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A Message to VPCGA Members from Virginia's Director of Emergency Management

A short time ago we were contacted by Dr. Jeffery Stern, the Commonwealth's Director of Emergency Management, asking that we forward the following message to the membership:

The Commonwealth is beginning preparations for Hurricane Matthew, which is expected to begin to arrive this weekend. It could have an impact on par with Hurricanes Floyd, Irene, and Isabel.

Due to the potential disruption of supply chains, and per best practice lessons from other hurricanes, I am requesting that local fuel station tanks be filled to capacity if possible by Friday to minimize fuel disruptions. If stations have generators or generator connections, please check those for function, as significant power outages are likely. A waiver for weight and time remains in place from Governor's Executive Order 59.

Respectfully,

Jeffrey D. Stern, Ph.D.

State Coordinator

Virginia Department of Emergency Management

Technical Bulletins on Hurricane Preparedness

In light of the possibility that Hurricane Matthew may impact the Mid-Atlantic this weekend, our friends at the North Carolina Petroleum and Convenience Marketers have forwarded to us two technical bulletins - [one](#) relative to disaster planning for petroleum storage facilities, and the [second](#) for requirements to secure petroleum and propane tanks to prevent floating. As Virginia has adopted the International Fire Code by reference the relevant language for flood proofing contained in the technical bulletin is also enforced here in Virginia.

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