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Subj: Situational Awareness – Nor'easter Expect to Impact the Area Tuesday, March 14, 2023 – Wednesday, March 15, 2023

Greetings,

Please review the following information concerning the Nor'easter that is expected to arrive in Massachusetts this evening, Monday, March 13, 2023. As you may be aware, the National Weather Service NWS is forecasting this hazardous weather situation to continue through Wednesday morning (March 15, 2023).

Town of Holland public safety officials are preparing for this situation in the same manner in which we prepare for all hazardous weather situations. This includes comprehensive emergency management planning to provide coordinated mitigation, response, and recovery actions and resources.¹ Planning includes establishing communication protocols among our police, fire, and EMS personnel, as well as emergency management, public works, and other municipal officials.

Situation Overview as of 10:30 AM:²

Widespread snowfall amounts of up to a foot are possible with locally higher amounts of 1.5–2 feet across the higher elevations of the Worcester Hills and the Berkshires. Snowfall totals are expected to be lower in the South-East and portions of the Connecticut River Valley. Snowfall rates of 1-2 inches per hour are possible at times on Tuesday.

Northeast winds of 30-40 mph with max wind gusts of up to 50 MPH are possible in the area on Tuesday with snow accumulation of 6+ inches possible. In addition to the high wind conditions, the snowfall is expected to be heavy and wet in central and western Massachusetts. There is a

1 Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan CEMP- Our planning process defines the scope of preparedness and emergency management activities in the community and facilitates mitigation, response, and short-term recovery activities, thereby setting the stage for a successful long-term recovery. Formulates policies designated to protect life and property during incidents affecting or threatening life or property within the community. Provides guidance for strategic thinking and decision-making as it relates to emergency operations. Assigns department or agency roles and responsibilities to mitigate, prepare for, respond to, and recover from incidents threatening life or property within the community. The CEMP is intended to accomplish the following goals: Assign responsibilities to agencies, organizations, and individuals for carrying out specific actions during an emergency or event. Detail the methods and procedures to be used by designated personnel to assess emergencies and take appropriate actions to save lives and reduce injuries, prevent or minimize damage to public and private property, and protect the environment. Provide a process by which emergency response personnel and local government staff can efficiently and effectively prevent, mitigate, prepare for, respond to, and recover from emergencies and disasters. Identify the responsibilities of local agencies and partnering stakeholder and organizations during emergencies or events; and Identify lines of authority and coordination for the management of an emergency or event

2 Massachusetts Emergency Management MEMA Situational Awareness Statement # 2- 03/13/2023 10:30 AM

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widespread risk for power outages given the heavy/wet nature of the snowfall and strong wind gusts. Strong winds may also delay power restoration.

Potential Impacts:

- Power outages, particularly in coastal areas and areas that receive more than 4 inches of heavy wet snow.
- Downed trees and power lines.
- Difficult travel during the Tuesday morning and evening commutes.

With the possibility of outages either due to wind or heavy snow, be sure to inspect your emergency back-up heat generation and communication systems. These should be inspected and ready to use.³

National Grid has communicated with us the following:

National Grid is preparing for this storm by securing more than 1,000 field-based crews and over 3,000 personnel as part of the company's emergency response operations. This includes overhead line, forestry, contractors, underground, damage assessment, wires down, transmission, and substation workers.

The company has been preparing for the storm for several days and continues monitoring the weather and communicating with local officials, first responders, and life support customers.

The company offers the following tips and reminders:

Customers Should Stay Connected:

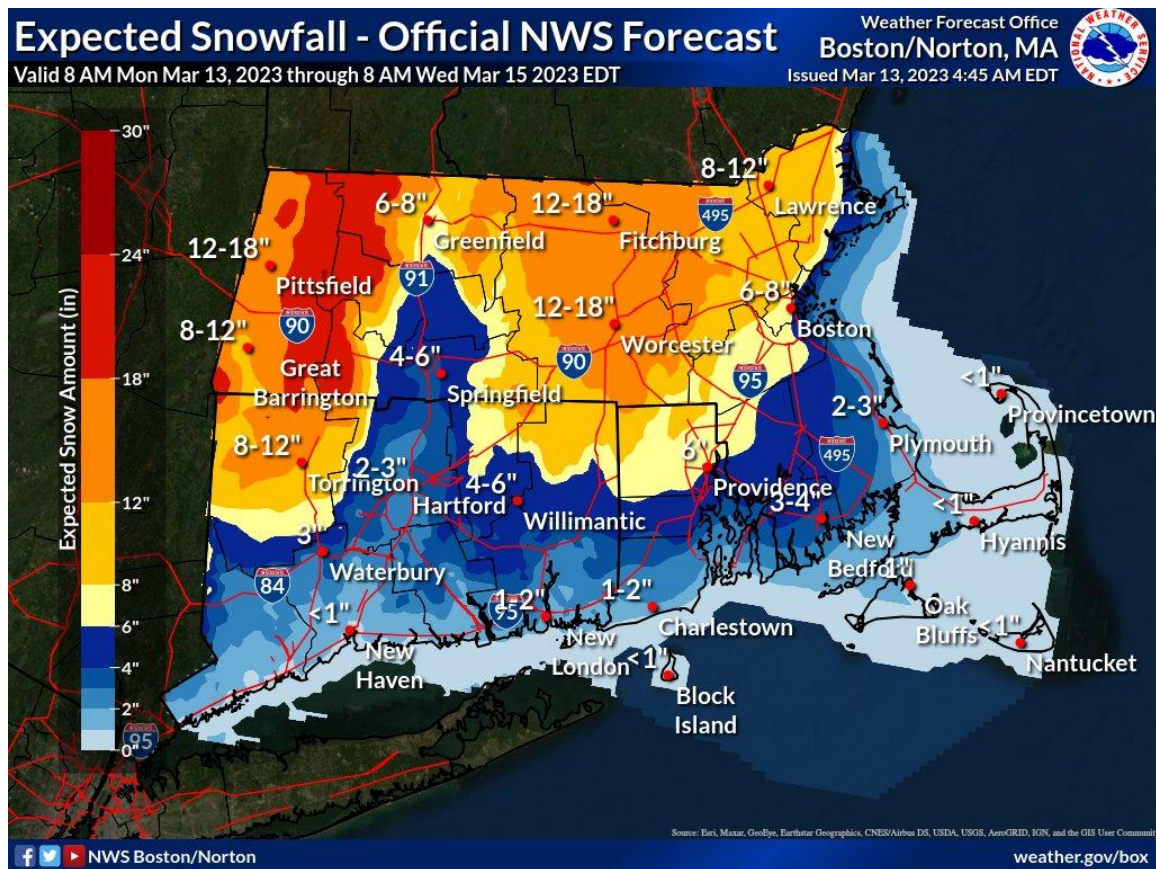
- Report power outages at www.nationalgridus.com or call 1-800-465-1212.
- Use your mobile device to track outage information and storm-related safety tips through National Grid's mobile site, accessible at www.ngrid.com/mobile.
- Like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter and Instagram; we post all the latest storm and restoration updates.
- Track outages and estimated restoration times at www.nationalgridus.com/outage-central
- To stay connected during storms and outages, text to 64743 using any of the below commands.

³ MIAA Risk Management- Weather Alert 03/13/2023

- o REG to sign up for text alerts
- o OUT to report an outage
- o SUM followed by your town, county, or state to get a summary of outages in your area
- o HELP for the complete list of commands

Please review [National Grid's Stay Weather Ready](#) publication.

NWS-NOAA has communicated the following via MEMA:



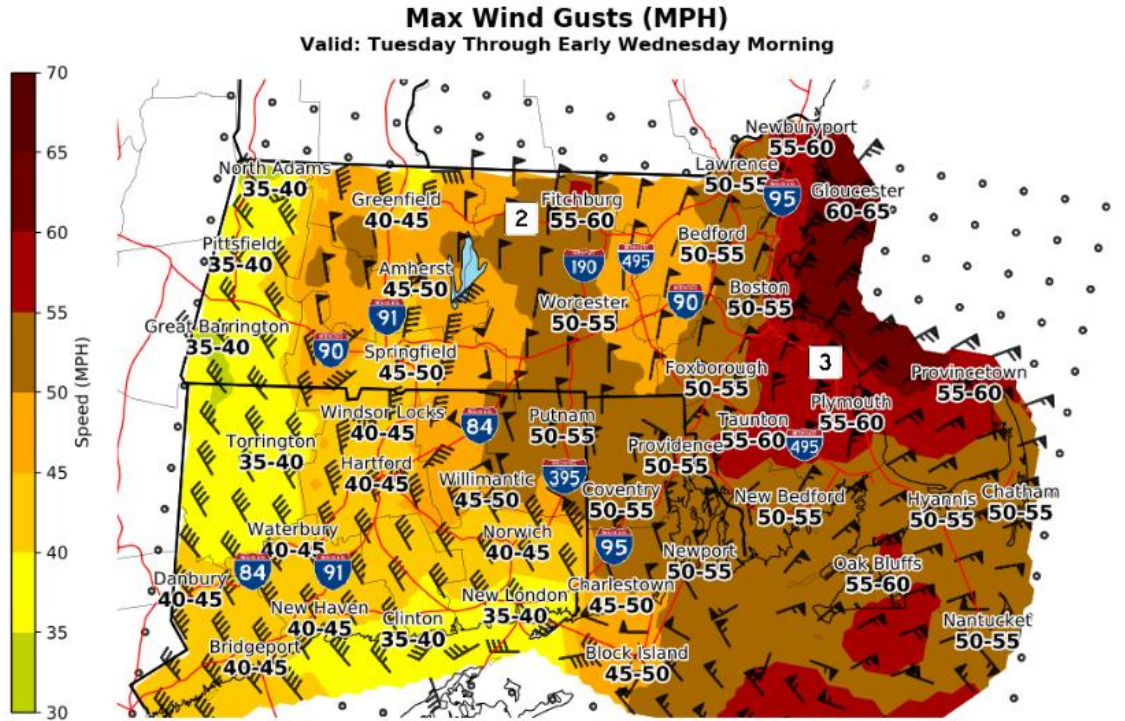
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Preparedness and Mitigation Strategies:

Please review our hazardous weather [preparedness community PSA](#) that was released in September of 2022, for some important tips on how to prepare for this event.

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