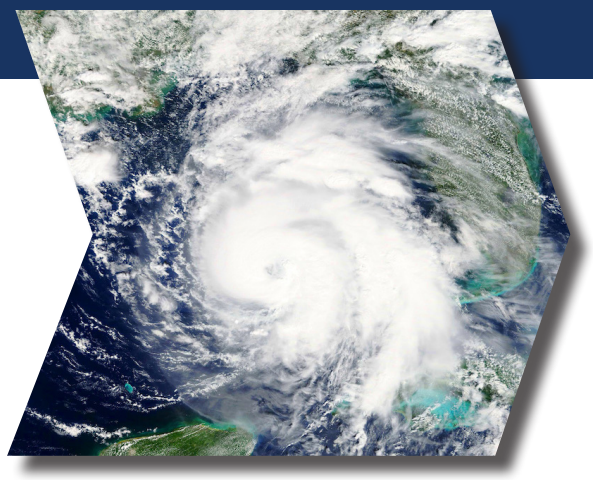

5 Questions to Ask Before Hurricane Season

Hurricane season is a reminder to review emergency power readiness, but the same questions apply to severe weather, utility interruptions, equipment failures, and any event that could disrupt operations.

1. Has our generator been maintained recently?

A generator that has not been properly maintained may not perform when it is needed most. Review preventative maintenance records, open service recommendations, battery condition, fluids, belts, hoses, filters, alarms, and exercise history before storm activity increases.

2. Do we know our generator can support the real facility load?

Routine start-ups are helpful, but they do not always confirm how the system will perform under actual demand. Running a building load test helps verify generator performance, identify issues early, and provide confidence that the system can support critical operations during an outage.

3. Are our transfer switches, switchgear, and controls ready?

Backup power reliability depends on more than the generator. Automatic transfer switches, switchgear, controls, breakers, and related electrical components must all work together to support a seamless transition when utility power is interrupted. Test these during your building load testing.

4. Is our fuel system ready for extended operation?

Fuel problems can quickly compromise emergency power performance. Facilities should confirm fuel levels, inspect tanks and lines, check for contamination, and **address fuel quality issues before an outage, not during one.**

5. Do we have a response plan if something fails?

Even strong systems need a plan. Confirm who receives alarms, who makes decisions, who contacts service providers, and whether temporary power or rental equipment may be needed. A clear response plan can help reduce downtime, protect people, and keep critical operations moving.

Prime Power can help facilities evaluate emergency power readiness, identify risks, and prepare generator systems before the next outage.