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Transcript:

Governor Christie: All morning we've been receiving the latest updates from the National Weather Service, and we know what we're dealing with I think in a general sense now. The nor'easter that we're experiencing right now and that will continue throughout the rest of the day and into tomorrow is diminishing a bit. We're not getting the amount of rain that we thought initially we were going to get which is good news from a flooding perspective, but we're still going to have moderate to major flooding in our four southern counties, in Cape May, Atlantic, Cumberland and Salem, so we need to be prepared for that and I believe these officials are prepared for whatever we're going to have to deal with and I can tell you that the state is well prepared for that as well. The good news on Hurricane Joaquin is that it continues to track east, not west, into the middle of the Atlantic Ocean, and if the track continues the way it is now we're not going to have to worry about Joaquin having any type of major effect on the Jersey shoreline and on our citizens, and so so far so good. That's very good news for us. We're prepared if it comes, but we're very happy to hear that they'll be visiting someplace else. We've already done our bit for hurricane tourism here in New Jersey. We expect about one to three feet of flooding in the Cape May and Atlantic County region, so you need to be ready and prepared for that. We're prepared for everything from working on the beaches with the DEP to make sure that we replenish and we provide protection there, but also to the extreme of sheltering if we needed to shelter as well, working with the county officials, and we have statewide assets available as well if we need to. The worst of this is going to come today. We've got high tide happening as we speak, around 12:30 through to about 3:00 this afternoon. We're going to see 6 to 10 foot waves, maybe as high as 16 feet, over the course of the weekend, which will really damage the beaches and lead to more beach erosion and less protection obviously for the shoreline. Right now we don't have any major outages. I think there are about 147 outages in Cape May County right now from a power perspective. Of course those are extraordinarily major if you're one of those 147, but we're glad that we don't have anything more than that. We have the BPU engaged with Atlantic City Electric and also with JCP&L to make sure that we're getting real-time information on that. We have

hundreds of crews, out-of-state crews heading to New Jersey to prepare to deal with anything that might happen as a result of the storm to make sure that power restoration happens as quickly as possible.

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