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THE FCC'S PUBLIC SAFETY & HOMELAND SECURITY BUREAU ANNOUNCES DEACTIVATION OF THE DISASTER INFORMATION REPORTING SYSTEM FOR TROPICAL STORM LAURA

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has deactivated its Disaster Information Reporting System (DIRS) for Tropical Storm Laura,¹ at the request of Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands officials and in coordination with Department of Homeland Security Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency and the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Communications providers do not need to provide any additional reporting in DIRS in connection with this event. The FCC will, however, continue to monitor the status of communications services and work with providers and government partners as needed to support remaining restoration efforts.

The FCC appreciates the cooperation of all the communications providers that voluntarily submitted data to DIRS in the aftermath of Tropical Storm Laura in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. In disaster situations, information on the operational status of communications services provides critical situational awareness and supports effective emergency response and restoration efforts. The FCC published its final daily communications status report for [Tropical Storm Laura](#) today, August 23.

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¹ DIRS is a voluntary, web-based system that communications providers, including wireless, wireline, broadcast, cable and Voice over Internet Protocol providers, can use to report communications infrastructure status and situational awareness information during times of crisis.