

Hurricane Milton

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Incident Summary

Hurricane Milton made landfall near Siesta Key, FL around 8:30 PM EDT, October 9, as a Category 3 storm. Milton brought hurricane force winds to most of central Florida, including the Tampa, Orlando, and Canaveral metropolitan areas. Milton weakened as it crossed the state, emerging over the Atlantic Ocean as a Category 1 storm. Hurricane Milton caused widespread disruption to energy infrastructure across the state.

Electricity Sector Summary

- As of 10:00 AM EDT, October 15, there are 185,000 customer power outages in Florida (2% of all customers), down from a peak of 3.4 million on October 10.
- Estimated times of restoration are being published by utilities. Many customers impacted by the storm will be restored by Tuesday, October 15, with most remaining customers restored by Thursday, October 17.
- Utilities in Florida made preparations prior to Milton. More than 50,000 workers from at least 42 states, the District of Columbia, and Canada are dedicated to the Milton response and restoration effort and were strategically prepositioned in and near Florida before Hurricane Milton made landfall.

Oil and Natural Gas Sector Summary

- The ports of Tampa and Manatee, which supply most of the fuel in the Tampa and Orlando areas, are open with restrictions. Six petroleum product tankers delivering an estimated 1.2 million to 1.8 million barrels of fuel were received in Tampa and Manatee from October 12-14. One additional tanker is expected to arrive in Tampa on October 15.
- All fuel terminals at the Port of Tampa have had grid power restored and truck loading operations have resumed at most terminals.
- There are no identified regional fuel supply issues in the state. Outages at retail stations have been reported in some regions of Florida due to increased demand and power outages. However, state and federal partners have taken action to facilitate fuel supply into and within the state and are working with industry to ensure fuel is available, especially for response operations.

Hurricane Milton Customer Power Outages				
As of 10:00 AM EDT 10/15/24				
State	Current Outages	% State Without Power	Peak Storm Outages	% Restored from Peak
Florida	185,401	1.7%	3,365,661	95%

Emergency Declarations and Waivers

To provide vital supplies and transportation services to a disaster area in the United States, emergency declarations may be issued by the President, Governors of States, or the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA). These declarations trigger the temporary suspension of certain Federal safety regulations, including Hours of Service, for motor carriers and drivers engaged in specific aspects of the emergency relief effort. See [49 CFR 390.23](#) for the actual emergency regulation.

Emergency Declarations and Hours of Service Transportation Waivers				
As of 3:00 PM EDT 10/11/2024				
State/Territory	Details	Effective Dates		Status
		Start	End	
Alabama, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia	<u>USDOT & FMCSA Regional Emergency Declaration and Extension of Emergency Declarations</u>	10/4	10/27	Active
Florida	<u>State of Emergency for 54 counties</u>	10/5	12/4	Active
	<u>Presidential Declaration of Emergency</u>	10/5	Until Rescinded	Active
	<u>Hours of Service Waiver</u>	9/23	11/22	Active
	<u>Waiver to Bypass FDOT Weigh Stations</u>	10/6	10/21	Active
	<u>Waiver of Truck Size and Weight Restrictions</u>	10/6	10/21	Active
	<u>Seminole Tribe of Florida Emergency Declaration</u>	10/8	Until Rescinded	Active
Georgia	<u>State of Emergency for 38 Counties for Hurricane Milton</u>	10/8	10/16	Active

Sources: State government & federal government websites

