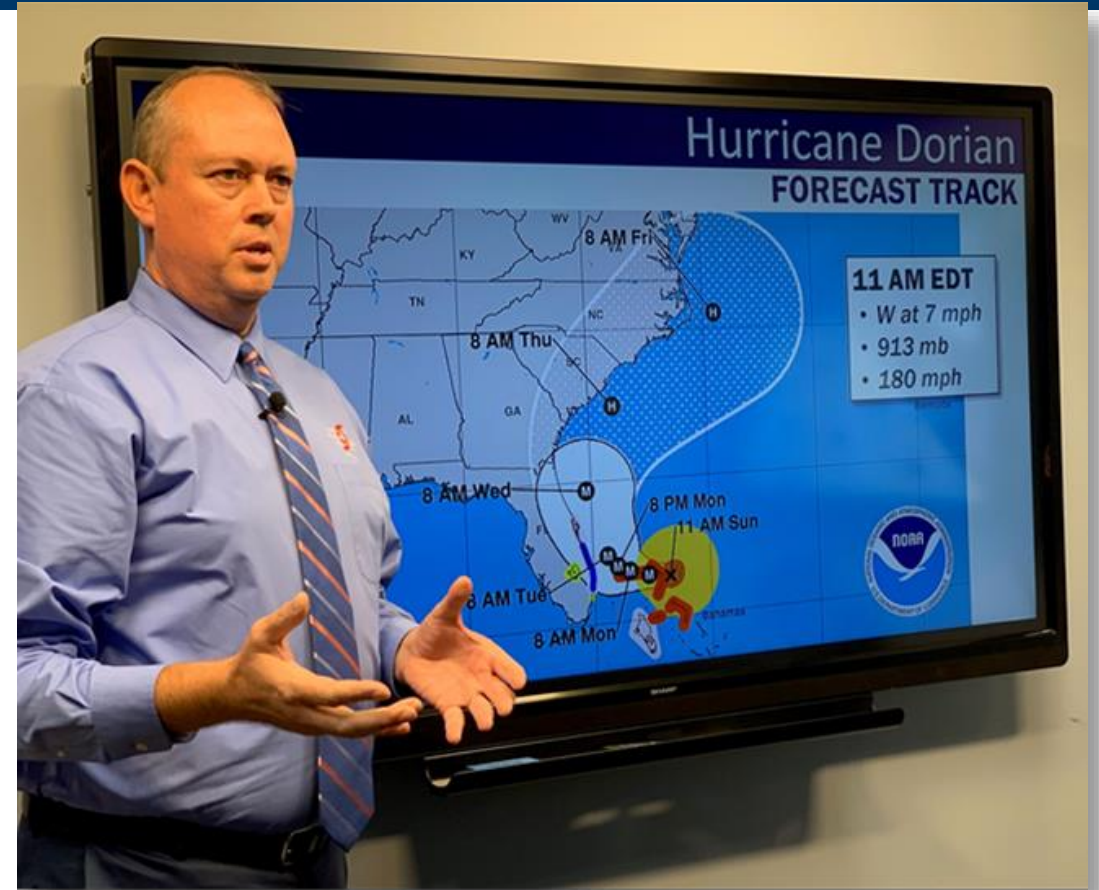


Facilitate two-way communications

- Between the NHC and EMs
- Common forecast picture
- Relay EM issues to improve NWS/NHC messaging

Video/Teleconferences

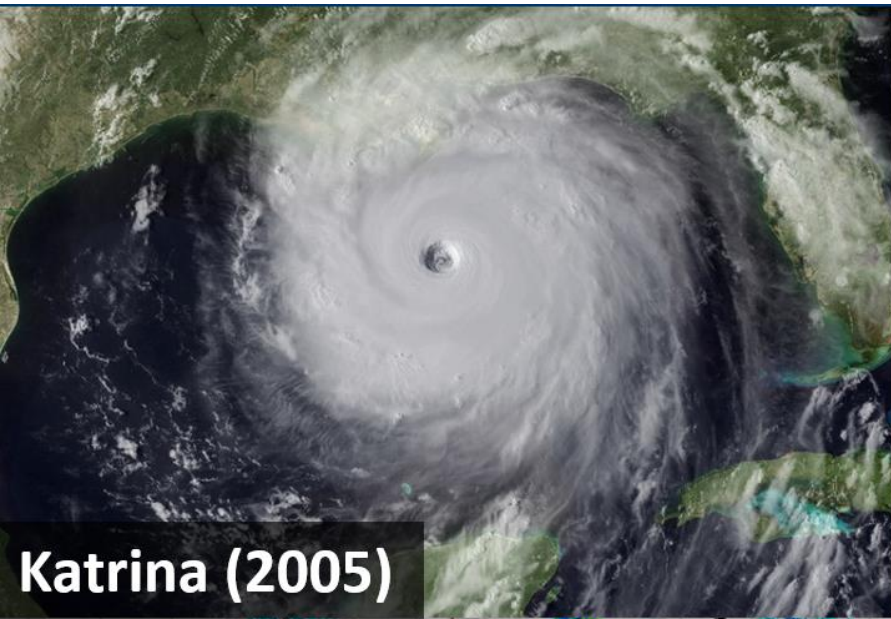
- NHC/NWS
FEMA and other Federal
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Emergency Operations Centers
(EOCs)



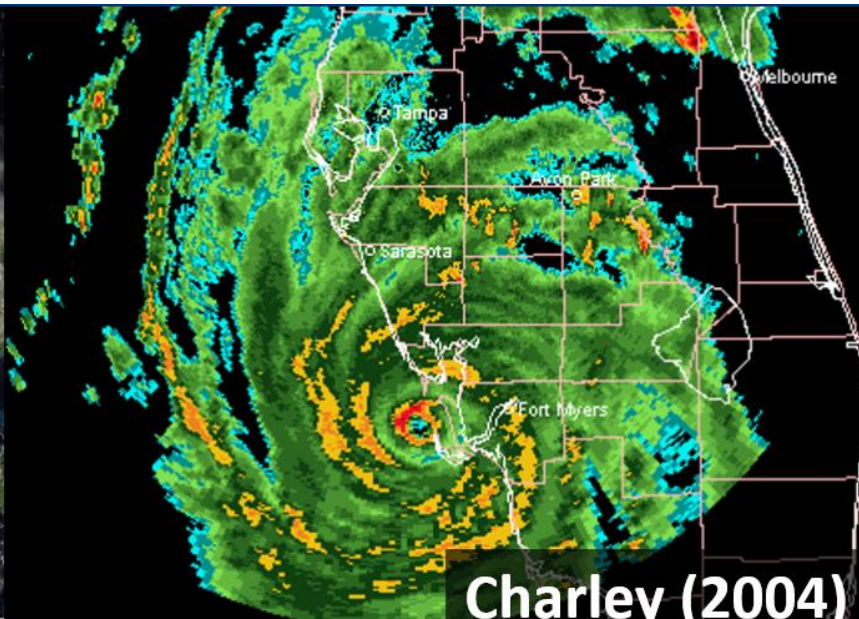
HLT: Recent Storm Examples



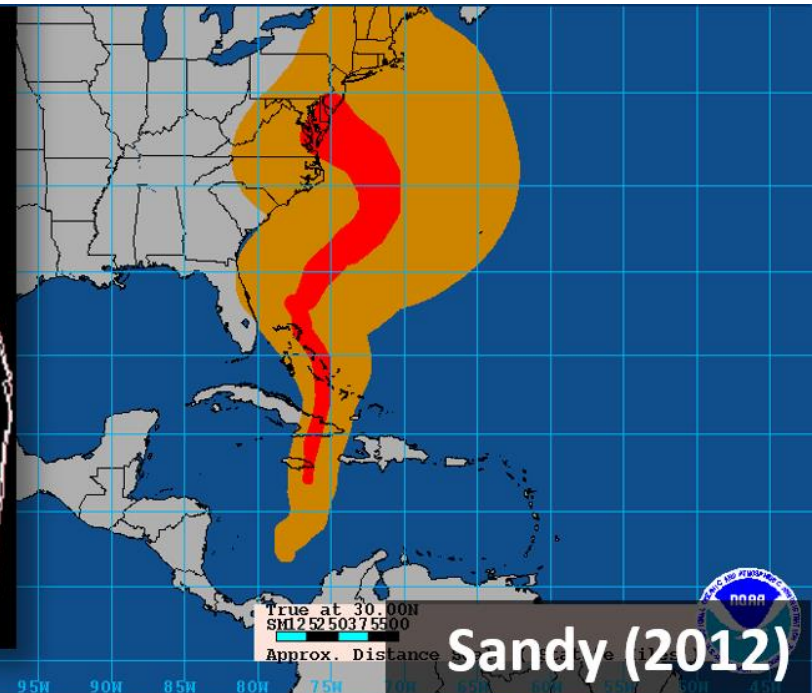
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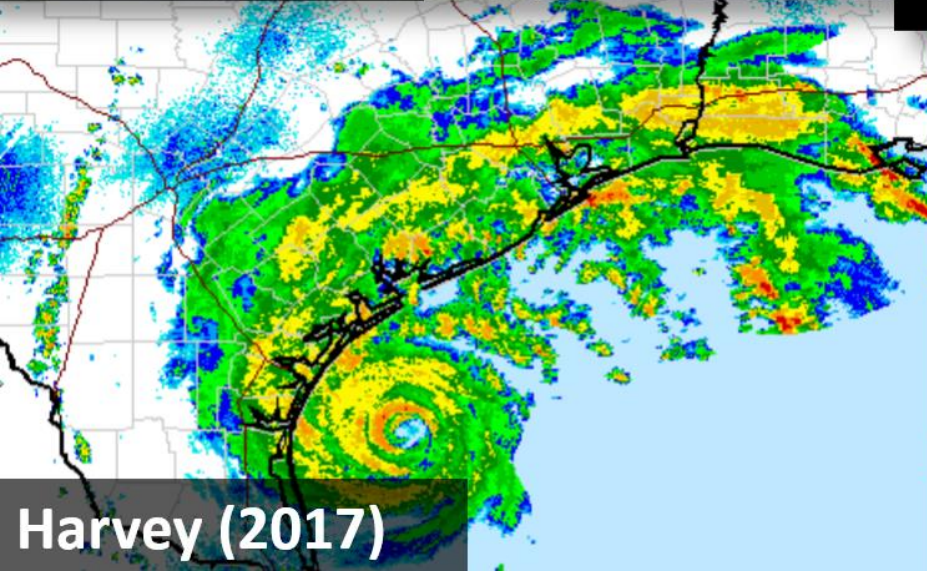
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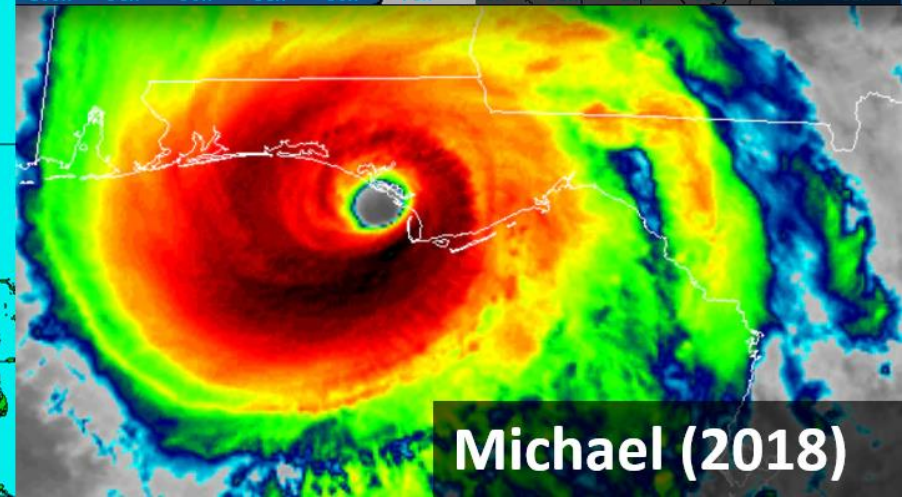
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Michael (2018)

Questions/Comments



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