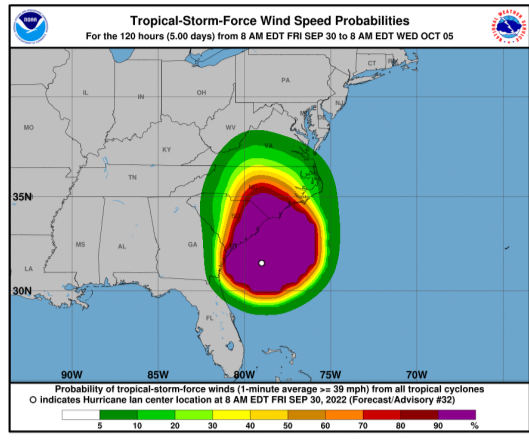


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**THIS WEEK IN WASHINGTON:
Hurricane Ian Hits Hard**

*Image from NOAA National Hurricane Center

Hurricane Ian made landfall this week, coming in at one of the most powerful hurricanes in the last decade. The Emergency Management Assistance Compact is on full display at the moment as resources were prepositioned and missions readied in the lead-up to the anticipated devastation by the storm. We know everyone's thoughts are with those working to respond and make their way through this monumental storm.

Feels like we wrote just yesterday about avoiding the last government shutdown, but that appears to be where we are at again. Language was released for the continuing resolution that will fund the government at FY 2022 levels through December 16 – the goal adjournment date for the 117th Congress. The biggest omission from this language? Senator Joe Manchin's (D—WV) pipeline permitting language, as he failed to get republicans onboard after losing support within his own party. Things that are included were the reauthorization of the National Flood Insurance Program, additional aid to Ukraine, full apportionment of the DRF, and \$2 billion to the CDBG-DR program for long-term housing, infrastructure, and economic relief among other items.

Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was also busy this week, holding a mark-up with several relevant bills on the slate. S. 4328 (Fire Suppression Improvement Act) and S. 3531 (National Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Strategy Act) passing out of the Committee by a voice vote – both of which NEMA has been monitoring with no specific stance at the moment. Resilient AMERICA Act was scheduled to be included in that mark-up as well, but was omitted by the Chair and now has a murky future.

On another note, we are hiring!! NEMA is looking for a qualified applicants for our Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) Training and Exercise Coordinator position! If you're interested in this opportunity with us, check out the application [here!](#)

Hearings the Week of October 3, 2022

[Countering Violent Extremism, Terrorism, And Antisemitic Threats In New Jersey](#)

House Committee on Homeland Security

Monday, October 3, 2022 at 10am ET

*Field hearing, held in Teaneck, NJ

More News from the Nation's Capital...

NHSC Adds Fourth Webinar in October

After the great success of the first three webinars in the National Homeland Security Consortium (NHSC) series this Fall, NHSC decided to add a fourth and final event. In partnership with the Center for Internet Security and Election Infrastructure ISAC, a briefing will be made available to the NHSC and all the members of your association on election security for the upcoming mid-terms. Speakers will include John Gilligan, CEO for the Center for Internet Security and Marci Andino, Senior Director with EI-ISAC.

The webinar will be held on October 5, from 1-2pm ET. Registration is not required for this webinar, just join the webinar through this [link](#). Please feel free to forward this invitation to your full membership.

Senate Passes CDRZ Act

Late Wednesday night the Senate passed, by unanimous consent with no opposition, the Community Disaster Resilience Zones (CDRZ) Act of 2022 ([S. 3875](#)). The bill amends the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (Stafford Act) to establish a statutory structure to identify and designate community disaster resilience zones (CDRZs) in communities that are at the most in need and most at risk to 18 natural hazards, such as hurricane, riverine and coastal flooding, tornado, and wildfire – to increase public and private sector resources for planning and projects to improve CDRZ communities' resilience.

NEMA signed on to a letter of support along with other interested organizations back in July.

Federal Agencies Face Issues with Cloud Computing

On Wednesday, GAO released a snapshot report on issues facing federal agencies with cloud computing. The four challenges that GAO reported on were ensuring cybersecurity, procuring cloud services, maintaining a skilled workforce, and tracking costs and savings. This [snapshot](#) also provides recommendations by the GAO for each of these challenges.

USGS Releases New Landslide Disaster Resource

This week, the U.S. Geological Survey released a new report that details the strategic actions necessary to equitably reduce the Nation's risk from landslide hazards. Developed by a federal interagency coordinating committee, the new strategy will guide the way the people study, coordinate responses to, and prepare for landslide hazards across the country. The four pillars to this framework are to assess, coordinate, plan, and respond.

The full report can be found [here](#), and additional landslide program information can be found on the [USGS website](#).

CISA Launches Protective DNS Resolver for Federal Agencies

This week, CISA released its Protective Domain Name System (DNS), their latest shared service offering, to all federal civilian agencies. After successful testing with a limited number of agencies, CISA is now actively onboarding agencies into this service with modernized capabilities to detect and prevent threats in internet traffic and raise our collective cyber defense.

DNS Infrastructure is a common threat vector for attack campaigns. Protective DNS shields federal users and organizations from reaching known or suspected malicious destinations with a cutting-edge capability that safeguards network connections. It also empowers FCEB agencies with better visibility into their own internet traffic, providing real-time logs, reports and other insights into an ever-evolving cyber threat landscape. More information can be found on the [CISA website](#).

Other News from DC and Around the Country:

World Economic Forum: [From Hurricane Fiona to Ian: How Disaster-Hit Areas Can Get The Power Back on and Build Resilience for Next Time](#)

Senator Padilla: [Senate Passes Padilla Bill to Improve Federal Wildfire Response](#)

Governing: [Hurricane Ian Raises Questions of Risk and Resilience](#)

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