



Hurricane FLORENCE

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Carolinas Plants Remain Idle as Florence Weakens to Tropical Depression, Unleashes Torrential Rain, Flooding

Now a tropical depression, Florence has unloaded feet of rain in parts of the Carolinas, and several industrial plants remain idle as they assess damage, wait for flood waters to recede and transportation systems to return to full operations. Duke Energy's two units at the Brunswick Nuclear Plant remain offline despite no indication of storm-related damage, as roads have made it impossible for plant staff to reach the plant. While power transmission remains a challenge for many, power generation assets have fared quite well overall in the wake of the storm, with only a small number of power plants currently offline. Marine operations in North Carolina, such as the ports of Wilmington and Morehead City, remain closed through Wednesday, with reports indicating warehouse and other structural damage, as well as a significant number of empty containers that need to be cleared. Ports in Virginia and Georgia are all on normal operating schedules. A CSX train derailed on Sunday near Lilesville, North Carolina, due to a washed out track, but most rail transportation has resumed and crews are carefully assessing potential damage. Industrial Info's research teams called on hundreds of industrial plants across many industries in the region over the weekend, confirming that despite roof damage, uprooted trees and street flooding, most plants suffered very little damage. The most significant hindrance in getting operations back online will be staffing and access to plants where roads or major transportation corridors are still closed. The GE Hitachi Nuclear Energy Americas LLC (GEH) plant in Wilmington, North Carolina, which produces nuclear fuel rods, will remain closed for at least two weeks due to minor building damage and general grounds cleaning to remove tree debris and other materials.

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