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GPA Update; GFD Generator and Fuel Safety

GPA Update:

The Guam Power Authority (GPA) continues its restoration and post-typhoon recovery efforts. GPA reports that as of 1:00 p.m.:

- 66.0% of the System Load (Customer Demand) has been restored
- 48.8% of Customers restored

Some areas of focus over the next 1 to 3 days include:

- P-270: Liguán Terrace subdivision
- P-310: Harmon McDonald's on to Route 1, including Taitano Road
- P-250: Ordot-Chalan Pago area
- P-280: Anigua substation towards Maina, and through to Asan valley
- P-261: Malojloj gas station down to Inalahan, and onto Malesso
- P-202: Route 1 from Tamuning substation to East Agana (old Nissan Motors)
- P-220, P-221, P-222, P-223: Agat and Santa Rita villages and subdivisions
- P-87*, P-88*, P-89*: Dededo village work continues, including Ysengsong
- P-330*, Y-331*, Y-332*: Yigo village work continues
- P-322: Alageta Street area, Dededo
- P-294: Mariano Street area, Mangilao
- P-46*: NCS area, Dededo

GPA advises that during restoration and recovery, the Island-Wide Power System (IWPS) may be unstable, with fluctuating voltages, power interruptions and intermittencies occurring. Once your power has been restored to your home or businesses, you may experience outages or interruptions. This is not unusual as the grid is fragile and a period of system instability will occur until full restoration is completed. Once your feeder/circuit has been energized, your power will return, even as interruptions or outages happen.

Customers can contact GPA's 24-Hour Trouble Dispatch at 475-1472/3/4 or via direct message on GPA's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/GuamPowerAuthority.

GPA Generator Safety:

The Guam Power Authority (GPA) advises the community of the proper use of generators during a power outage. If installed and operated correctly, use of standby or portable electric generators poses little danger, but improper installation or use could be dangerous and even deadly. Follow the directions from the operator's manual supplied with the generator. Incorrect generator use can lead to carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning, electric shock or electrocution and fire.

GPA provides the following tips for the safe operation of and use of generators:

Connecting the Generator:

- Never try to power house/building wiring by plugging the generator into a wall outlet, a practice known as "back feeding". It can lead to electrocution of utility workers or neighbors served by the same utility

transformer. The only safe way to connect a generator to a house/building wiring is to have a qualified electrician install a power transfer switch.

- Use proper extension cords. Use only safety-tested, shop-type electrical cords designed and rated for heavier, outdoor use to connect appliances.
- Protect your appliances. Turn off or unplug all appliances and lights before you begin operating the portable generator. Once the generator is running, turn your appliances and lights on one at a time to avoid overloading the unit.

Placement of Generator:

- Never use a portable generator indoors – If you or someone starts to feel sick, dizzy or weak while using a generator, move to fresh air right away, do not delay.
- Place the generator in a dry, outside location.
- Place the generator away from windows, doors, and vents that could allow CO to come indoors.
- To avoid electrocution, keep the generator dry. Do not use it in rain or wet conditions. Always operate generators on a dry surface under an open canopy-like structure. Make sure your hands are dry before touching the generator.

Use and Storage of Generator Fuel:

- Turn the generator off and let it cool before refueling. Gasoline spilled on hot engine parts could ignite.
- Store fuel in an approved safety can outside of living areas, preferably in a locked area or other protected area.
- If you spill fuel or do not seal the container properly, invisible vapors can travel along the ground and be ignited by arcs from electric switches in the appliance.
- Use the type of fuel recommended in the generator instructions or on its label.

Shutting down the Generator:

- Before shutting down a generator, turn off and unplug all appliances and equipment being powered by the generator.

Damaged Weatherheads and other Electrical Components

While restoration is ongoing, customers are advised to conduct their own home and property assessment of weatherhead and electrical components, taking necessary steps to repair damages caused by Typhoon Mawar.

Frequently Asked Question: My weatherhead and/or electrical components (meter box, service entrance conduit & cable, riser) are damaged. What should I do? These components are the customer's responsibility.

1. Account holder or authorized person visits any of GPA's Customer Service lobbies and requests for a work clearance. A GPA representative will issue a work clearance and a GPA Electrical Inspection Report form.
2. GPA crew will schedule removal of the service line and meter. Once removed, customers can hire and schedule contractor/master electrician to make repairs. A list of licensed master electricians is available on the Guam Contractors License Board website at <http://clb.guam.gov/index.php/contractors-listing/>.
3. Upon completion of repairs, the master electrician must print name, sign and include ME license number on GPA's Electrical Inspection Report form. Please contact GPA Customer Service at (671) 647-5787/88/89 or email customersfirst@gpagwa.com, informing representatives of the completed work.
4. Customers will be contacted once meter installation and service line reconnection is scheduled. Customers must present an Electrical Inspection Report to GPA crew upon arrival.

GPA locations & Hours:

Fadian Customer Service Center & Main Office

Gloria B. Nelson Public Service Building 688 Route 15 Fadian, Mangilao, Guam

Monday-Friday 7am-5pm

Closed on Weekends & Holidays

Hagatna Customer Service Lobby

Julale Shopping Center Ste 103, 424 West O'Brien Drive, Hagåtña, Guam

Monday-Friday 8am-5pm

Closed on Weekends & Holidays

GPWA Upper Tumon Lobby

578 North Marine Corps Drive, Tamuning, Guam

Monday-Friday 7:30am-6pm Saturday 8am-12pm

GFD Generator and Fuel Safety:

In accordance with the Guam Fire Code and IFC 2009, the Guam Fire Department (GFD) advises the community to always consider safety when transporting equipment such as, but not limited to, fuel containers and generators.

Fuel, both gas and diesel, must be transported in an approved container, it must be safely secured and must use proper fuel caps. Fuel cannot be transported within the passenger compartment areas of a vehicle.

Equipment such as generators must be properly drained of fuel prior to transport or transported in an approved vehicle designed for transport.

Visit the following links for the latest information:

- Governor's Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/govlougum>
- GHS/OCD Website: <https://ghs.guam.gov/>
- GHS/OCD Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/GHSOCD/>

For more information, contact the Joint Information Center at (671) 478-0208/09/10.

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