

# Spotlight

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### Why This Matters

Hurricane Sandy made landfall in the United States on October 29, 2012. Prior to landfall, President Obama made an emergency declaration, thus allowing the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to start disaster response. On October 30, 2012, the President made a major disaster declaration for Individual Assistance and Public Assistance in seven counties in New York. Days after Sandy made landfall, we sent an Emergency Management Oversight Team to the affected area to evaluate FEMA's initial response to the disaster.

## FEMA's Initial Response in New York to Hurricane Sandy

### What We Determined

FEMA performed well in its response to Hurricane Sandy in New York. After the Emergency Declaration on October 28, 2012, FEMA moved quickly to mobilize an Incident Management Assistance Team, set up the Initial Operating Facility, and respond to requests for initial assistance and needed supplies using internal resources and mission assignments. FEMA prepared well for this disaster, overcame operational and staffing challenges, quickly resolved resource shortfalls, made efficient disaster sourcing decisions, and coordinated its activities effectively with State and local officials. The report contains no recommendations. FEMA concurred with the report and its conclusion.

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