

CAT Alert #5: Sunday, August 28, 2011

Irene Heads Toward New York & New England Today; Crawford & Company Adjusters are Ready

Hurricane Irene is still a Category 1 storm and is already affecting New York City with high water in lower Manhattan Island. Slow weakening is expected after Irene makes landfall in New England later today, but the large wind field continues to expand.

As of 8:00 a.m. (EDT) the National Hurricane Center reports that Hurricane Irene is on a north-northeast track about 40 miles (60 km) southwest of New York City and is moving at 25 mph (41 km/h) with winds of 75 mph (120 km/h).

A hurricane warning is in effect from Chincoteague, Virginia northward to Sagamore Beach, Massachusetts. This includes Long Island Sound and coastal Connecticut and Rhode Island. The storm surge in these areas is predicted to be 4-8 feet. Irene is forecast to move over southern New England this afternoon then move into eastern Canada tonight as a post-tropical cyclone.

Crawford & Company has stationed adjusters near the areas that will likely be affected up the east coast and New England, with additional adjusters on standby to handle claims generated by Hurricane Irene. You can count on Crawford to handle your storm losses or back-fill any staff that may be mobilized as a result of this event.

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