

AVMA Situation Report – Puerto Rico Floods

Date: 11/21/03

Location: Puerto Rico

Report

The VMAT were not activated for this disaster. Disaster resource information including AVMF disaster relief emergency fund and VMAT deployment information has been sent to the PR State Veterinarian, PR State Veterinary Medical Association, and the PR Emergency Management Agency.

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Puerto Rico State Emergency Management Agency Update

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Incident Update:

At 5:00 PM AST, the National Weather Service (NWS) reported mostly sunny and dry weather continued this afternoon across much of Puerto Rico. There were a few showers across central Puerto Rico, but only trace amounts of rain fell. Quiet weather will prevail overnight with isolated showers mainly over the coastal waters. Moisture will increase on Friday ahead of a cold front, which will reach the local Atlantic waters Friday night. The front will then go southeastward, to be aligned across Puerto Rico. So after a dry time this afternoon and most of Friday, wetter conditions are in store for this upcoming weekend with a return to drier weather by Sunday night.

PRSEMA reported two hundred six (206) people in ten (10) shelters reported in the municipalities of Caguas, Canóvanas, Guánica, Gurabo, Humacao, Loiza, Maunabo, Naranjito, Patillas and Salinas. Search continues in Ciales for one missing person in a river. PR Dept. of Education continues delivery of meals at the shelters for a total of 8,166 meals.

PR Dept. of Transportation and Public Works reported several closed roads in the municipalities of Ponce, Caguas, Arecibo, Utuado, Guayama, Mayaguez and Sabana Grande. PRASA reported 47,500 customers without potable water, which represent less than 1% of the total customer base; 5 water plants continue out of service due to high water turbidity.

VOADs reported that 15 volunteers of the Southern Baptist Convention gave pastoral counseling, food distribution, childcare in Santa Isabel. ACEPTO donated 20 cleaning kits to sheltered families in Salinas and 10 in Cabo Rojo and

conducted damage assessments in Lajas, Guánica and Salinas. ASSPEN conducted damage assessments, pastoral care and distributed food items and cleaning kits in affected municipalities of the Northeast. The ARC reported 613 meals and snacks served, and the distribution of 80 cleanup kits and 372 comfort kits.

The Governor of Puerto Rico requested the PDA process in six additional municipalities, which are Cabo Rojo, Cayey, Lajas, San German, San Lorenzo, and Utuado.

PRSEMA informed that the EOC operations will end today at 6:00 PM AST.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION: PRSEMA (PR State Emergency Management Agency), VITEMA (Virgin Islands), and NWS.

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