



SITUATION REPORT No. 3

Tropical Storm Rita

The Florida State Emergency Response Team

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State Emergency Operations Center Level: **1**

Operational Period: September 19, 2005 0700 Hrs. – September 20, 2005 0700 Hrs.



CURRENT SITUATION

The State Emergency Operations Center is currently at Level 1 activation and continuing to prepare for Tropical Storm Rita's possible landfall in the southeast Florida Peninsula and Florida Keys region.

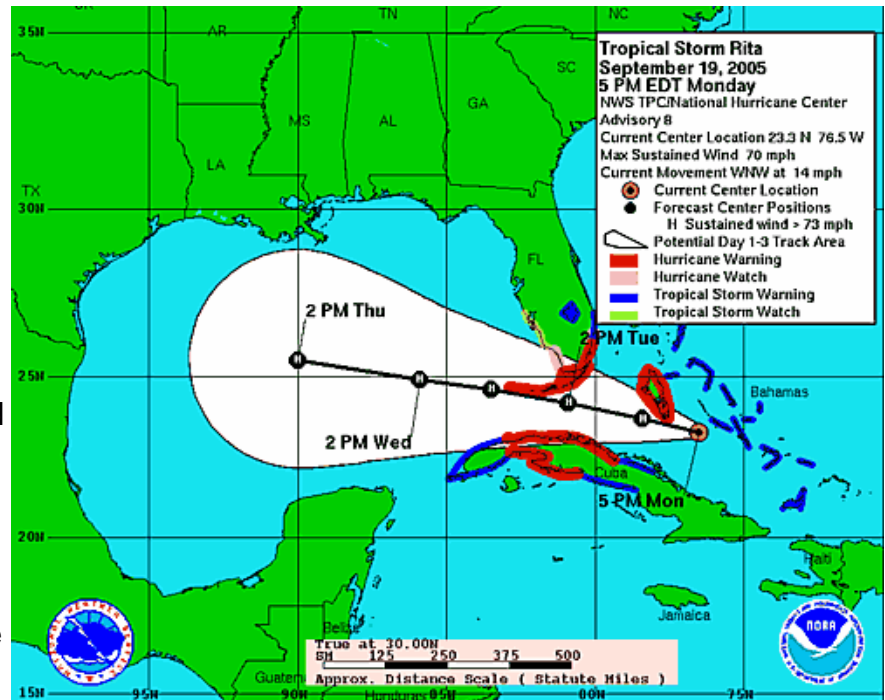
WEATHER SUMMARY:

FLORIDA

Rita has wobbled westward during the past few hours. A motion toward the west-northwest near 13 mph is expected to resume later tonight and continue for the next 24 hours. On this track, the center of Rita will pass over or near Andros Island in the Bahamas tonight and approach the Florida keys Tuesday Morning. Maximum sustained winds are near 70 mph with higher gusts. Some strengthening is forecast during the next 24 hours

and Rita is expected to become a hurricane later tonight.

Tropical storm force winds extend outward up to 105 miles from the center. Storm surge flooding of 6 to 9 feet above normal tide levels, along with large and dangerous battering waves, are possible in the Florida Keys in areas of onshore flow. Coastal storm surge flooding of 3 to 5 feet is possible along the extreme southeastern Florida coast and in the northwestern Bahamas. Rita is expected to produce total rainfall accumulations of 4 to 6 Inches over the southeastern and central Bahamas, with possible Isolated maximum amounts of 8 inches. Rainfall accumulations of 3 to 6 inches are possible for eastern Cuba. Storm totals of 6 to 10 inches, with isolated maximum amounts of 15 inches, will be possible in the Florida Keys and central and northwestern Cuba, with 3 to 5 inches possible across the southern Florida peninsula. Isolated tornadoes are possible later tonight and Tuesday over the Florida Keys and the southern Florida peninsula.



County Actions:

County	EOC Level	Shelters	Government Closings	Schools Closings
Monroe	Full	3	Closed until 9/19/05	Closed until 9/21/05
Miami Dade		3		
Collier				
Broward	2			

Counties with shelters on stand-by

County	Number of Shelters	Total Capacity
Palm Beach	3	885
• Seminole	1 (awaiting American Red Cross response)	
• Orange County	1	100
Martin	1	350
Lee	1	3,000

- Additionally, Orlando/Orange County Convention and Visitor's Bureau has an initial report for 96 properties reporting in, the following is a breakdown of availability:
 - 4,942 Rooms available on Monday
 - 4,128 Rooms available on Tuesday
 - 4,550 Rooms available on Wednesday
 - 5,156 Rooms available on Thursday

Monroe-

- Monroe County began mandatory Category 3 evacuations for persons from 7 mile bridge southward.
- Mandatory evacuation of the upper Keys for vulnerable populations in low lying areas, non-residents, boat residents, mobile homes, and structurally unsound homes.
- Special Needs Shelter opened, evacuations to Florida International University at noon this date.
- Medi-evac and busses will be used to move special needs patients.
- Tolls (north bound only) have been lifted on Card Sound Road and north of Miami.
- Traffic counters activated throughout southern Florida.
- C-130 from the N.C. Air National Guard will transport patients from the Lower Keys Medical center to Highlands County.

Miami- Dade-

- Evacuating the patients on ventilators and oxygen
- Mandatory evacuation of Low Lying Areas, and Unsafe structures
- Anticipate a voluntary evacuation for Zone A beginning at 6:00PM this date.

Collier-

- Monitoring Tropical Strom Rita
- Ready to assist counties

STATE ACTIONS:

- The State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) is activated at a **Level 1** and is operational 24 hours daily.

- SERT Liaisons in Monroe (2) and Miami-Dade Counties.
- RECON enroute to the National Weather Service Office at Key West.
- RECON Teams enroute to Homestead.
- Search and Rescue Teams planning to move into the Keys from Homestead.
- Re-locating resources from the Mississippi area of operations to Tallahassee for re-deployment to south Florida.
- Conference calls held at 1115 hrs and 1715 hrs daily between Rita Command, the National Hurricane Center, and Florida's counties.

Executive Orders: Governor Bush has executed the following Executive Order(s):

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER	DATE SIGNED	PURPOSE
EO # 05-183	9/18/2005	State of Emergency – Tropical Storm Rita

SERT REPORTS:

OPERATIONS SECTION: (SUPPORT OF OUT –STATE MISSIONS)

Emergency Services Branch:

ESF #13- Military Support

- Closely monitoring TS Rita
- Troops available: 7,000 plus to support emergency operations in Florida as needed
- Aviation assets available: 8 x UH-60, 2 x CH-47 (1 needs F/E), 3 x OH-58, 1 x C12, 1 x C23, 1 x C-130 & 1 x C-26
- Planning cells for major commands are activated
- Task Force 164th is mobilizing and will forward deploy to Homestead Airforce Base in order to quickly deploy to
- Florida Keys in support of security and humanitarian aid missions.
- Mobilizing numerous forces for support at the SEOC

ESF #4 & 9- Fire Fighting and Search & Rescue

- SAR Teams alerted
- IMT Teams on standby
- Two Liaisons moving to the Monroe County area for staging
- Assembling resources for immediate response into any impacted areas

ESF #8- Health and Medical

- Monroe Co. has the following facilities, all are evacuating:
2 Nursing Homes
3 Assisted Living Facilities (ALF)
4 Hospitals
Dade has 836 Available hospital beds
Broward 605 Available hospital beds
- Hospital Evacuations
Hospital/ Number of Patients/ Evacuated to:

- Lower Keys Medical Center/ 14 Patients/ Highlands Regional Medical Center
- Depoo Hospital/ 2 psych patients/ Riverside Behavioral Center at Charlotte Regional Medical Center
- Fishermens Hospital/ 2 Patients/ Highlands Regional Medical Center, Baptist Hospital of Miami
- Mariner's Hospital/ 5 Patients/ Baptists Hospital of Miami Hospice Patients
- 15 cases Brain and Spinal Cord Injuries
- 14 cases Pediatric
- Dialysis Patients 32
- Received Dialysis today
- Activate Emergency Treatment Plan
- Finalizing ESF8 Component of Key's ESF8 Re-entry Plan

ESF #10- Hazardous Materials

- Monroe County State Parks Closed 9/18
- Environmental Response personnel identified and prestaged in Miami-Dade area
- US Coast Guard representative from the 7th District enroute Tallahassee
- Established contact with US EPA representatives regarding support

Human Services Branch:

ESF #6- Mass Care

- Coordinating with Red Cross and Salvation Army
- Responding to evacuation of Monroe County
- 3 general population shelters and 1 SN shelter open in Miami-Dade
- 4 shelters on Standby in Broward, 1 in Martin

ESF #11- Food and Water

- Working with Forestry to set up pre-mobilization area at South Florida Fairgrounds, West Palm Beach
- Approximate 120 trucks of ice in storage in state; uploading & deploying 50 to Palm Beach mobe area in preparation for response to Rita
- Inventory of 229 trucks of water in state; uploading and deploying 50 to Palm Beach mobilization area
- Additional ESF 11 staff scheduled for duty at EOC

ESF #15- Volunteers and Donations

- Coordinating with ESF 2 on potential need for Volunteer & Donations Hotline

ESF #17- Animals and Agriculture

- Incident Management Team assemble in South Florida
- Continuing to monitor Tracker EMAC requests

Infrastructure Branch:

ESF #1&3- Public Works & Engineering

- Working with our fueling partners to develop potential fueling plans

- Sending one rotary wing and two ground recon teams to S. Florida
- Toll Suspensions:
 - N. Bound tolls suspended from US 1 Fl. City to Boynton Beach Fl.
 - S. Bound tolls suspended from Broward Miami-Dade line to U.S. 1 Florida City
 - N. Bound tolls suspended on Sawgrass Expressway in Broward county
 - W. Bound tolls suspended on Alligator Alley/I-75
 - All tolls suspended on Venetian and Rickenbacker Causeway
 - W. Bound tolls on Gratigney Expressway

ESF #2- Communications

- Pre-staging current communications assets
- Deployed SAT and CELL phones for RITA

ESF #12- Energy

Fuels

- Contracts for dedicated tankers for 1st Responders are in place
- 3 tankers at FDOT Maint. Yard South Dade
- 1 tanker enroute Key West to NWS Office
- Port Everglades is at condition Yankee and product stored is near 100%, estimated 5 million gallons of product
- All retail stations surveyed report plenty of fuels on hand in Southeast Florida Some panic buying observed in South Dade

Electricity

- Electric Utility Companies preparing for Rita landfall
- Turkey Point and St. Lucie (NPP) have declared event status

LOGISTIC SECTION:

- Warning Order to FLANG to prepare to stand up 120 PAX
- ARF to FEMA for Homestead ARB as LSA
- West Palm Beach Fairgrounds MOB area- to begin receiving product 9/20 8AM
- DoF Type III IMT on site at West Palm to receive trucks 9/19 PM
- Coordinating with ESF-11 on Ice & Water movements
- Preparing to stand up Movement Coordination Centers at multiple locations in support of Land Air and Sea movements
- Activated Type I LSA package to MOB area

ADMINISTRATION/FINANCE SECTION:

- Continue with purchasing needs
- Continue to track costs

PUBLIC INFORMATION:

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RECOVERY SECTION:

- Deploying SERT Liaisons to four counties (Monroe, Palm Beach, Miami-Dade and Broward Counties), see tracker message #27 for Roster---in conjunction with Ops Support
- Staffing Recovery Desk and Recovery Operations Room and EMAC, Emergency Services, Documentation and others

INFORMATION & PLANNING SECTION:

Intel Packages (Summary of Key Issues, Forecast Reports, Incident Action Plans (IAP), Resource Deployment reports, Pre/Post Indicator reports), Situation and Flash Reports are being developed and published as scheduled. Counties are reminded to email their Situation Reports to

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