# Storm Hardening System Improvements Post-Sandy Update

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# **Con Edison Overview**

- \$12 Billion Annual Revenue
- Company Services
  - Electricity: Southern 2/3 of Westchester and all of NYC
  - Natural Gas: Bronx,
     Manhattan, portions of
     Queens, majority of
     Westchester
  - Steam: from the southern tip of Manhattan to 96<sup>th</sup> St on the west side and 89<sup>th</sup> St on the east side



# **Con Edison Steam Overview**

- \$680 Million Annual Revenue
- 1,700 Customers
- 6 Generating Stations
- ~20 Billion Pounds Annually (11,500Mlb Peak)
- Cogeneration (1/2 of Steam Demand)
- 105 Miles of Steam Pipe (Mains 8"-36")
- 200/400 PSIG Mains



### **Recent Major Storms**

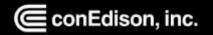
Hurricane Irene – 8/2011

- Central Park Rainfall 6.87"
  - Sustained Winds 52 mph
- Peak Gusts 67 mph @ LGA
- Battery Storm Tide 9.50'
- Main Shut Off's -15
  Customers Impacted 51
- Electrical Metworks Lost 0
- Generating Capacity Lost 0?
- Total Restoration 3 Days

Central Park Rainfall – 0.94"
Sustained Winds – 64 mph
Peak Gusts – 90 mph @ SI
Battery Storm Tide – 14.06'
Main Shut Off's – 48

Hurricane Sandy – 10/2012

- Customers Impacted 561
   Electrical Networks Lost 11
   Generating Capacity Lost 90%
- Total Restoration 11 Days



# **Storm Impact**

- Generating Station
   Flooding
- Equipment Damage
- Field Obstacles





### **Sandy Response & Customer Interruptions**

- 561 Total Customers Impacted
  - (130) from Preemptive MSO's
  - (236) from Storm Loss
  - (142) from Electric Related
  - (53) from High Usage Load
     Shed





# **Storm Hardening - Overview**

- Limit Damage to Assets & Facilitate Rapid Recovery
  - Prevent water intrusion into facility
  - Additional protection around critical equipment
  - Raise critical equipment to higher levels
- Reduce Customer Impact
  - Decrease the amount of customers impacted by Coastal Storms
  - Decrease restoration time required after a storm
  - Improve customer communications before, during, and after

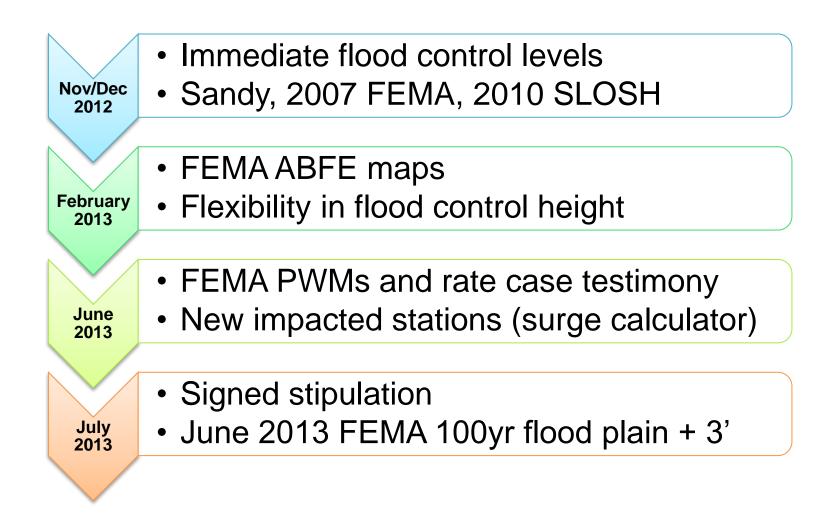


# **Storm Hardening - Overview**

- Rate case filed January 2013
- Immediate Storm Hardening
  - Completed by June 2013
- Storm Hardening Phase 2
  - \$1 billion Company-wide
  - Projects span 2014 2017
- Storm Hardening Collaborative
  - Cooperation among all parties
  - Design Standards
  - Prioritization & Justifications



# **Storm Hardening - Collaborative**





# Design Basis – Immediate

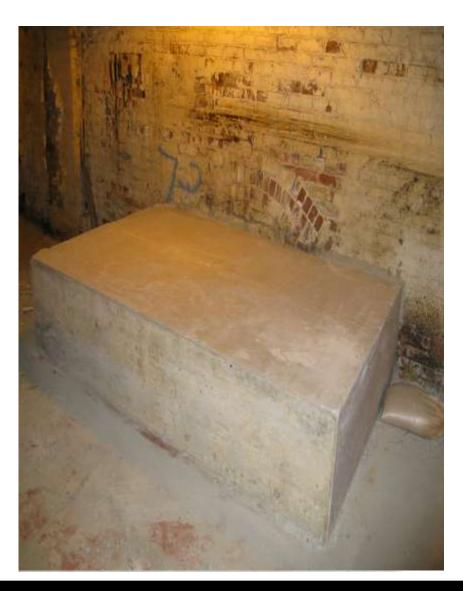
- Strategy
  - Minimum protection level
  - Active flood control
  - Defense in depth
  - Avoid time-consuming construction activities
    - e.g. subsurface support structures, outages, etc.
  - Allowance for additional future measures/height
    - Feb 2013 FEMA ABFEs

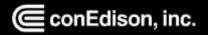




### **Immediate Storm Hardening - Projects**

- Example Projects
  - New concrete moats around critical equipment
  - Raise existing moats
  - Watertight doors and flood gates
  - New flood pumps
  - Seal critical panels and cabinets
  - Seal conduits and cable trenches with expansive foam
  - Tunnel sealing

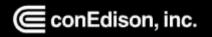




### **Immediate Storm Hardening - Quantities**

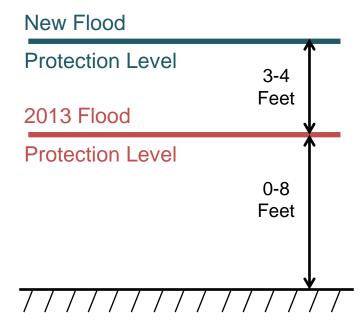
- Work completed at 3 Generating Stations
  - (39) New Concrete Moats (2,800 LF)
  - (115) Flood Gates/Doors
  - (21) High Capacity Diesel Pumps
  - (12) Sealed Tunnels
  - (3,000+) Sealed Conduits/Troughs
  - Stack inspections
  - Portable Connections
  - Enlarged Sump Pits





# **Next Steps – Phase 2 Storm Hardening**

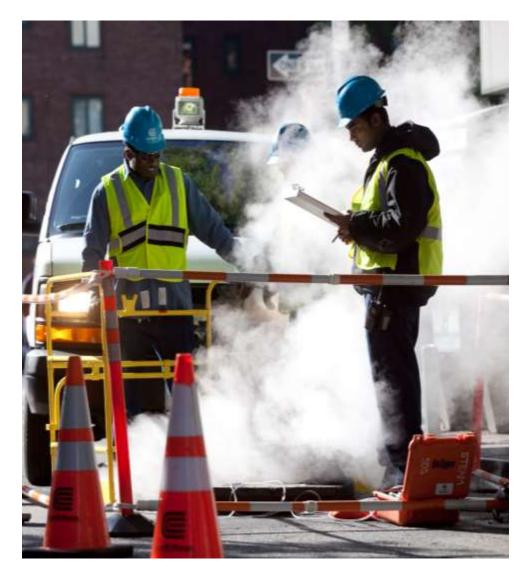
- More robust walls, doors and barriers
- Additional pumps with redundant feeds
- Backup generators
- Raise or relocate critical equipment
- New control room and automation system



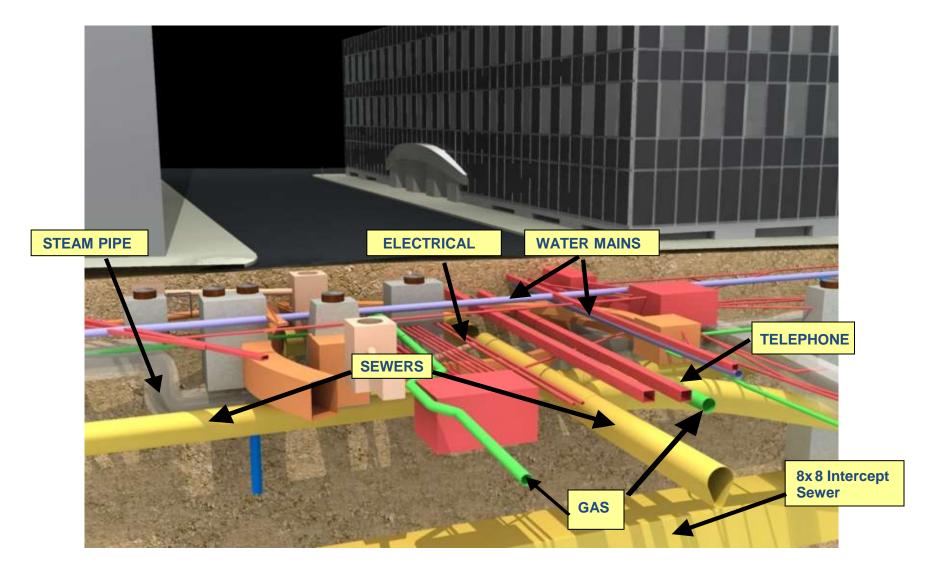
#### Design Standard: FEMA 100 year flood level + 3 feet

# **Steam Distribution - Storm Hardening**

- Reduction in Preemptive Customer Outages
- Quicker Customer Restoration
- Accurate and Timely Restoration Information Provided to Customers



### **Steam Distribution – Finding Space**





# **Remote Monitoring System (RMS)**

- Program started in 2008 with scheduled completion in 2015
- System Diagnostics (Communication, Box Temperature, System Data)
- Monitors & Alarms:
  - Real-time external water infiltration (680 manholes)
  - Trap functionality (1094 traps)

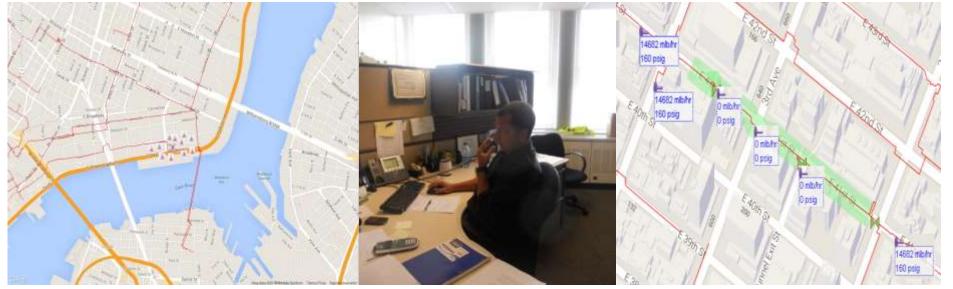


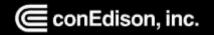


# **Steam System Status (3S)**

#### **Enhanced Customer Communications**

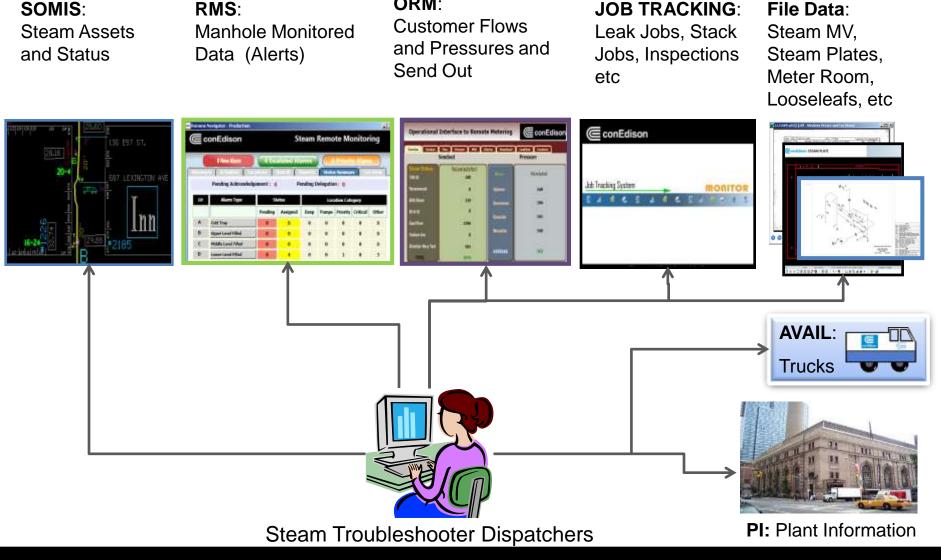
- Prior to, During, and After the Storm
- Easy to visualize plan for scheduled main shut offs for all personnel
- Real-time updates for emergency isolations and service valve turn offs
- Real-time updates for estimated time of restoration for both steam mains and services





### **Steam Dispatcher – Current State**

ORM:





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**Intranet Application** 

Steam Data Over Real World Map

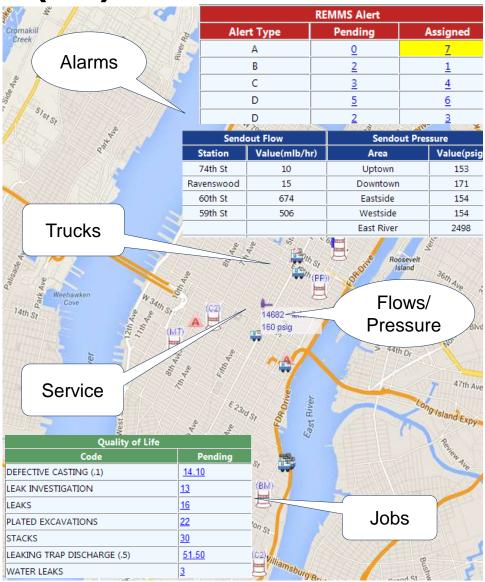
SOMIS: Steam Assets and their Status

RMS: Manhole Monitored Data (Alerts)

**ORM: Customer Flows and Pressures** 

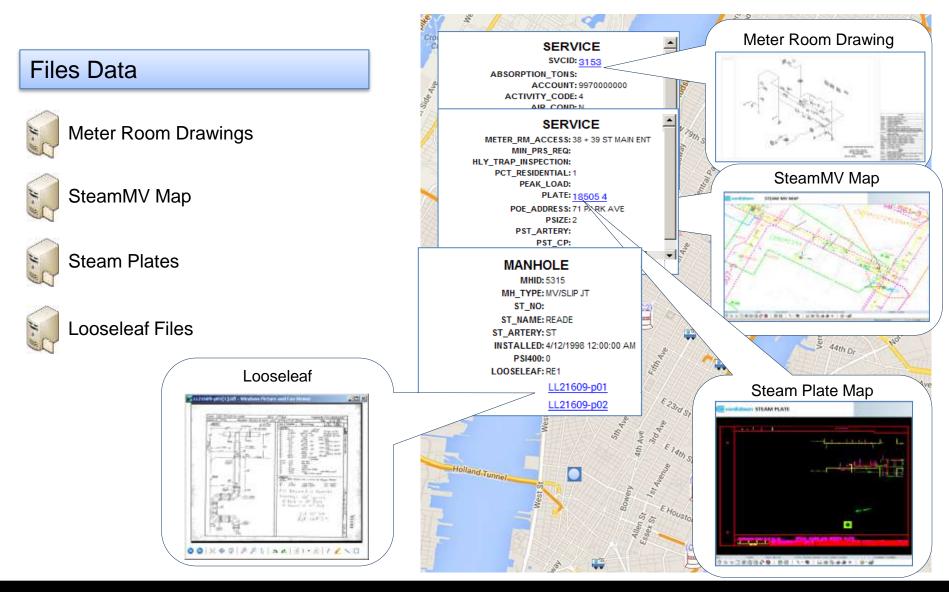
AVAIL - Trucks

Job Tracking





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### **Reinforcement Considerations**

- Add additional valves for greater flexibility and system segmentation
- Add motor operated valves in strategic areas to allow for load shedding
- Waterproof housing in strategic areas to allow steam mains to stay online
- Install new sections of main that bypass flood zones





### **Summary and Next Steps**

- Immediate Storm Hardening was completed by June 2013 to protect against a Sandy level storm
- Coastal Storm Plans modified to reflect lessons learned and provide more flexibility to operating organizations
- Phase 2 of Storm Hardening scheduled for completion by 2017 to the FEMA 100 year Floodplain + 3' level
- Strategic reinforcement and modification of the Distribution system in progress and scheduled for completion by 2017

# **Questions?**

