

Flash News

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Hurricane Harvey

These are dark times for all those experiencing the rising waters on the Texas coast and in the Houston area. Many IAM members live and work in this area, please know you are all in our hearts and minds. We pray that everyone stays safe, and free from harm's way.

The IAM has trained Employee Assistance Program representatives on the ground, providing assistance. For those being affected by the storm, you are not alone, the Machinists Union family is here for you in any and every way we can help.

[Click here](#) for more information.

RRB Advises Rail Workers Impacted by Hurricane Harvey

The U.S. Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) is reminding rail employees out of work due to Hurricane Harvey and its aftermath that they may qualify for unemployment benefits. To determine eligibility or file claims for benefits, affected railroaders should call the RRB's toll-free telephone number (**1-877-772-5772**) or visit the Unemployment benefits webpage. Rail workers who are out of work and without Internet or regular mail service may temporarily claim benefits by calling the RRB's toll-free number until services are restored.

[Click here](#) for more.

Press Clip...

Hurricane Harvey's Impact on Rail Service

Progressive Railroading has a brief article describing the impact of Hurricane Harvey on our nation's railroads:

All Class 1, Amtrak and Houston METRO suspended service and the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) declared an emergency event this past weekend due to Hurricane Harvey's impact on the Texas Gulf region.

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