

# TelcomWATCH

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IMPORTANT NOTICE –  
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## FCC ACTIVATES THE DIRS

The FCC has activated the Disaster Information Reporting System (DIRS) for Hurricane Isaac. **If you do not have communication assets in the affected counties listed below, please disregard this request.**

The area of interest for this activation includes the following counties and parishes:

- **Alabama:** Baldwin, Mobile
- **Florida:** Escambia, Santa Rosa
- **Louisiana:** Ascension, Assumption, Avoyelles, Catahoula, Concordia, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Iberia, Iberville, Jefferson, Lafayette, Lafourche, Livingston, Orleans, Plaquemines, Pointe Coupee, Saint Bernard, Saint Charles, Saint Helena, Saint James, St. John the Baptist, Saint Landry, Saint Martin, Saint Mary, Saint Tammany, Tangipahoa, Washington, West Baton Rouge, West Feliciana
- **Mississippi:** Adams, Amite, Franklin, Hancock, Harrison, Jackson, Jefferson, Lincoln, Pearl River, Pike, Walthall, Wilkinson

If you have communications equipment in these counties, the FCC requests that you provide daily reports on the status of your equipment by using DIRS. There is no need to report on stations, equipment, switches, or PSAPs that are fully operational.

The FCC will monitor the storm's progress and may extend DIRS activation to additional counties as needed in the coming days.

We request that you provide the first set of initial reports by 11:00 a.m. EDT today, Aug. 29. Subsequent reports should be made by 11:00 a.m. EDT every day while DIRS is activated.

The URL for DIRS is <https://www.fcc.gov/nors/disaster>.

Alternately, you can go to <http://www.fcc.gov> and find DIRS under e-filing.

Please use your user ID (it is usually the characters before the @ sign on your e-mail address and is case-sensitive). If you do not have a log-in, there is a link on the log-in page that will allow you to establish a user ID and password. If you do not remember your password, please use the forgotten password link on the log-in page.

After you log on, please fill in the reports for the types of equipment that you have in your network in the area of interest that have been affected by the storm.

There is a user manual available at the DIRS website.

NCS has requested that wireless companies provide their coverage maps for the area of interest. If you are providing wireless service in the area of interest, the FCC further requests that you provide coverage maps with your DIRS submission. Please provide these maps in Adobe PDF format and email them to [John.Healy@fcc.gov](mailto:John.Healy@fcc.gov), [Julia.Tu@fcc.gov](mailto:Julia.Tu@fcc.gov), or [Michael.Caiafa@fcc.gov](mailto:Michael.Caiafa@fcc.gov).

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