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## Assessing Damage and Mopping Up as Water Recedes

By TINA KELLEY

LODI, N.J., April 17 — From Mamaroneck and New Rochelle in Westchester County to Bound Brook and Lodi in New Jersey, the New York City region took stock and mopped up on Tuesday from one of the rainiest April storms on record.

More than 900 Bound Brook residents were still in shelters, and about 3,000 people statewide were without electricity on Tuesday afternoon, said acting Gov. Richard J. Codey, who has asked President Bush to declare flood-stricken New Jersey as a national disaster area. Two people died from the flooding, and a third was reported missing.

In Lodi, a suburb in Bergen County that was among the hardest-hit towns in the region, Evelyn Mitchell, 61, was collecting important papers from her mud-soaked basement apartment on North Main Street after the Saddle River had flooded its banks.

“Everything’s gone,” said Ms. Mitchell, pointing toward her overturned refrigerator, soaked mattress and damaged computer printer, a recent birthday present.

The floodwater in her apartment toppled furniture and created a four-foot-high water line that left the cream-colored walls lighter below it than above. But the figurines and pictures of her grandchildren remained carefully arranged on higher shelves.

“Thank God for family,” she said as she headed for her son’s home in Rahway, N.J.

Lester Williams, 50, another resident in Ms. Mitchell’s 27-unit building, was even worse off. “We lost everything,” said Mr. Williams, a single parent.

His children, Sandrell, 7, and Swalik, 5, who sat patiently outside in the family’s silver Grand Prix, would normally have been in class at Washington School, across Main Street. But the elementary school was one of many across the state that remained closed for a second day, and fire hoses snaked from inside the building’s front doors, disgorging floodwater.

“I don’t know what move to make from here,” Mr. Williams said. “I’m so lost I don’t know what to do right now.” In his apartment, a picture of his niece, two Matchbox cars and a puzzle piece sat on a bureau near the kitchen, a soggy still life.

The storm killed Niranjankumar Soni, 52, of Edison, who was trapped in a car in a flooded underpass in

Woodbridge, and Nicholas Pennucci, 79, of Bloomfield, who apparently drowned next to his car on a flooded street in Belleville.

In Mahwah, the police were searching the Ramapo River on Tuesday for Mary Pat Wagner, 43, who was last seen driving home from a party on Saturday night. Along a river bank near Route 202, the police had found a side-view mirror that may have come from her car, Capt. Stephen Jaffe of the Mahwah police told The Associated Press.

Mr. Codey, who declared a state of emergency on Monday, said that most of the major rivers in New Jersey, including the Delaware and the Raritan, had crested and were receding on Tuesday afternoon. On Wednesday, his office said, Mr. Codey planned to take an aerial tour to assess the damage.

In Mamaroneck, where more than seven inches of rain fell Sunday and Monday, merchants on Tuesday were clearing out the soggy remnants of their stores.

A. J. Martello, the owner of a pump and drain company in nearby Port Chester, was charging \$600 an hour for a pump that can drain 1,600 gallons an hour. He said business was booming. "This is the worst I've ever seen, and I thought the last was the worst," Mr. Martello said. "Look at the devastation. It's like our little Hurricane Katrina."

Officials in Westchester County urged flood victims to document damage and contact their town or the county about losses so that officials could provide a detailed picture as they apply for federal aid.

In Mamaroneck, National Guard troops were stationed at stoplights along Mamaroneck Avenue, which was lined with trucks from utility companies and various fire departments that were assisting homeowners and businesses that had been flooded.

Mayor Philip Trifiletti estimated that damage in his village alone would run in the tens of millions of dollars.

Mr. Trifiletti said that as of Tuesday morning, about 100 Mamaroneck residents remained in shelters, though he said he hoped to have 99 percent of them back in their homes by the weekend.

"For everything to return to normal, I think will take two to three weeks at least," he said.

Several major roads in New York and New Jersey also were still flooded Tuesday. A five-mile stretch of the Bronx River Parkway — from the Sprain Brook Parkway to Scarsdale Road in Yonkers — was closed. In New Jersey, 14 stretches of highway were partly shut down or closed, though the number was down from 70 such sections on Monday.

The receding water revealed swaths of devastation from Fire Island, where houses teetered on their stilts on a washed-away beach, to Staten Island, where a retaining wall was washed away and left five multifamily homes deserted and in danger of collapsing.

Through the rain and the flood and the muck, there was one silver lining. In New Jersey, residents affected by

the storm were assured of an additional two days to file their federal and state tax returns, which must be postmarked by midnight Thursday and marked "April 16 storm."

School board elections also were postponed in Bound Brook, Manville and Fairfield Township; no makeup dates had been set. Mike Yapple, a spokesman for the New Jersey School Boards Association, said the last time elections were postponed was in 1982, when a blizzard crippled the northern part of the state.

For the second day, classes were canceled at the Piscataway and New Brunswick campuses of Rutgers University.

In Lodi, Ms. Mitchell — who had been doing her spring cleaning before the floodwater came — said she would be looking for a new apartment. "Two floods is enough," she said. "I'm not waiting for another."

*Abby Gruen contributed reporting from Larchmont, John Holl from Jersey City and Barbara Whitaker from Mamaroneck.*

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STORM RECOVERY

## Businesses and Residents Struggling With Flood Damage

By BARBARA WHITAKER

Mamaroneck

THE Aristocrat Dry Cleaners in Hartsdale has been closed since the basement flooded to the ceiling in the April 15 northeaster, damaging or destroying much of the equipment. But that doesn't mean it isn't doing business.

Phil Benincasa Jr. continued to serve customers last week by expanding pick-up and drop-off service as much as possible and benefiting from the kindness of another dry cleaner, who let him use his site to clean and press clothes.

"We must have one of the best clienteles ever," said Mr. Benincasa, who runs the business with his father. "Every single one of them has been so understanding and so supportive through this horrible ordeal."

But he was not nearly as enthusiastic about the low-interest loans offered to businesses — up to \$1.5 million at a rate of as low as 4 percent — as part of the federal disaster declaration that was made on Tuesday.

"We need aid, not low-interest loans," said Mr. Benincasa, who said he had not bought flood insurance because his business was not in an area that typically floods.

Other business owners in the county had a similar reaction after being notified of the disaster declaration at a meeting in Mamaroneck on Tuesday.

"I'm not looking for low-interest loans," said Frank Picone, owner of Picone Meat Specialties in Mamaroneck. "FEMA is missing the point. This was an act of God, and when it's an act of God, they should help cover the losses."

Under the disaster declaration, individuals and households are eligible for up to \$28,200 in financial aid related to loss of housing and property.

Individuals may also be eligible for low-interest loans of up to \$200,000 for structure damage and \$40,000 on contents. The rate for those loans is as low as 2.875 percent, said Ed Conley, a spokesman for the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Mr. Picone estimated that he sustained about \$750,000 in damages — including a piece of machinery that

cost \$150,000 and had been used for only three days — but his flood insurance would cover only about \$250,000.

“If I didn’t have good credit, I would be out of business,” he said.

Mr. Conley noted that individuals who receive assistance from the federal government are asked to get flood insurance.

Business and home owners who receive loans of more than \$10,000, or are located in a 100-year flood plain, are required to obtain flood insurance.

The emergency management agency has been encouraging residents and businesses to get flood insurance, particularly with hurricane season starting June 1 and another active season predicted. Mr. Conley said that every community in Westchester participates in the National Flood Insurance Program, which assures that such coverage is available. In addition, property owners who are not in flood-prone areas are encouraged to look for so-called preferred risk policies, which provide such coverage at reduced rates.

But business owners in Mamaroneck say that flood insurance can be costly and that caps on the amount of coverage — in some cases \$10,000 to \$15,000 — can make it nearly worthless.

Many business and property owners in Mamaroneck and other parts of the county called on local, state and federal officials to begin addressing drainage problems that were exposed in the storm this month and one on March 2. Several merchants at the meeting Tuesday in Mamaroneck also complained of sewage backups that occurred before the most recent flooding.

Those seeking federal assistance can call 1-800-621-FEMA (1-800-621-3362) or go to [fema.gov](http://fema.gov).

In addition, village officials said, the [United Way](#) is serving as a clearinghouse for information and donations; residents can call 211 or (800) 899-1479, the number that cable phone customers must use.

David Currie, the local director for the United Way in Westchester, said those in need could also go to St. Thomas Episcopal Church at 168 West Boston Post Road from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. tomorrow and Tuesday to meet with case workers.

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## Cleaning up after the Spring Nor'Easter

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Eyewitness News

(New York-WABC, April 17, 2007) (WABC) – The rain has ended but the aftermath of the Spring Nor'Easter continues.

### Power Outages

- New Jersey – 2,700 (1,300 in Bound Brook)
- Westchester – 2,000
- Connecticut – 3,753

### Airport

Teterboro Airport is closed and under water. Newscopter Seven was over the airport this morning, the airport's runways are partially submerged.

### New Jersey Residents

In Paterson, New Jersey on Tuesday rescue crews use rafts to reach residents trapped by flood waters. Newscopter Seven was live overhead as the rescue teams had to rescue residents and their pets after the Passaic River continues to rise and is not expected to crest until 2:00 p.m. tomorrow afternoon.

In Bound Brook, residents are waking and assessing the damage to their homes and property. About 1,100 residents had to sleep in area shelters overnight.

Both residents in Bound Brook and Manville are trying to figure out exactly how they are going to recover from all the flooding from the Spring Nor'Easter.

SWAT Teams police, both local and state are patrolling the areas and making sure there is no looting.

Three feet of water still covered Main Street in Bound Brook at noontime. But residents and business owners were anxious to get back to see the damage to their property.

The school used for shelter last night was expected to be closed tonight so the school could open on Monday.

Meanwhile, residents in Wayne were bracing themselves for possible flooding as the Passaic and Pompton Rivers were at the flood stage and expected to rise. This was expected to be a concern for the next 24 hours.

Much of the residents in Wayne spent the morning cleaning up but readying themselves for the worst as the rivers continued to rise throughout the day. Residents are advised to seek higher ground.

In nearby Lodi, many people's basements and first floors and just houses in general were just a complete mess from flood waters. The only way for people to get around, of course, is by boat.

Flooding in Lincoln Park was causing problems on Route 46 and shut down some local streets due to flooding.

The storm claimed the lives of two men in Woodbridge and Belleville.

### Westchester Residents

The damage from the storm was in full view Tuesday in the usually vibrant downtown village of Mamaroneck in Westchester County, where the Mamaroneck and Sheldrake rivers overflowed their banks after 6.75 inches of rain fell from Sunday through 4:15 p.m. Monday.

New York Gov. Eliot Spitzer toured the ravaged Mamaroneck and called the town "the epicenter of the damage done in New York State.

Six departments from Long Island were sent into Westchester today to help pump the water out. Some businesses suffered flooding of almost five feet high, but were optimistic that they could reopen.

Mamaroneck and New Rochelle were among the suburban communities north of New York City most severely hit by the storm.

## Connecticut Residents

After touring storm-damaged areas of Connecticut, Governor M. Jodi Reil announced yesterday she had spoken twice to Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region One Director Arthur W. Cleaves and is requesting all available federal assistance for Connecticut homeowners, businesses and cities and towns affected by the spring nor'easter that brought heavy rains and high winds to the state.

The Governor is asking FEMA to declare a major disaster in Connecticut.

Governor Reil met with local officials Monday afternoon in Wallingford, Shelton and Danbury to tour damaged areas and discuss cleanup operations. Governor Reil spent the morning at the state Emergency Operations Center in the Hartford Armory leading briefings and assessments of the statewide effects of the storm.

### Flood Relief:

The New York State Insurance Department today activated its toll-free Disaster Hotline to assist property owners in the event they experience flood damage caused by heavy rains moving through the state, Acting Superintendent Eric R. Dinallo said.

The Insurance Department's Disaster Hotline number is **1-800-339-1759**. The hotline is staffed by personnel from the Department's Consumer Services Bureau on weekdays between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

FEMA has deployed teams to assess the damage.

In neighboring Rye, dry ice will also be distributed by Con Edison at Rye City Hall at 10 a.m. at 1051 Boston Post Road.

Con Edison urges customers to report power interruptions or service problems on-line at [www.conEd.com](http://www.conEd.com), or by calling Con Edison's toll-free customer service number **1-800-75-CON ED (1-800-752-6633)**. When reporting an outage, customers should have their Con Edison account number available, if possible, and report whether their neighbors have also lost power.

### Tax Filing Deadline Extended for Flood Victims:

It's tax day, but the IRS is giving a little break to flood victims affected by the Spring Nor'easter.

The **IRS** is giving people directly affected by the storm a two day extension on filing their tax returns.

Impacted tax payers will now have until midnight Thursday, April 19th to file. In order to avoid late fees, the IRS says victims should mark their returns with the words "April 16th Storm".

For those filing electronically, use the software's disaster feature if available. For more information, go to [IRS.GOV](http://IRS.GOV)

### Accu-Weather Forecast

The clouds hold tough through Wednesday, with a few sunny breaks late in the day. Highs on Wednesday will be in the upper 40's to near 50-degrees.

Thursday will fair much better with highs in the 50's and a much diminished wind.

However, if you want the real feel of spring, you don't have to wait too long. The weekend will feature sunshine and highs in the 60's.

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## Storm Wreaks Havoc in Northeast

NEW YORK -- Record rainfall and brutal wind brought flooding, downed trees and power outages to much of the Northeast, causing state of emergencies to be declared for New Jersey, West Virginia and New Hampshire, along with flood watches and advisories to be in effect for New York, *Bloomberg News* reported.

The storm barreled in from the Midwest, bringing with it the worst flooding seen in the region since Tropical Storm Floyd landed in September 1999, the National Weather Service reported. New York saw the second wettest day on record on Sunday with 7.57 inches of rain in Central Park, according to Joe Pollina, meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Upton, N.Y. The record, 8.28 inches, was set on Sept. 23, 1882.

In Westchester County, N.Y., energy company Consolidated Edison Inc. began cutting gas and electric service to 1,500 residential and business customers where flooding threatened equipment in basements. On Long Island, voluntary evacuations were issued in areas such as Mamaroneck and Bayville.

On Mamaroneck Avenue, business owners were pumping water from buildings that had lost power, *The Journal News* reported. Water mains flooded the area even further. Vincent Marconi, a 60-year-old Rye, N.Y., resident and owner of Tri-City Auto Parts, was using a broom to push away of some of the muddy water that came inside his store when flood waters broke the plate-glass window on the bottom floor.

"Anything that's below 50 inches will be a loss," he told the paper, estimating damages at \$75,000, with no flood insurance coverage to offer assistance. "I'm devastated. I have seven employees I have to continue to pay, and the lost product is tremendous." In 28 years of business, he said, this was the worst flooding he's seen.

Airports in New York and the surrounding areas were beginning to recover yesterday after a night of hard rain and 500 cancelled flights. "Everything is moving," Pasquale DiFulco, a spokesman for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, told *Bloomberg News*.

Upstate New York received snow, but it was almost business as usual for one convenience chain in the area. Fran Duskiwicz, senior executive vice president of Canastota, N.Y.-based Nice N Easy Grocery Shoppes, told *CSNews Online* that plows had to be put back on trucks, but that the conditions were not nearly as bad as those seen toward the metropolitan New York area and Long Island.

In Massachusetts, the 111th Boston Marathon was scheduled for yesterday. The Boston Athletic Association announced the race would continue as planned despite the weather, but warned participants of hypothermia, as the morning wind-chill factor was predicted to be 25 degrees Fahrenheit, the report stated. In addition, Boston Red Sox games might be cancelled as well as Patriot's Day activities, leaving crowds and tourism at home, resulting in the loss of potentially \$15 million, the Greater Boston Convention and Visitors Bureau stated.

"It would be a huge hit, because once that money is lost, it can't be replaced," said Greater Boston Convention and Visitors Bureau CEO Pat Moscaritolo. "It's like an airline seat that doesn't get sold. Once the plane takes off, that revenue is lost forever."

One Boston-area retailer, VERC Enterprises, operator of 20 convenience stores and two car washes headquartered in Duxbury, Mass., told *CSNews Online* Monday afternoon that three of its 22 locations were without power, and were not expected to get electricity back for four to six hours. "This is a school vacation week and the marathon is on Monday. Many people are off the roads, so the overall effect is minimal," he said.

In New Hampshire, more than 92,000 homes and business lost power due to the storm. Roads were closed and a landslide blocked Route 101 in both directions near the Wilton-Milford town line, *The Associated Press* reported.

State Governor John Lynch enlisted 200 members of the National Guard to assist communities in evacuations, dam repairs and traffic direction. "There are probably a couple hundred roads that either are closed, flooding or washed out," Lynch told *the AP*. "People should travel with a great deal of caution."

At Hampton Beach, high winds tore off boards covering the windows of an oceanfront convenience store, breaking windows and blowing merchandise into the street.

"We went to look, but the wind was so strong that you couldn't walk. The wind just turned you back," said Linda Pepin of Bristol, Conn., who owns a condominium less than 50 feet from the shore. She and her husband were checking on their property on their way back from a trip to Canada, *the AP* reported.

The wet weather is not expected to let up soon. An inch of rain was predicted yesterday, with precipitation through Wednesday, although not as heavy as before, National Weather Service's Pollina told *Bloomberg News*.

## Nor'easter Produced Worst Flooding in Local Memory

See More Photos: Nor'easter Slams Larchmont & Mamaroneck

by Judy Silberstein

(April 19, 2007) The April 15 nor'easter was the worst ever experienced by most residents and officials in Larchmont, Town of Mamaroneck and Village of Mamaroneck. "The worst suffering is coming from residents and businesses in the Village of Mamaroneck," said Town Supervisor Valerie O'Keeffe. There, flooded streets delayed firefighters from reaching a smoky fire at 243 Knollwood Avenue in Harbor Heights that ultimately claimed the life of 85-year-old Jacques Kirsch. (See: Obituaries.) Mayor Phil Trifiletti, touring the emergency shelter at Mamaroneck High School and shaken by the death of his neighbor from a few doors away, nevertheless noted, things could have been even worse.

Homes and stores inundated in the early March deluge were hit even harder this time. Damage spread to many more homes and businesses, with estimates of financial impacts running into the tens of millions of dollars. Among those hit twice were the Whittemores and others on Howard Avenue, many of whom had only recently completed renovations and returned home. Jim Whittemore was rescued by boat from his flooded second floor by Mamaroneck Village firefighters who battled the current for almost twenty minutes to reach him, according to Carolyn Whittemore, his mother.

Over 220 residents, many from low-lying Washingtonville neighborhoods, took shelter in the high school gym, where the Red Cross provided cots, blankets food and information. NY Governor Elliot Spitzer visited the center and reviewed the devastation along with state, county and local political leaders, who along with New York's representatives to Congress are requesting that President George Bush declare parts of Westchester a disaster area eligible for federal help.



Governor Eliot Spitzer surrounded by state, county and local leaders outside Mamaroneck High School, calls Mamaroneck the "epicenter" of the flooding and promised assistance.

"I hope they can help," said Randolph Scott, 49, who had grabbed a jitney to the high school after climbing out a window to escape from his basement apartment at Old White Plains Road and New Street. "I've lived in Mamaroneck thirty years and never seen it as bad." Newly appointed Mamaroneck Village Trustee Tony Fava said he had five feet of water in his office at Waverly and Mamaroneck Avenue.

Up in the Harbor Heights section of Mamaroneck Village, the Mamaroneck River again overflowed its banks filling basements and ground floors of surrounding homes. "It's been dormant for 20 years," said Peggy Jackson, whose basement was completely submerged and ground floor got 8 feet of water. The neighborhood association she heads has been meeting for months with all levels of government, including the Army Corps of Engineers, to find "small, medium and giant fixes" to recently recurring flooding that they view as "part overdevelopment upriver and part weather cycle."

### 7 Inches and More of Rain

For this flood event, the weather received most of the blame. There was only so much officials and residents could do to contain or prepare for such heavy rain.

More than 7 inches of rain fell over 15 hours from noon on Sunday, April 15 to 3 am on Monday, according to estimates from Mamaroneck Town Administrator Steve Altieri. An email update from the Town said, "The equivalent of two months of rain fell in twelve hours. The heavy rains swelled local brooks and rivers releasing torrents of water throughout the Town." The water level at the Larchmont Reservoir had been dropped 114 inches below the spillway, but by dinner time Sunday, the water had risen and spilled over, "which was an incredible sight," said Mr. Altieri.

Especially hard hit in Mamaroneck Town were homes on East and West Brookside Drives. The "brook," a section of the Sheldrake River, flooded adjacent roads and homes causing Con Edison to shut off power to an area that included neighboring streets. More homes were flooded when their sump pumps lost power (a topic that consumed much of the public discussion at the Town Council meeting on Wednesday, April 18).

In Larchmont Village "people had flooding who have never had water," said Larchmont Deputy Mayor Marlene Kolbert, who was filling in as Mayor Liz Feld recuperated from a hospital stay for cardiac tests. (See: Mayor Hospitalized for Cardiac Tests; VOL Prepares for Storm.) Among the newly flooded were the Kolberts, who had water in their basement for the first time in thirty years.

Even some Pine Brook Drive residents in the lowest-lying block, who are more experienced with high water, were caught by surprise. Larchmont firefighters had to use a Zodiac inflatable boat offered by the Larchmont Yacht Club to reach and rescue people from a number of homes. "Firefighters motored it right up to the front door of several homes," said Deputy Fire Chief PJ Abrahamson.



An orange highlights the movement of two firefighters motoring an inflatable boat along Pine Brook Drive in Larchmont to rescue residents trapped by the high water. Photo by Joe Clifton.

Flint Park flooded, turning into a lake by midday Sunday, but the plot staked out by the Larchmont Board for its proposed artificial turf field remained dry, according to Joe Bedard, manager of Larchmont's Department of Public Works.

"One big problem we had was the flow of raw sewage," said Deputy Chief Abrahamson. Along Hall Avenue the pressure on the pipes was "blowing the sewer caps off basement traps," and allowing sewage to spill into houses. There were also cases where home heating oil mixed with sewage and rain water seeped into homes.

#### **Hard to Believe, But It Could Have Been Worse**

As bad as it was, officials in all three communities recognize it could have been worse.

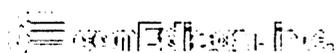


Geysers spouted out of overcharged sanitary sewers near Manor Park on Monday, April 16.

Most of the flooding was as a result of intense, concentrated rain – rather than gale force winds and super high tides, as had been predicted. High tides did cause additional flooding in many neighborhoods, mostly by backing up the storm sewers, rivers and brooks that empty into Long Island Sound. But had the winds combined with the tides, there could have been much more damage, especially for homes right on the Sound.

"In the end, it wasn't really a coastal storm," said Deputy Mayor Kolbert. "The water only came a little over the seawall."

That said, the damage is severe and recovery will take many weeks. The deputy mayor along with officials in Mamaroneck Town and Village were advising residents, who were understandably eager to get started with cleanup, to first photograph and document their losses to help with private insurance claims and possible assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).



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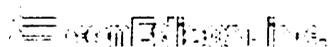
**Con Edison Assists Recovery From Flood Damage in Rye and Mamaroneck**

NEW YORK, NY, Mar 03, 2007 (MARKET WIRE via COMTEX News Network) -- Con Edison (NYSE: ED) is working closely with officials of the City of Rye and the Village of Mamaroneck in Westchester County to assist residents who were forced from their homes by the flooding experienced in the area on Friday, March 2. At the request of the municipalities and to ensure safety, power was cut to approximately 400 homes and buildings.

Residents and businesses affected by the flooding may contact officials located in a trailer at Cedar and Purchase Streets in Rye and at the firehouse at Mamaroneck Avenue and Boston Post Road in Mamaroneck for information about coping with flood damage and getting services restored. If power is off, residents must contact a licensed electrician to begin the restoration process. After any needed repairs have been made, the electrician will call an inspector to certify repairs. Con Edison can then come to customer premises to restore service.

Con Edison will continue to work with officials in Rye and Mamaroneck for the safe restoration of services to residents and businesses.

Contact: Michael Clendenin 212-460-4111

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NEW YORK, NY, Apr 16, 2007 (MARKET WIRE via COMTEX News Network) -- Con Edison (NYSE: ED) crews continue working around the clock responding to power outages caused by the April nor'easter that began pounding the New York area Sunday. The company reported scattered outages throughout its service area, with the bulk of the outages located along coastal communities in Westchester County.

At the request of local officials and to ensure safety, Con Edison has temporarily interrupted electric and/or gas service to 3,000 business and residential customers affected by flooding in the Cities of Rye, Yonkers and New Rochelle, Town and Village of Mamaroneck, and Villages of Larchmont, Bronxville and Scarsdale. Rising water that comes into contact with equipment in basements and other areas can result in hazardous conditions.

Con Edison is prepared to begin restoring service to those residents at the direction of municipal officials in the affected areas. These residents will need to coordinate with their local officials to restore services once flooding has subsided.

Customers who have lost power, or who are experiencing service problems, should call 1-800-75-CONED. They can also report service problems online at [www.conEd.com](http://www.conEd.com)

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