Tips for Businesses

- Designate a member of the Hurricane Emergency Response Team to monitor weather conditions and communicate required actions as regularly as possible.
- Turn off non-essential lighting, machinery and equipment. Anticipate power outages and surges; be prepared to shut down susceptible systems such as computers.
- Board up windows, operate shutters, tie down equipment as needed.
- Shut off all flammable and combustible liquid piping and gas lines at the source or entry into the property to reduce the likelihood of release if pipes are broken; when equipment or processes must be kept in operation, service to all other areas of the plant should be secured using isolation valves; pipes should be properly supported and protected from wind and debris.
- Avoid elevators.
- The plant emergency organization should remain on site if safe to do so until the emergency has passed; patrol the property looking for structural damage, fires and flooding.

Prepare to Evacuate Under the Following Scenarios

- If you are directed by local authorities – follow evacuation orders and other instructions.
- If you are in a mobile home or temporary structures – such shelters are particularly hazardous during hurricanes no matter how well fastened to the ground.
- If in a high-rise building – hurricane winds are stronger at higher elevations.

Consider Flooding Potential

- De-energize equipment that may be submerged.
- Move equipment and stock to higher locations or protect with sandbags, consider raising elevators.
- Verify operation of pumps and other de-watering equipment.

Hurricane season is from June 1st to November 30th. If you operate near hurricane prone areas, have a plan of what to do before, during and after a hurricane strikes. The following tips and actions may be helpful to consider during a hurricane.
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