

Disaster in Anytown—Preliminary Damage Assessment

Hurricane John came ashore in Anytown at 7:45 a.m. on June 1, 2015. Extensive damage and critical utility service interruptions as identified by the Initial Damage Assessments. The local emergency management agency (EMA) has contacted the Governor's office to request state assistance and if needed, federal disaster aid.

In response to the request for state aid, the Governor sent several Preliminary Damage Assessment (PDA) teams to Anytown to confirm the Initial Damage Assessments and gauge the level of cleanup and recovery efforts needed. Members of the PDA team requested that utility officials send a representative to confirm the service interruptions.

Since there is a total service interruption, the utility representative provided receipts from emergency water distribution stations that have been established to provide residents with drinking water. The utility representative also provided the PDA team with copies of mutual aid agreements that have been executed to bring in additional emergency repair crews to reduce the length of service disruptions.