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### **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICIALS MONITOR HURRICANE AND PREPARE FOR EOC ACTIVATION; RESIDENTS URGED TO PREPARE NOW FOR STORM**

**(Nazareth, Pennsylvania)** – Northampton County Division of Emergency Management Services continues to monitor the severe storm headed towards the region and urges residents to prepare now.

Hurricane Irene continues to pose a threat to the region. High winds and heavy rainfall will likely impact the area beginning Saturday night into Sunday. Dangerous, life threatening flash flooding is expected with this storm.

Area residents must take steps now to prepare for the storm by gathering supplies, reviewing emergency plans and preparing for the possibility of long-term power outages.

Emergency Management officials have begun preparations for EOC activation and key response agencies have been placed on standby to respond. Robert Mateff, Director of Northampton County Emergency Management Services, noted that “the County will activate the Emergency Operations Center to a Level III in anticipation of the hurricane.” Citizens should stay tuned to local media outlets for storm information and instructions.

Emergency preparedness is everyone’s responsibility. For information about preparing for Hurricane Irene, visit [www.ReadyPA.org](http://www.ReadyPA.org). In the event of an emergency, call 9-1-1.

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