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In anticipation of Hurricane Isaias, which may impact New Jersey Monday evening through Tuesday of next week, those responsible for contaminated sites should evaluate any remediation cases for which they are responsible to ensure that they are as ready as practicable for this storm.

Although it is uncertain at this time whether this hurricane will impact New Jersey, persons responsible for conducting the remediation and Licensed Site Remediation Professionals should evaluate and prepare sites for potentially strong winds and high volumes of rain, and possible loss of power to remediation systems.

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) previously published the "Important Information About Vapor Mitigation Systems And Power Outages" fact sheet, available at:
www.nj.gov/dep/srp/guidance/vaporintrusion/vapor_mit_sys_and_power_outages.pdf.
NJDEP recommends that remediating parties distribute this fact sheet to property owners with subsurface depressurization systems prior to weather events that may cause power outages, as necessary.

Whether you are the person responsible for conducting the remediation or the Licensed Site Remediation Professional retained, all efforts should be made to prevent new discharges at your site and to maintain active remediation systems. Any discharges of hazardous substances are required to be reported to the DEP Hotline at 1-877-WARN-DEP (1-877-927-6337).

Subsequent to the storm, all sites should be re-evaluated to determine if any immediate environmental concerns needing action arose and whether site conditions changed, requiring re-evaluation of impacts to receptors.

Please refer to the "Planning for and Response to Catastrophic Events at Contaminated Sites" technical guidance (www.nj.gov/dep/srp/guidance/#catastrophic_events) for additional information regarding preparing for and responding to potential impacts from this storm.

For topic-specific questions regarding site remediation, please refer to the SRP contact list, available at www.nj.gov/dep/srp/srra/srra_contacts.htm.

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