

CAPE HATTERAS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE CASTS EYES TOWARD HURRICANE IRENE

CHEC officials are monitoring Hurricane Irene, which is currently gaining strength off the Atlantic coast and is expected to become a major hurricane later today or Wednesday. CHEC stands ready to restore power should outages occur in the wake of Hurricane Irene's possible visit to the state.

CHEC personnel have begun to double-check equipment and supplies that will allow them to restore power if Irene causes major outages on Hatteras Island. When severe weather causes outages, electric cooperative line crews begin working, as soon as conditions permit, to restore service in a safe and efficient manner.

CHEC Members should have the Outage Report number (866-511-9862) available. In the event of a major outage, the Cooperative uses a priority plan to restore power to as many consumers as quickly as possible.

Now is the time to prepare an emergency kit that includes non-perishable food and bottled water, a flashlight, radio, batteries and any other items necessary for getting through a power outage. Remember to NEVER touch a fallen power line; fallen lines can be energized, and touching them could result in serious injury or even death.