

Tracking Hurricane Ida through NOAA's Office of Response and Restoration: Preparedness, Response and Recovery

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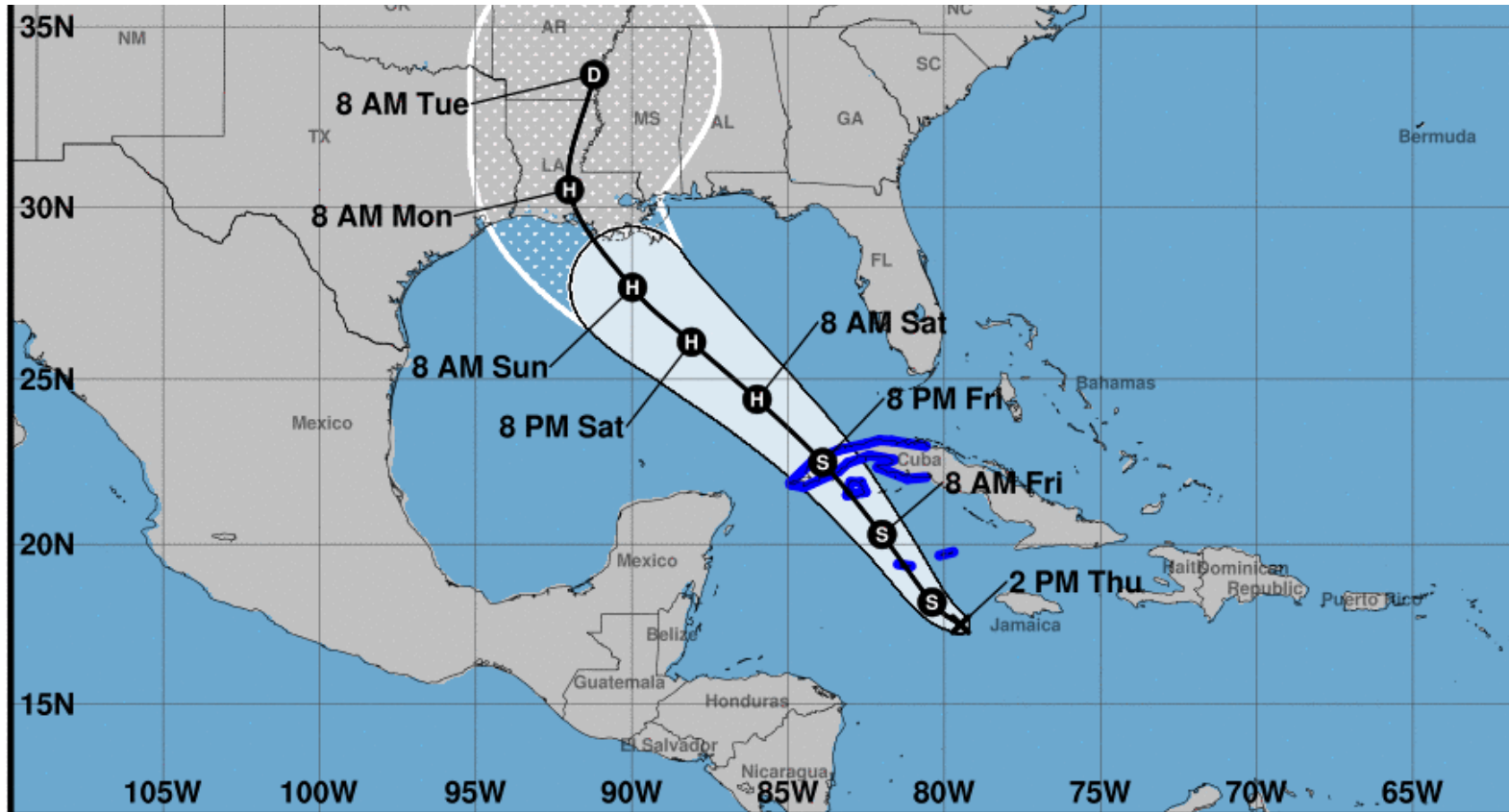
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Hurricane Preparedness



About Hurricane Ida



Tropical Depression Nine Thursday August 26, 2021 2 PM EDT Intermediate Advisory 1A NWS National Hurricane Center		Current information: x Center location 17.5 N 79.5 W Maximum sustained wind 35 mph Movement NW at 13 mph		Forecast positions: ● Tropical Cyclone ○ Post/Potential TC Sustained winds: D < 39 mph S 39-73 mph H 74-110 mph M > 110 mph	
Potential track area: Day 1-3 (solid line) Day 4-5 (dotted line)	Watches: Hurricane (pink) Trop Stm (yellow)	Warnings: Hurricane (red) Trop Stm (blue)	Current wind extent: Hurricane (brown) Trop Stm (orange)		

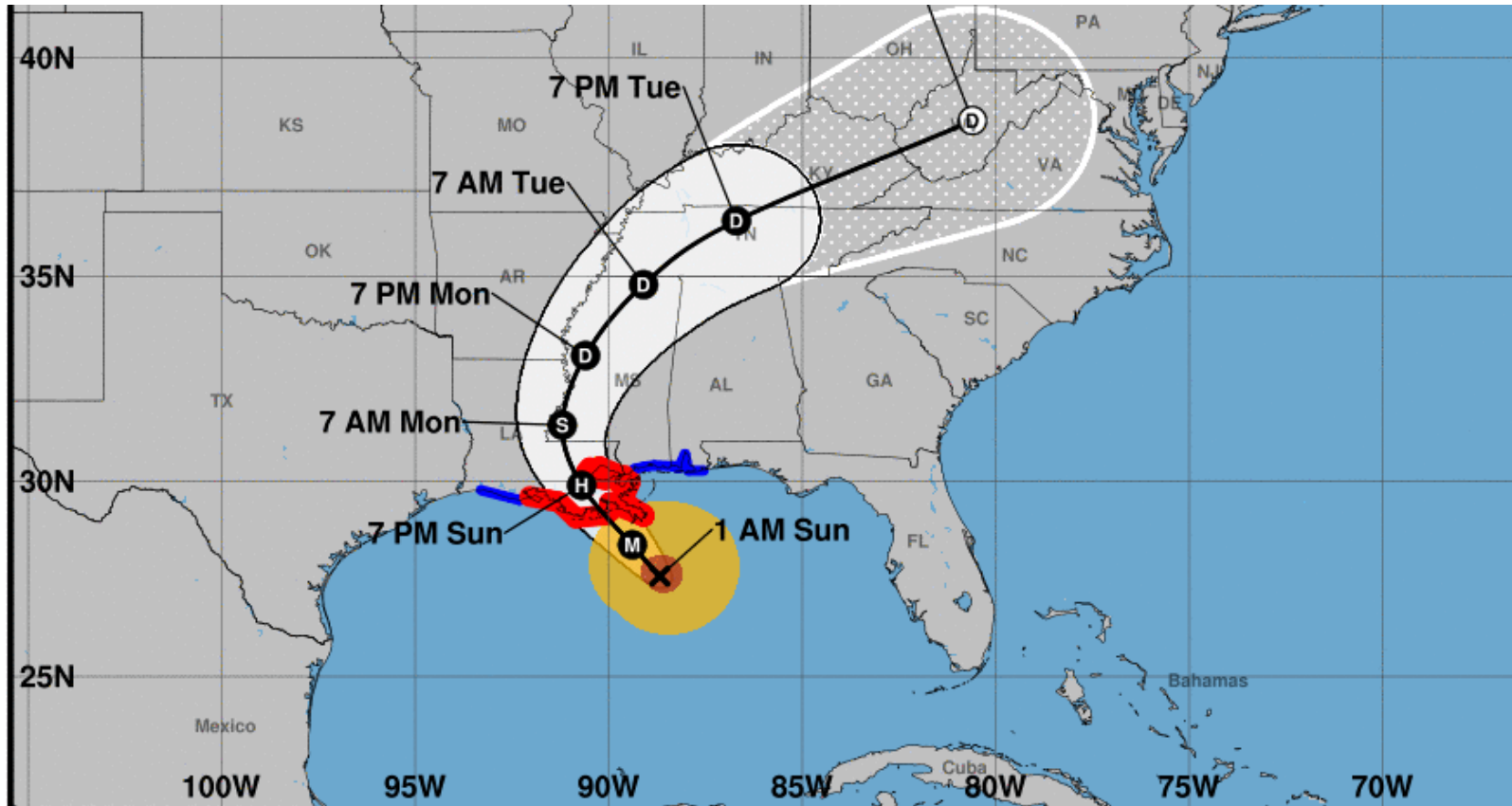
Situational Awareness and Threat/Risk Assessment

Thursday morning, August 26, 2021: Confident in hurricane threat to the Northern Gulf of Mexico with landfall likely in Louisiana.

Friday morning, August 27 2021: NHC predicted Tropical Storm Ida would rapidly intensify into a major hurricane.

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Hurricane Ida Sunday August 29, 2021 1 AM CDT Intermediate Advisory 11A NWS National Hurricane Center		Current information: x Center location 27.6 N 88.7 W Maximum sustained wind 115 mph Movement NW at 15 mph		Forecast positions: ● Tropical Cyclone ○ Post/Potential TC Sustained winds: D < 39 mph S 39-73 mph H 74-110 mph M > 110 mph	
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Hurricane Ida

- Cat. 4 w/ 150 mph winds.
- Landfall near Port Fourchon on August 29, 2021 - the 16th anniversary of Katrina
- **Second most destructive storm to hit Louisiana.**
- Second strongest storm to make landfall in Louisiana (tied with Hurricane Laura in 2020).
- 87 U.S. Deaths

Ida was the fourth hurricane to make landfall in Louisiana in less than 13 months.



Preparing for a Hurricane

The Disaster Preparedness Program (DPP) supported NOS and NOAA preparedness before, during, and after Hurricane Ida.

Before:

- NOS After Action Report from 2020 Storm Season
- Continuous Improvement (Corrective Actions)
- Annual NOAA Hurricane Preparedness Summit
- Pre-Summit Survey (2021 Preseason Survey)
 - Managing COVID-19 was still a challenge
 - Managing pandemic fatigue was identified
- COOP Planning (even at the individual level)
- Coordinate/Lead NOS Incident Management Team
- Situation Awareness and pre-storm coordination



During a Hurricane

NOAA Gulf of Mexico Disaster Response Center (DRC) in Mobile, AL

- Weather Hardened
- Redundant Systems for IT and Power
- Training/Incident Command Center
- Primary COOP for USCG Sector Mobile
- Supports NOAA Missions

During Hurricane Ida, the DRC supported the FEMA/NOAA NGS overflights and mapping mission by providing a base of operations and high speed internet to transfer the overflight image data.



Hurricane Response



Hurricane Support

Assist USCG with response to Oil and Hazmat response post Hurricane

Supporting many simultaneous responses

Remote and On-Site support

- Scientific Support Coordinators
- Spatial Data Managers
- Oceanographers
- Chemists
- Biologists



Bayou Segnette post-Ida, Credit: Jim Richard, GOHSEP

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Pollution Target Data Management for USCG

- VaDR (Arc Collector + ERMA)
- Nat Env Satellite, Data & Info Service
- Overflight Imagery

Recommend Best Response Methods/Tools

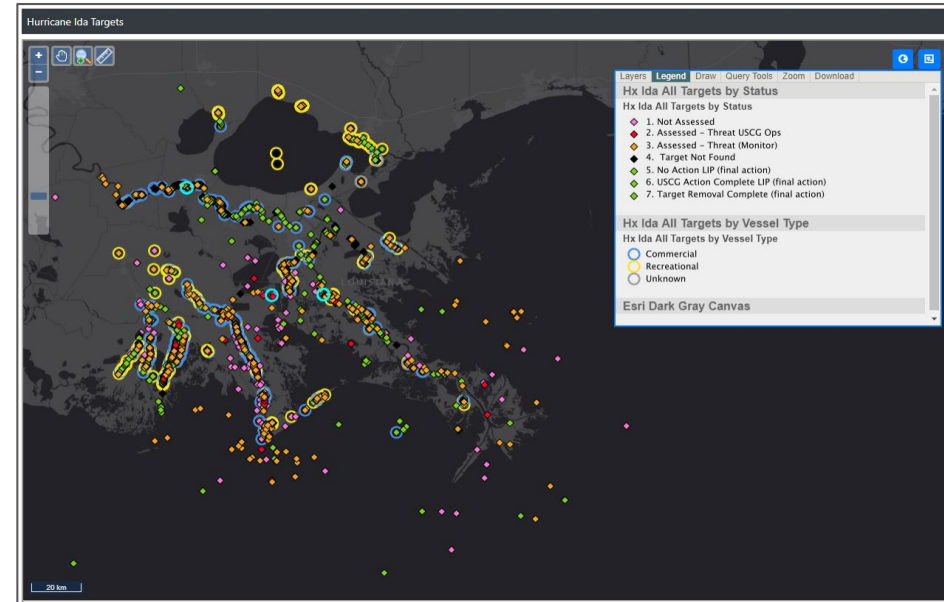
- In-situ burns, sensitive habitats

Information sharing

- USCG, State, BSEE, Trustees

ESF 10 Mission Support

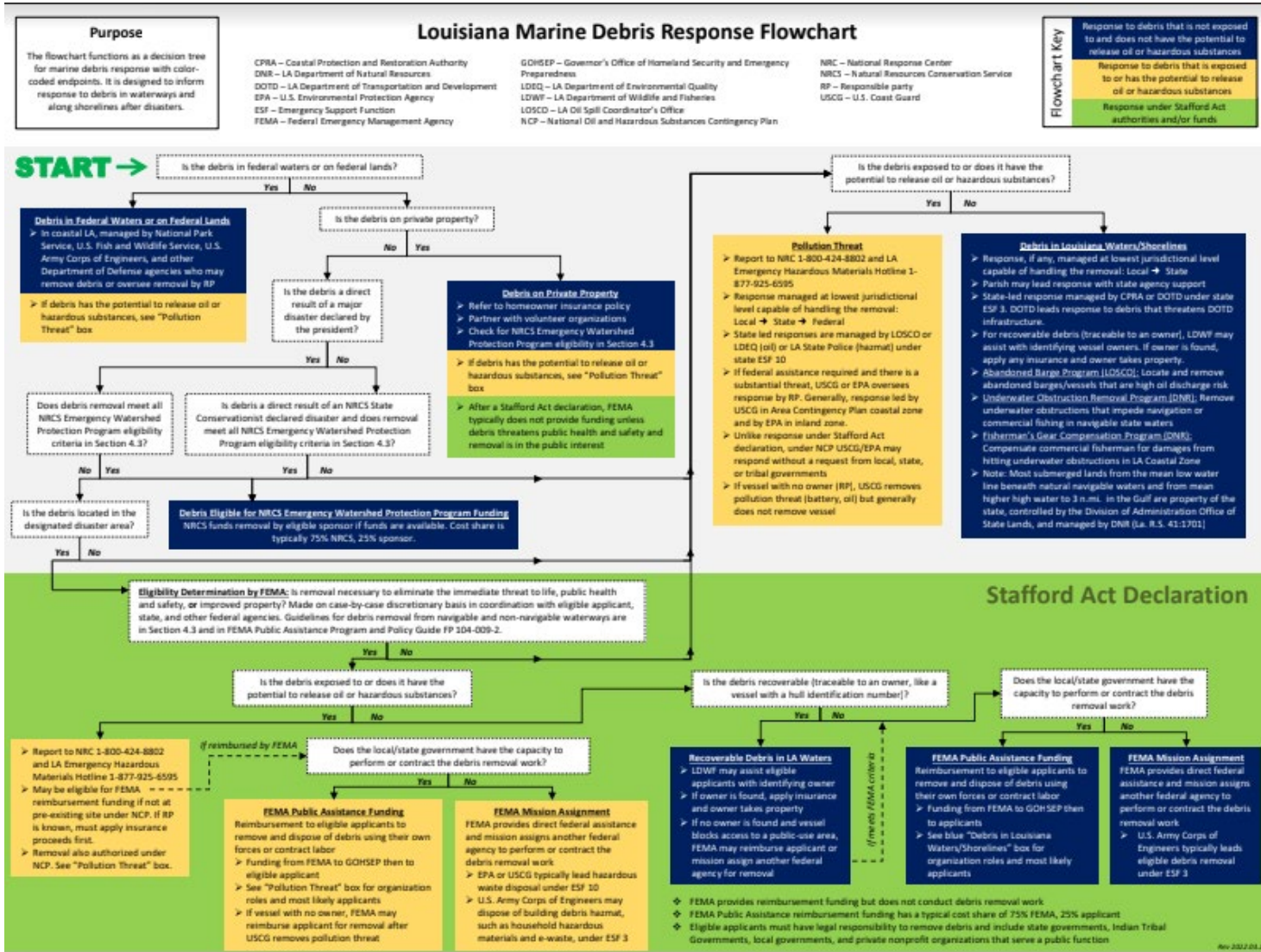
- Oil & Hazmat Response
- Coordinate with other ESF missions



Responding to Debris

- State Marine Debris Response Guides
- Supporting Joint Field Office, Incident Command Post, and Debris Task Force during response
- Funding
 - Supplemental
 - Removal Grants





Guide Content

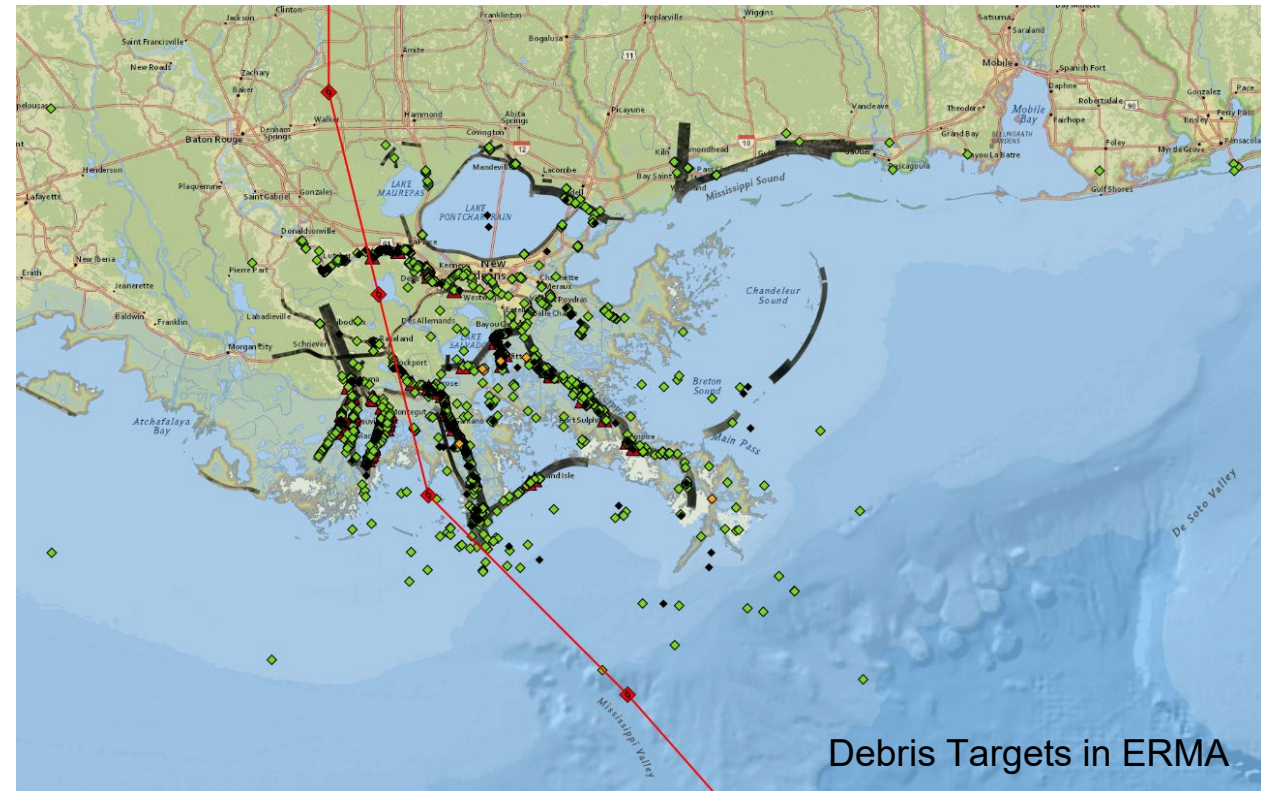
- Agency Roles and Responsibilities
- Jurisdiction Map
- Permitting and Compliance Requirements
- Contact Information

<https://marinedebris.noaa.gov/our-work/emergency-response>



Supporting Debris Response

- Debris Task force, JFO, and ICP support
- Best management practices for vessel & debris removal
- Louisiana abandoned & derelict vessel law review
- General coordination between agencies and across Essential Support Functions
- Aerial Imagery
 - Pulled together NGS, GIC, and CAP imagery into ERMA (need login)
 - Mapping of debris targets or hotspots (ex. vessels and barges)



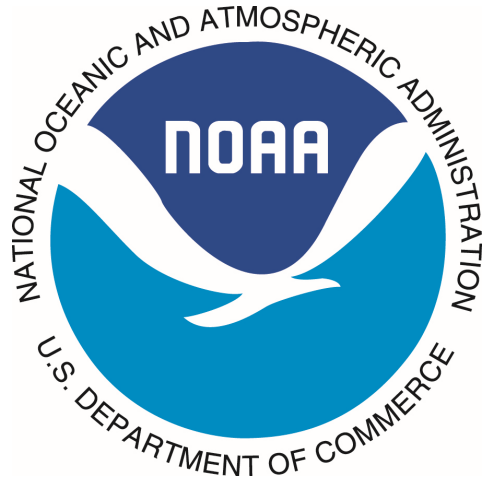
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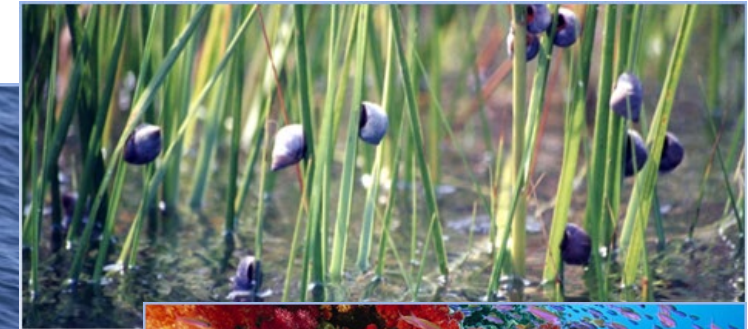
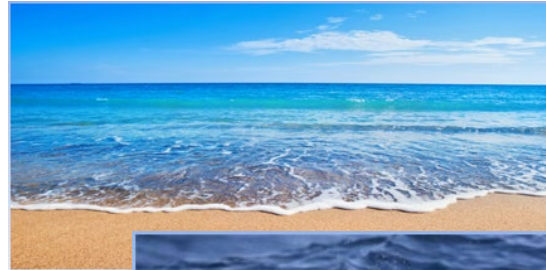
Consequences from Ida



Trustees



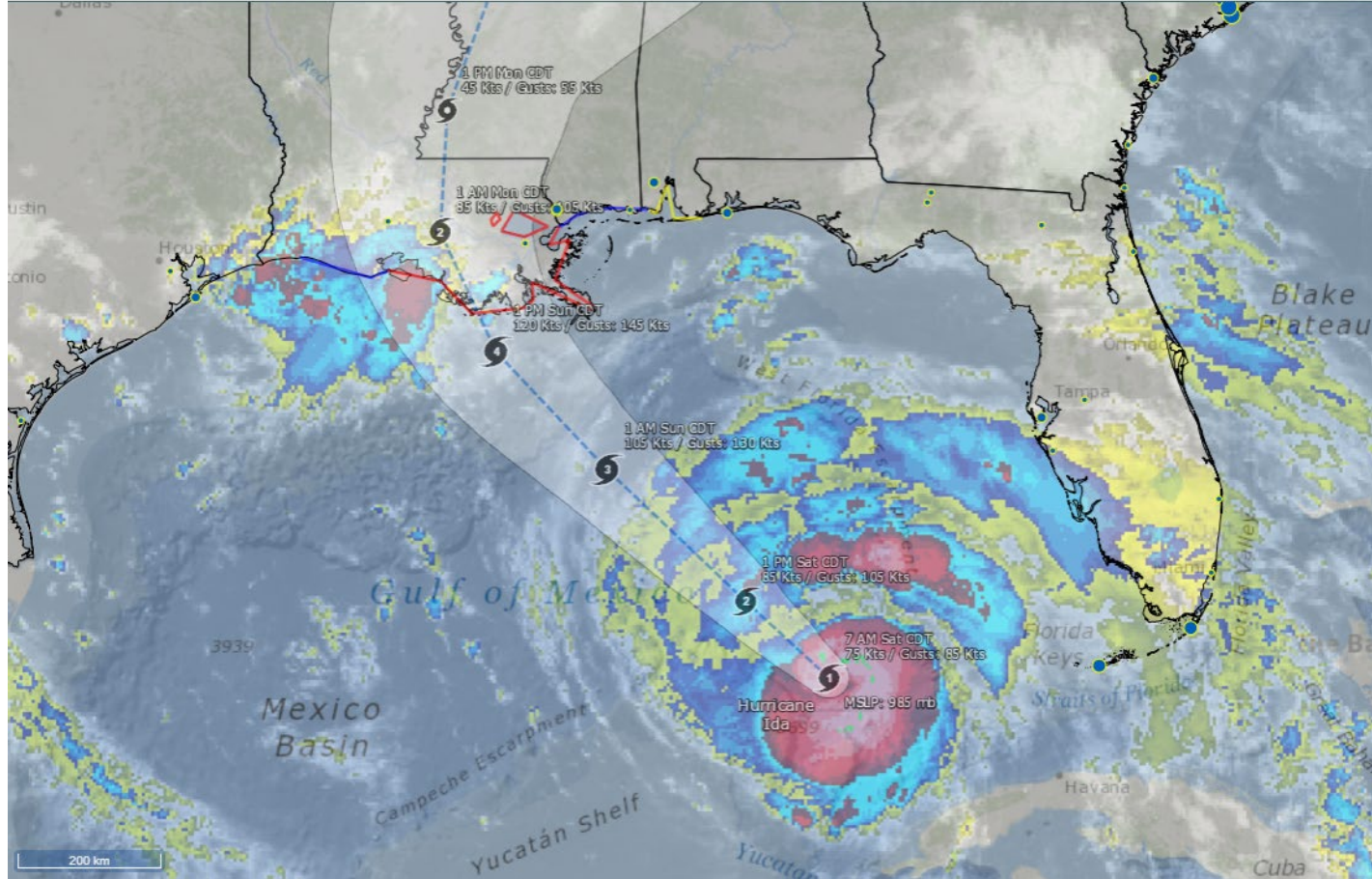
Trust Resources



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ERMA® | Environmental Response Management Application
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- Base environmental data
- Live data streams
 - Storm tracking, surge modeling, current water levels, ship locations, and more.
- Critical infrastructure
- Pre/post storm imagery
- Quick turnaround post storm data
- Live tracking of ESF-10 targets



Hurricane Ida Pollution Targets

Total Targets	Threat - USCG Ops	Commercial vs. Non-Commercial Vessels	
2,484	79	commercial	21
		commercial_fishing	224
Threat - Monitor	Not Assessed	recreational	382
644	273	recreational_fishing	329
		unknown	204
Target Not Found	No Action - LIP	Target Removal Complete	USCG Action Complete LIP
319	832	80	257

Debris Targets in View

2 of 2,478

Photo Link

Unique ID

Navigation Hazard

Assessment Type

USCG Unit

NRC Number if Applicable

Date of Updated Assessment

Updated Assessment Type

Updated Assessment Team Lead

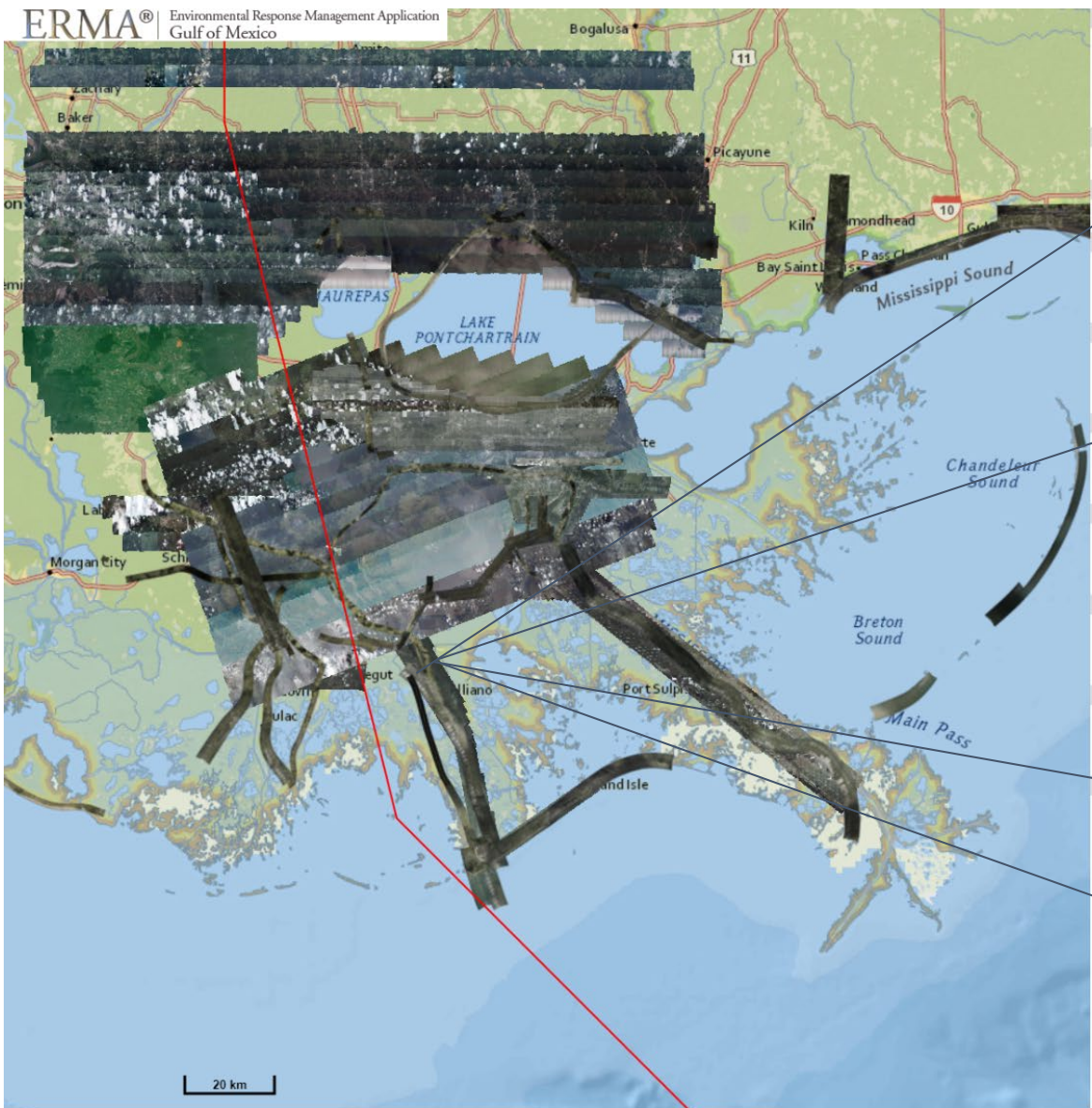
Target Type

ESF10

Hurricane Ida Targets

Scale: 1 : 865,129 Zoom Level: 8.8 Location: 29.4750°, -88.2960°





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Marine Pollution Surveillance Report

MARINE POLLUTION SURVEILLANCE REPORT

Analysis by: The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Satellite and Information Service (NOAA/NESDIS)

REPORT DATE/TIME: 9/3/2021 0330 (UTC)

DATA SOURCE: SENTINEL2B
MODE: Multispectral
RESOLUTION: 10 meter
IMAGE DATE/TIME: 9/2/2021 1638 (UTC)

Possible Oil
Possible Thicker Oil

Suspected Point Source:
[29°00'21" N/90°04'24" W]

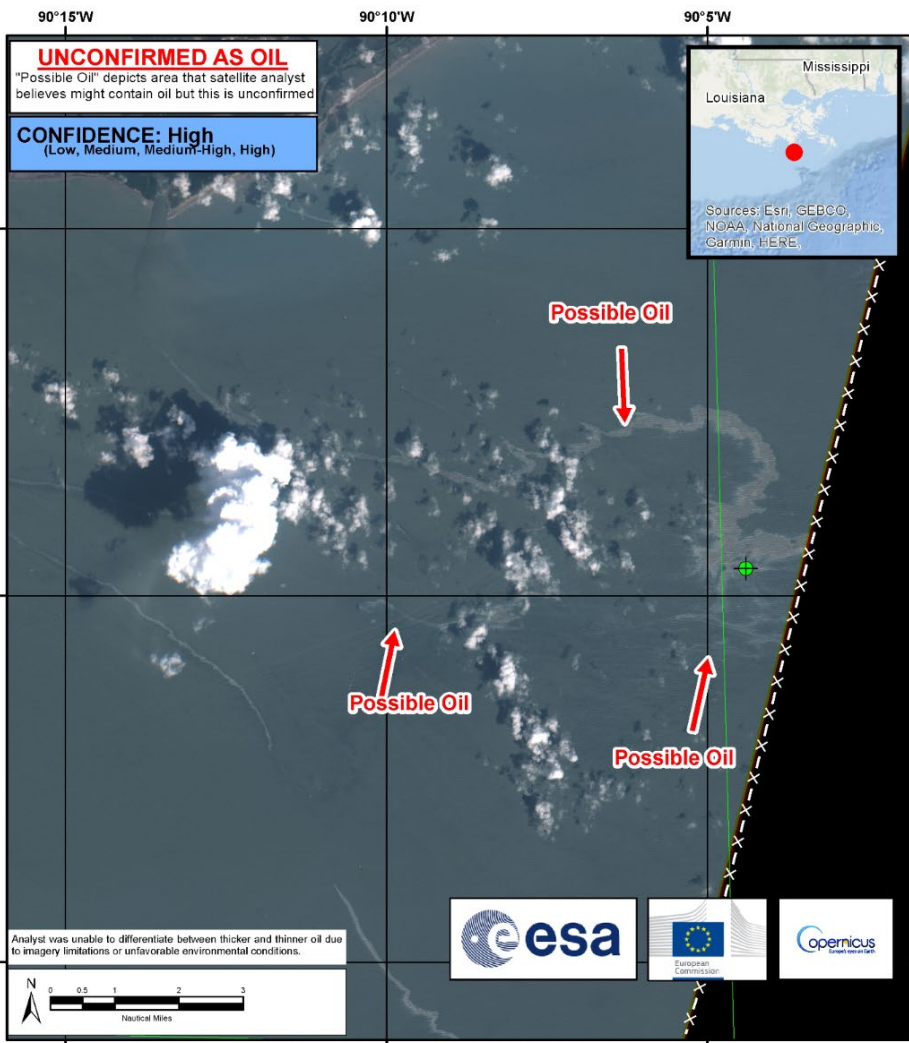
10.60 km² Total Area of Possible Oil

AREA/BLOCK: GRAND ISLE 39

REMARKS: Possible oil was observed in satellite imagery. This anomaly is unconfirmed as oil. The anomaly is silvery in color likely due to sun illumination. It consisted of three sections. The length of these three sections are 13nm, 3nm and 3nm respectively. The anomaly was consistent with the previous reported MSPR (NRC 1315461) using ICEYE imagery taken 1 hour prior, although with a smaller area. The wind at the time was from WSW at 9kt.

UNCERTAINTIES: There were uncertainties related to the exact source. The point source was chosen as it was located near where were large areas of oil, but it was not definite that this was the source. Also, the anomaly was near the edge of the imagery, so the actual content might be larger

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MARINE POLLUTION SURVEILLANCE REPORT

Analysis by: The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Satellite and Information Service (NOAA/NESDIS)

REPORT DATE/TIME: 9/3/2021 0030 (UTC)

DATA SOURCE: ICEYE
MODE: SCAN VV
RESOLUTION: 15 meter
IMAGE DATE/TIME: 9/2/2021 1539 (UTC)

Possible Oil
Possible Thicker Oil

Center Point of Oil Slick:
[29°00'28" N/90°06'01" W]

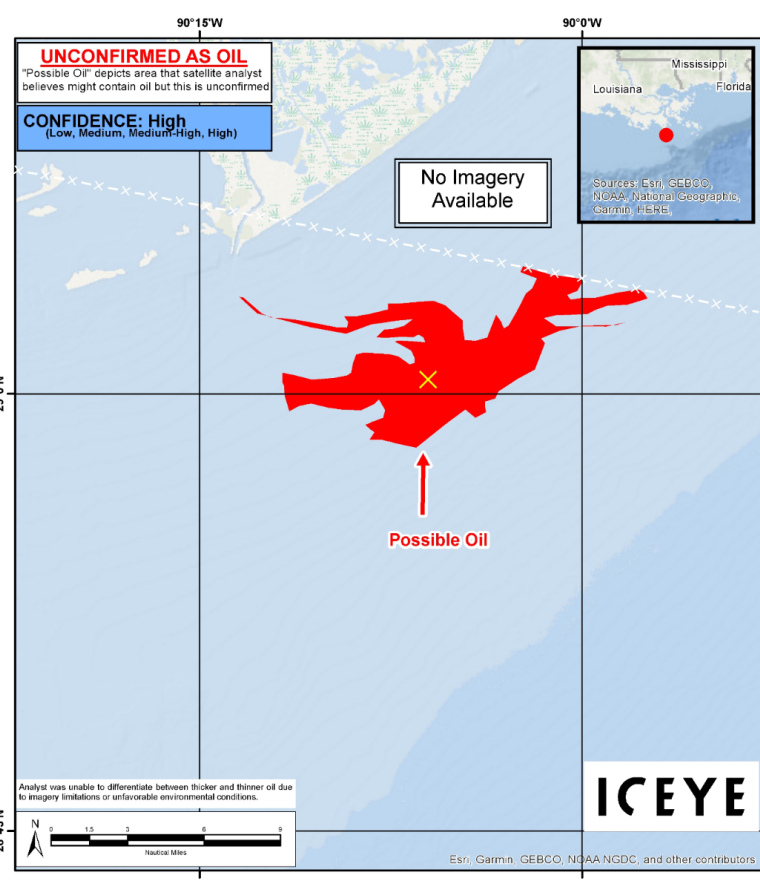
92.32 km² Total Area of Possible Oil

AREA/BLOCK: GRAND ISLE 38

REMARKS: Possible oil was observed in satellite imagery. This anomaly is unconfirmed as oil. The anomaly was 12nm at the longest dimension and 5nm wide in the other dimension. The anomaly had a good contrast with the surroundings, and was located close to many oil facilities, however, it was not clear which one is the source. The wind at the time was from WSW at 9kt.

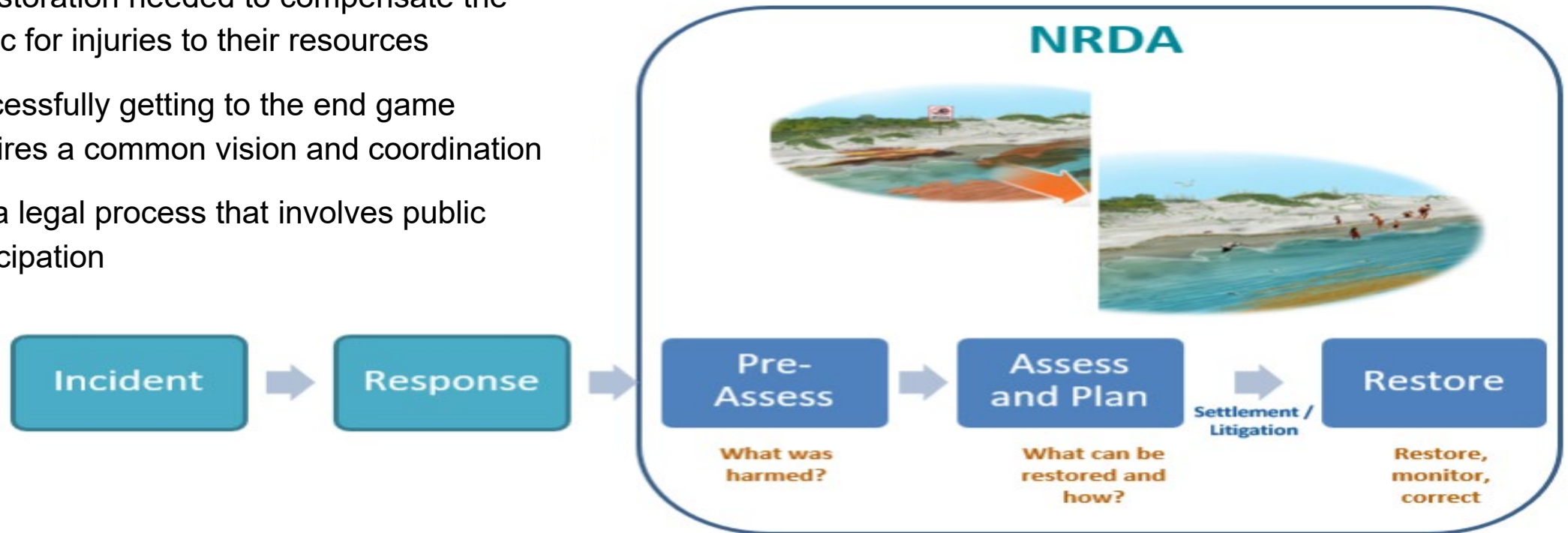
UNCERTAINTIES: It is not possible to pin down the point source. Also, the actually extent of the anomaly could be larger since the anomaly was at the northern edge of the imagery. The other thing to note is that the western and southern part of the anomaly had a more diffuse edge, indicating a slight likelihood that this part might be false positive due to low wind. But at the same time, some feathering can be seen in these area as well, so that likelihood was small.

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Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA) Overview

- Purpose is to determine type and amount of restoration needed to compensate the public for injuries to their resources
- Successfully getting to the end game requires a common vision and coordination
- It is a legal process that involves public participation



Hurricane Recovery



Hurricane Ida Recovery

OR&R continues to work with federal, state, and local partners to assist with the long-term impacts of Hurricane Ida, and ensure efficient and effective recovery

Recovery Activities

- DPP serving as NOAA liaison to the interagency Recovery Support Functions (RSFs) activated for Hurricane Ida, which coordinate federal disaster recovery support to the State and impacted communities
- NOAA supports Natural and Cultural Resources, Economic, and Community Planning and Capacity Building RSFs

Marine Debris Disaster Supplemental Funds:

- Funding opportunity for assessment and removal of debris from Hurricane Ida should be announced soon.

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Questions?

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