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# *Georgia's Irma Response*

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## ESF 12 in Georgia

- **GEFA is the lead ESF 12 coordinator**
- **GEFA staffs the State Operations Center during any activation requiring ESF 12**
- **GEFA works closely with private sector energy partners**



## Hurricane Irma

- Impacted every county in the state
- Georgia hosted evacuees from Florida
- Georgia issued evacuation orders for the GA coast
- Over one million customers without power in GA at peak

## Fuel Impacts in Georgia

- Fuel already tight due to Hurricane Harvey
- Fuel impacts felt most along:
  - I-75 between Florida and Atlanta
  - I-95 along Georgia coast
  - I-16 between Savannah and Macon
  - US Hwy 19

## Fuel Impacts in Georgia

- **Monitored data from Gas Buddy**
- **Fuel distribution was main challenge**
  - **Traffic and weather impacted deliveries**
  - **Overall, enough bulk fuel at terminals in GA**
- **Up to 50% of stations without fuel in some locations**
  - **Coastal communities along I-95 hardest hit**
  - **Even Atlanta had fuel outages**



## **Actions Taken in Georgia**

- **Close coordination with private sector partners**
  - **Fuel coordination calls**
- **Driver hour waivers**
- **Weight restrictions lifted**
- **EPA waivers**
- **Fueled state-owned tanks**

## Lessons Learned

- **Close coordination needed**
- **Neighboring states have big impact**
- **Impact of other weather events**



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