SUPSALV supports Hurricane Sandy Response

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SUPSALV was tasked by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), through the standing Inter-service Support Agreement (ISSA) with the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to support major dewatering efforts in New York City after Hurricane Sandy filled many of the commuter tunnels leading into the city.

SUPSALV'smajor tasks were to dewater the flooded transit and subway tunnels in Lower Manhattan to help restore the vital transportation infrastructure of New York City. The SUPSALV team, which included SUPSALV's east coast salvage contractor, Donjon Marine Co. handled eleven different pumping related tasks ranging from 2 million gallons to 200 million gallons (for a total of nearly 500 million gallons) and one wreck removalat the Naval Weapons Station in Earle, NJ.



SUPSALV's, salvage contractor, Donjon Marine, provided high capacity pumping systems staged on a number of industrial barges to support pumping of the eleven major transit tunnels.

A second FEMA task was issued through U.S. Northern Command (NORTHCOM) to support US Navy Mobile Diving and Salvage Unit TWO (MDSU 2) teams with high volume water pumps and technical and maintenance assistance within the states of New York and New Jersey with an ultimate goal of restoring the area's critical transportation infrastructure. SUPSALV provided these smaller, more mobile pumps by tasking its Emergency Ship Salvage Material (ESSM)contractor, GPC, to prepare and transport 30 pumping systems and 24 portable generators or and lighting systems to the NORTHCOM staging base at Ft. McGuire-Dix, NJ. These pumps were used throughout the region.



SUPSALV's ESSM pumps and generators being unloaded and staged at Fort Dix, NJ for use in dewatering missions.



Throughout the operation SUPSALV manned the command center at Battery Park adjacent to the USACE command trailer.