# Hurricane Maria Restoration Efforts

**TEAM ARECIBO** 





### Working together to restore Puerto Rico

# Working together to restore power to the people of Puerto Rico.



One team one mission!

















# Hurricane Irma – September 6<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>

Huge Category 5 storm whose eye passed just north of the island. That storm

 which had ravaged several Caribbean islands — left 1 million people
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# Hurricane Maria – September 20th

#### The Storm's Impact in Puerto Rico



- Powerful Category 4 hurricane with 150 mph winds
- Made <u>direct landfall</u> on Puerto Rico, bisecting the entire island
- Drenching rains

### More than 1.5M customers were without power



# **Hurricane Maria Facts & Figures**

# On September 20, Maria made landfall in Puerto Rico as a Category 4 hurricane with maximum sustained winds of 155 mph.

100% loss of generation PREPA has

2,400

miles of
transmission
lines, of which

89%
were damaged

PREPA has

30,000

miles of
distribution
lines, of which

80%

were damaged

51,850
poles and
5,473
miles of
wire
were
delivere
d to the
island
(as of April
24)

33.3
million+
pieces of
material
were
received
by USACE
in Puerto
Rico
(as of April
25)



### **Impacts**

#### Fresh water is scarce

- Over 1.5M electric customers out of power
- Significant water and food shortages
- 100's of generators were deployed by FEMA
  - Most hospitals on generators with limited fuel
- Communications challenges 1,360 of
   1,600 cellphone towers damages
- Being an island complicates assistance –
   supplies have to be flown or shipped in



A woman collects water from an open road drainage of a natural spring created by the landslides in a mountain next to a road in Corozal, southwest of San Juan. | Ricardo Arduengo/AFP/Getty Images



S Coast Guard personnel offload relief supplies at the San Juan International Airport on September 22, 20 aedle/Getty Images



# Hurricane Maria: Key Milestones

### Mutual Assistance Request & Response



#### OCTOBER 31

PREPA sends a letter to the Edison Electric Institute (EEi) and American Public Power Association (APPA) requesting help.

November 22

Governor Rosselle appoints Carlos Torres as the Power Restoration Coordinator (PRC). The PRC, EEI management team, FEMA, USACE and Governor Appointed Representative (GAR) draft the Unified Command Structure. November 27
The Power Restoration
Coordinator makes the
request for Incident
Management Team (IMT)
support.

Late November The new Unified Command Structure is approved.

OCTOBER 2017

NOVEMBER
2017



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#### **DECEMBER 8**

Regional IMTs are approved and arrive in Puerto Rico.

#### **DECEMBER 10**

The Power Restoration Coordinator makes his official request for industry line support.

#### **DECEMBER 16**

EEi identifies the companies volunteering line resources to travel to Puerto Rico and conducts the first coordination call.

#### LATE DECEMBER

Industry fleet vehicles begin to arrive at shipping ports to be transported to Puerto Rico. Nearly 20 barges carried more than 1,000 trucks and other equipment.

DECEMBER 2017 JANUARY 2018



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### Mutual Assistance Request & Response

### **Industry Response**



#### **JANUARY 7**

Thefirst EEimember company mutual assistance crews arrive on the island.



#### **JANUARY 23**

A majority of the EEi member company crews arrive on the island. About 1,500 lineworkers and support personnel were part of the first wave of deployment.

#### FEBRUARY 23

President Trump extends the 100- percent cost share for emergency power restoration for 60 days.

JANUARY 2018 FEBRUARY 2018



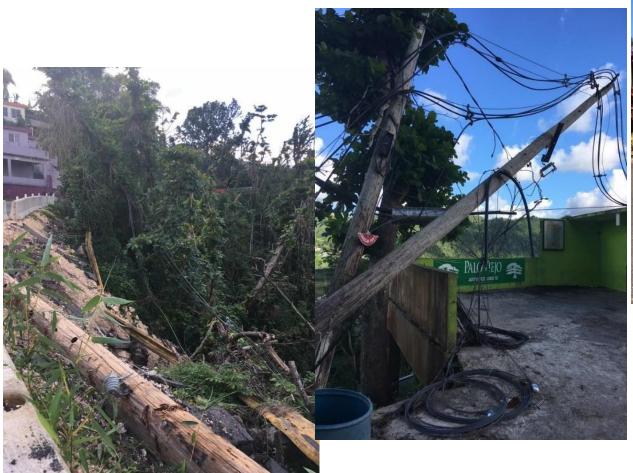
### **Who Went: Region Overview**



IMT teams on the ground December 8, 2017



# **Damages and destruction**







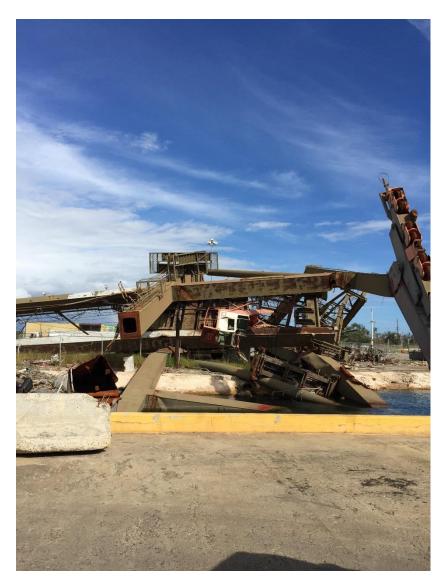
# **And more**















# PR Regions & Team Assignments











Above logos correspond to regional IMT organization

Arecibo - 153	Bayamon - 14
Oncor - 50	FPL - 100
Centerpoint - 53	APS - 30
OG&E - 50	TEC - 17

Carolina -158	<u>San Juan – 152</u>
Ameren – 58	Exelon - 100*
Dominion – 50	WEC Energy - 52
DTE - 50	*tentative

Ponce - 150	To Be Assigned
Duke – 150	Allete
	Consumers
	PSE&G

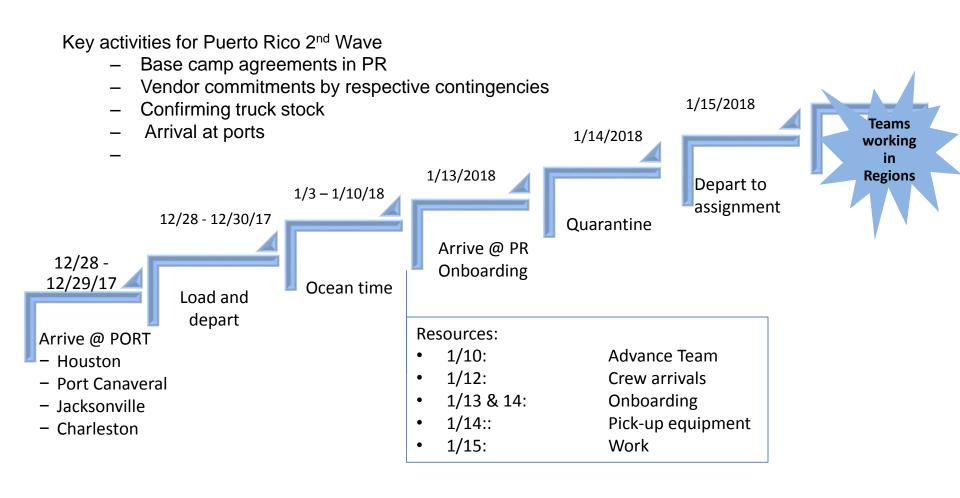
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PPL - 36 Xcel Energy - 52

Mayaguez - 124 Southern - 80 Puget Sound - 32 PGE (Portland) - 12



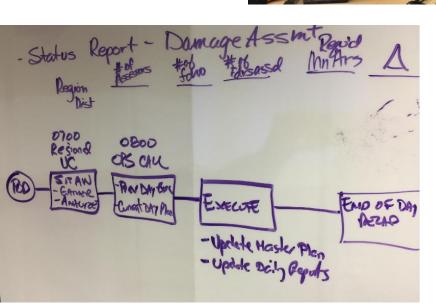
# Timeline for barging trucks and equipment

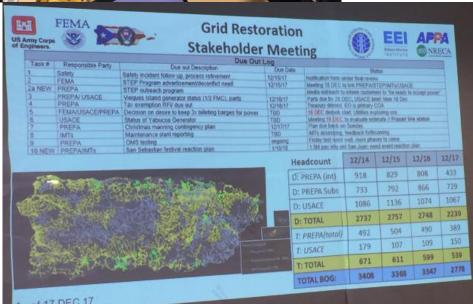




# **Small but mighty EOC**









# **Safety**

Don't travel alone

Communications – AT&T

#### **Vaccines**

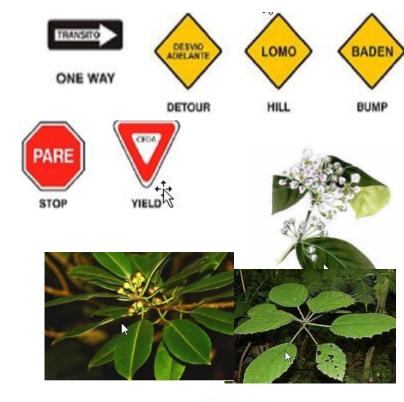
 Hepatitis A and B, Typhoid, Rabies, MMR

Driving: By far the greatest threat, much of the traffic infrastructure was not functioning and drivers don't follow fourway stop protocol.

- Terrain
- Dogs

Complacency

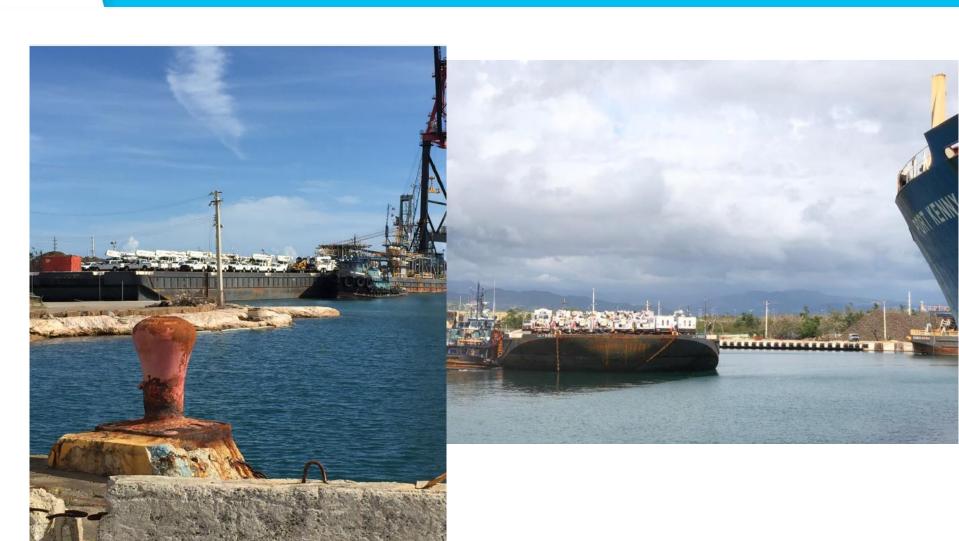
Poisonous Plants (12)
Dangerous animals and insects (10)







## **Barging crews in from Carolina's to Florida to Texas**





# **Setting up base Camps**







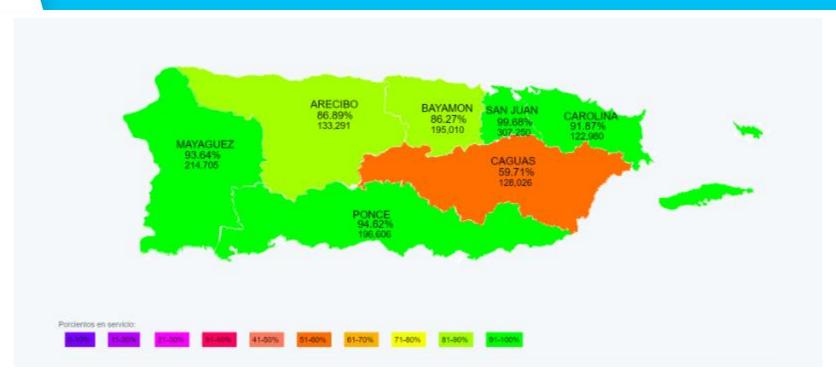
# **Challenges**

- Language
- Understanding the "corporate"
   culture is driven by the societal
   culture
- Multiple parties with multiple priorities and responsibilities
- Keep an eye on financial processes
- Material and Equipment





### **Current Situation – 2/27/2018**



175,000 still without service more than 160 days

# PG&E

### **Lessons Learned**

- Practice makes "better" never rest on laurels
- Collaboration is critical work at it during non-emergency days
- Clear roles & responsibilities are crucial ensures priorities are handled
- Strive to be open and transparent don't assume everyone knows your "business"
- Remember the "human" factor be aware of each other, stress, & impact
- Better to "give" than "receive" eventually we will all be in "need"
- Joint effort -



# The 1st Deployment: Establishing ICS



DAY 81 FOR PUERTO RICO, FOR 1 MILLION CLIENTS DAY 100

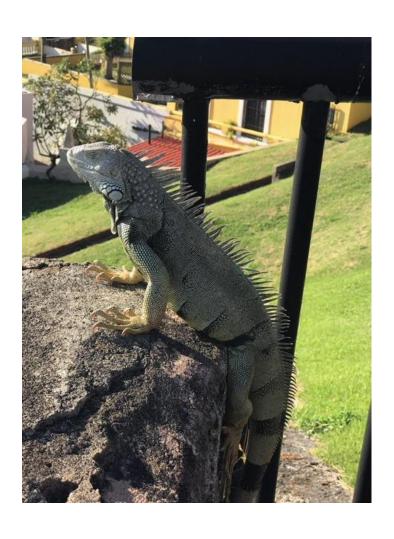


# The People and The Culture





# Some got left behind





# To a better tomorrow

