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Clean Cities Webinar: Planning Ahead with Alternative Fuels—a lesson from Sandy

Alternative Fuels, Clean Cities projects and Disaster Planning

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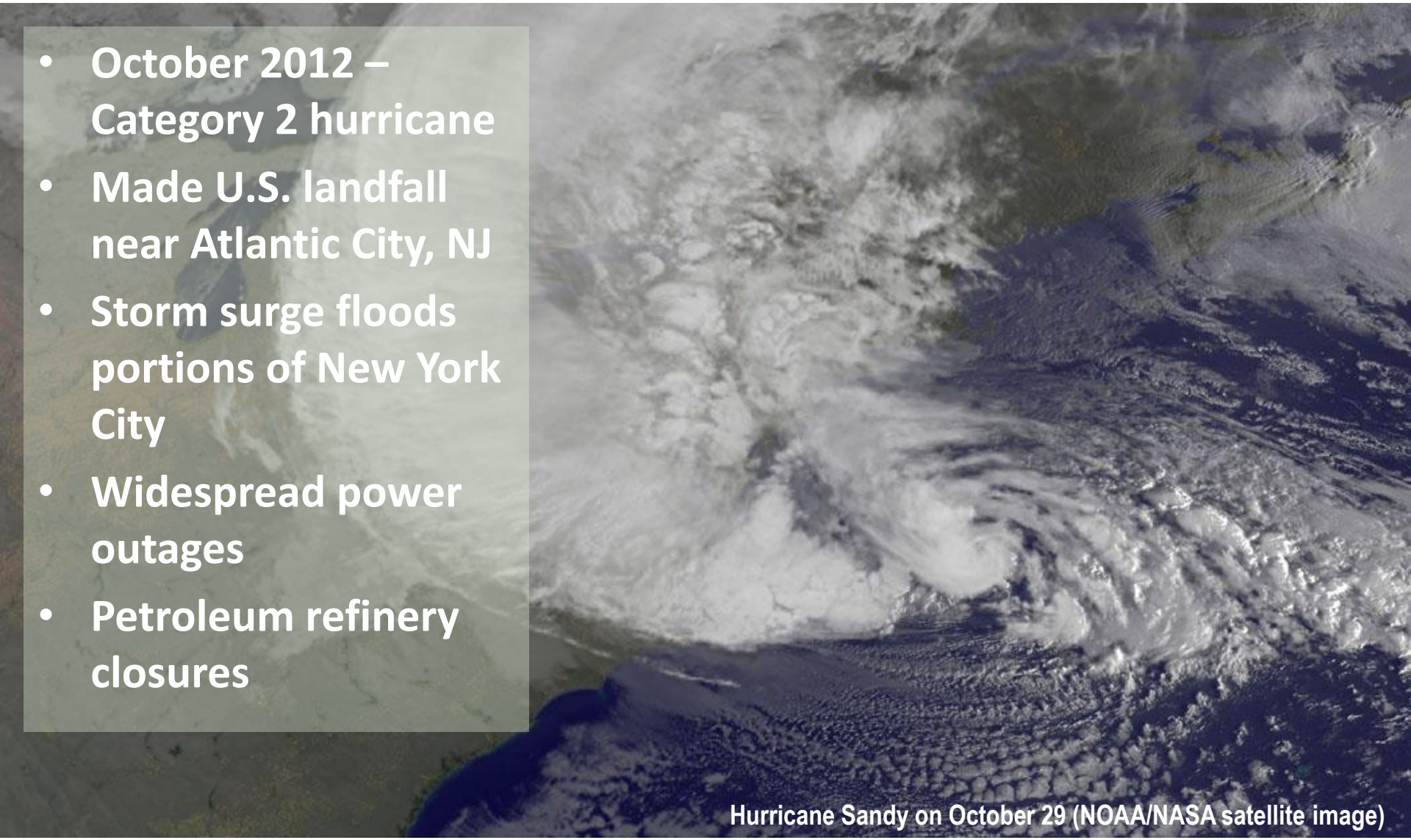
Hurricane Sandy Strikes the Northeast

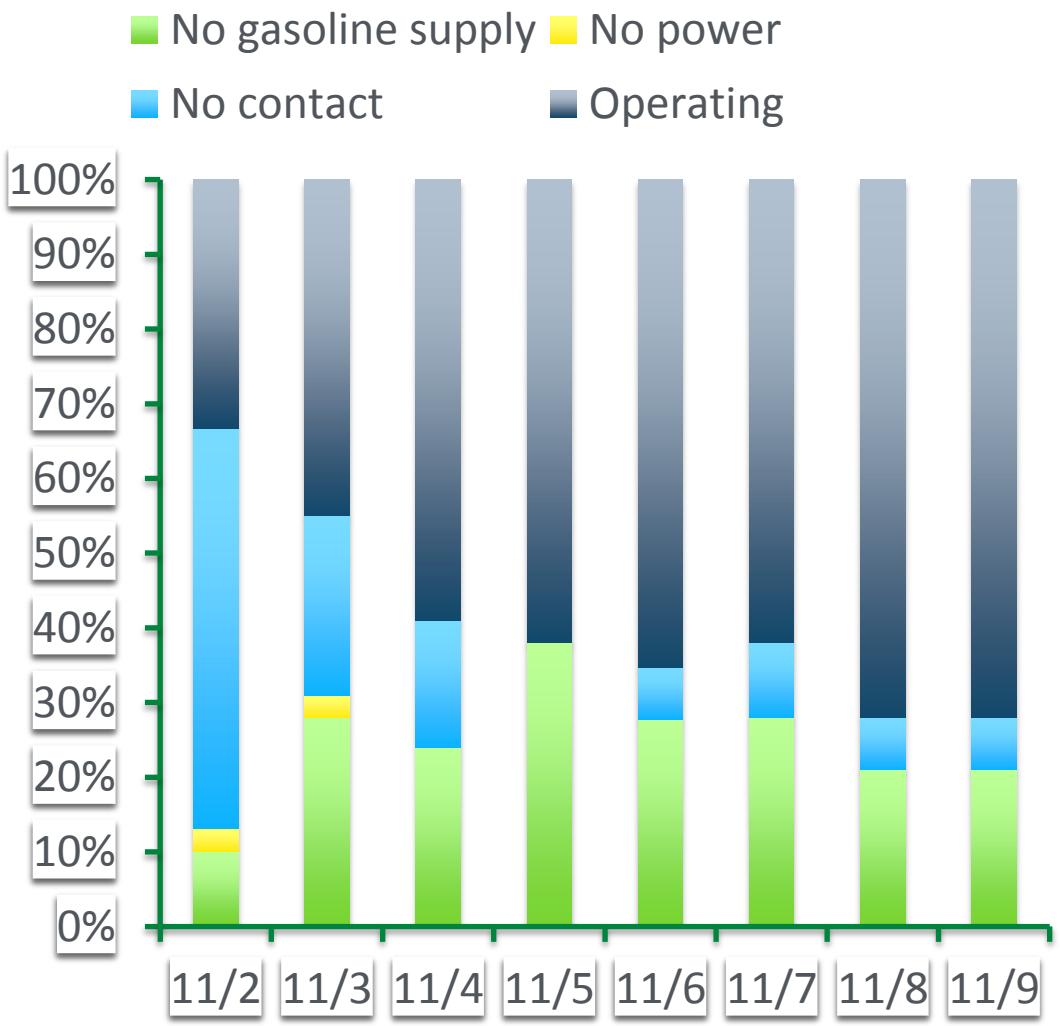
- October 2012 – Category 2 hurricane
- Made U.S. landfall near Atlantic City, NJ
- Storm surge floods portions of New York City
- Widespread power outages
- Petroleum refinery closures



Hurricane Sandy on October 29 (NOAA/NASA satellite image)

Post-Sandy, Transportation Fuels in Short Supply

- Gasoline and diesel supplies limited after Sandy (especially in New York/New Jersey)
  - Some reported no power to run station
  - Some had no fuel to sell
- Some areas instituted gasoline rationing
- 21% of stations still had no fuel 11 days after hurricane



Data from DOE Energy Information Administration

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Alternative fuel vehicles keep rolling…

- Alternative fuel vehicles able to assist with preparation and recovery efforts
  - Not dependent on limited petroleum supplies
- Three examples
  - Atlantic City
  - Long Island
  - Connecticut

Atlantic City CNG Jitney Bus

Cleanup Efforts (Long Island, New York)

Importance of alternative fuel vehicles

- Hurricane Sandy recovery efforts showed value of alternative fuel vehicles/advanced technology vehicles
  - Able to provide critical services when conventional fuel supplies are interrupted
  - Alternative fuel supplies often remained available post-storm
- Important to include these vehicles in planning efforts
- Clean Cities Coalitions and Coordinators are a great resource
  - Informed about local alternative fuel landscape
  - Connected to key stakeholders

~100 coalitions Serving 78% of the US population

Thousands of stakeholders from businesses, city/state governments, transportation industry, community based organizations, utilities and fuel providers

Western Washington Clean Cities

Population: 3,783,366

Area: 6,599 sq. mi.

Boundaries: Counties: Clallam, Grays Harbor, Jefferson, King, Kitsap, Lewis, Mason, Pacific, Pierce, San Juan Island, Skagit, Snohomish, Thurston, Whatcom

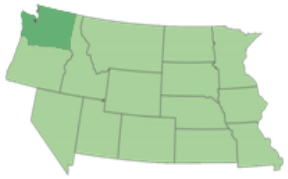
Designated: August 13, 1998

Alternative Fueling Stations:
- Biodiesel (B20 and above): 23
- Natural Gas: 11
- Ethanol (E85): 7
- Electric: 67
- Propane: 23

Annual Greenhouse Gas Emissions Avoided:* 26,334 lb of CO_2

Annual Petroleum Savings:*
6,945,454 gasoline gallon equivalents

- Alternative Fuel Vehicles (78%)
- Fuel Economy Improvements (12%)
- Fuel Blends (10%)



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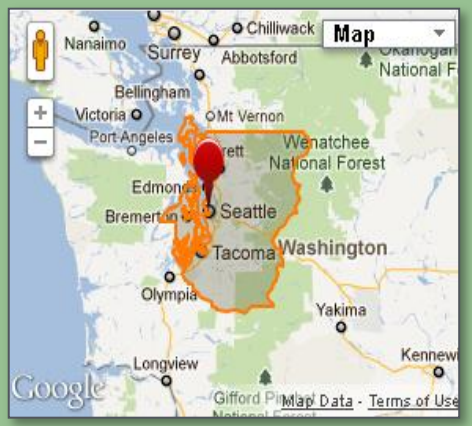

MotorWeek – AutoWorld Segment

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Television's Original Automotive Magazine

"Natural Gas Minibuses Help New Jersey Recover From Hurricane Sandy"

- **Highlights the Atlantic City Jitneys that run on compressed natural gas and were able to assist with assistance and relief efforts prior to and after Hurricane Sandy**

Clean Cities TV – YouTube

http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_profilepage&v=fV4S-7sPge0

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Alternative Fuels Data Center – Case Studies

http://www.afdc.energy.gov/case/1323

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