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### **When shutting down a port due to an impending natural disaster take the following steps to ensure a safe and prompt reopening:**

Secure potential projectiles, such as container cranes, railway cars, and other industrial equipment such as cameras, to curb potential damage to the Port. The Port will be needed for post disaster delivery of supplies. Port staff must preserve or protect the public health and safety of the residents for both the Port property and adjacent property owners, while also reopening as quickly as possible post disaster.

Provide a safe haven for smaller vessel in slips blocked by barges.

Develop communication redundancies.

Coordinate with neighboring ports in the area to develop cooperative plans.

Act as the interface to agencies and to the outside world during the storm.

### **When reopening the port post disaster to assist with recovery:**

Prepare for the Army Corps of Engineers had to do a survey of the channel to be sure the channel is clear from obstruction.

Conduct manual security patrols until fully reopened.

Prepare to receive a large number of passengers or take the role as the point of disembarkation for evacuees from other locations. Prepare to house displaced persons that arrive via the port.

Before reopening ensure that port facilities remain secure.

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