• Hurricane Charley is currently a Category 4 Hurricane (with maximum sustained winds of 140 mph) and is headed for the southwest Florida coast, heading north-northeast. Historically, this could be the strongest Florida storm (based on wind speed) since Hurricane Andrew in 1992.

• Based on the projected path of the storm, multiple electric utilities in Florida will be affected by the heaviest winds and rain. The utility companies have been proactive at shutting down generating units in the path of the storm and reaching out to affected customers to conserve electricity.

• Also affected are petroleum product terminals. The Port of Tampa was closed to inbound vessels Thursday (8/12) in preparation for the expected landfall. Therefore incoming petroleum products to subject terminals will be temporarily halted.

• DOE deployed staff from the Office of Energy Assurance to FEMA’s Regional Operations Center IV (ROC) in Atlanta, GA to assist FEMA operations.