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In anticipation of the remnants of Hurricane Ida expected to impact New Jersey starting Wednesday, 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.

The primary hazard for much of our area is expected to be heavy rain leading to flooding, including the potential for localized flash floods. Additionally, thunderstorms and possibly tornadoes may occur.

This includes securing the site for anticipated rains, 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 (LSRP) 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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