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PRESS RELEASE

CREWS CONTINUE WORK TO REMOVE ROAD DEBRIS AND RESTORE POWER; SEOC RETURNS TO STEADY STATE

CONCORD, N.H. – State Department of Transportation crews work to remove debris and open roadways, while power crews work to restore power to approximately 25,000 customers after the October 17 Nor'easter. At peak, nearly 60,000 customers were without power.

Customers without power should call their service providers at least daily until power is restored.

At 4:00 p.m., the State Emergency Operations Center returned to Steady State status. Local emergency operation centers can make resource requests 24/7 through the HSEM duty officer at 603-271-2231.

State Homeland Security and Emergency Management Director, Jennifer Harper makes the following recommendations to be safe during power outages:

- Leave one light on so that you'll know when the power comes back on.
- Turn off electrical equipment you were using when the power went out.
- Use flashlights for emergency lighting, candles can cause fires.
- Only use your generator outside of your home, do not run it inside a home or garage or connect it to your home's electrical system.
- If a power outage is two hours or less, do not be concerned about losing your perishable foods.
- Throw away any food that has been exposed to temperatures 40°F for 2 or more hours or that has an unusual odor, texture, or color. When in doubt, throw it out.
- If food in the freezer is colder than 40°F and has ice crystals on it, you can refreeze it.
- Contact your doctor if you are concerned about medications having spoiled.
- Do not touch any electrical power lines and keep your family and pets away from them. Call 9-1-1 to report downed power lines.
- Check in with your neighbors.

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