

If power goes out, these 36 NJ gas stations should still be able to pump. See the list

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After Hurricane Sandy caused fuel shortages and massive gas station lines across New Jersey, the federal government began a \$7 million program to help retailers prepare for another storm.

But, with another hurricane headed up the East Coast, only 36 New Jersey gas stations have installed generators through the program so they can keep pumping during power outages, state officials said Thursday.

Another 107 New Jersey gas stations have been approved to participate in the program, but don't have generators yet, said Virginia Pellerin, a spokeswoman for the New Jersey Economic Development Authority, the state agency helping oversee the program.

Most of the gas stations awaiting generators are still in the midst of the lengthy and complex application that requires them to get approvals, undergo reviews and submit documents.

"Of the remaining 107 applications, 41 are approved, but not yet installed, 29 have been approved by the Economic Development Authority but are awaiting approval from the Office of Emergency Management, and 37 are awaiting follow-up action from the applicants, such as submission of additional documentation," Pellerin said.

Some New Jersey gas stations have also installed generators on their own, without government assistance.

The federal program – called the Retail Fuel Station grant program – was launched in 2013 after many gas stations in New Jersey were unable to open due to widespread power outages during Hurricane Sandy.

The program offered stations \$15,000 in federal funds to install "quick connect" generators to plug in during an emergency or \$65,000 to purchase permanent back-up generators.

The program was initially open only to gas stations located near evacuation routes with a minimum storage capacity of 30,000 gallons. But the program was expanded in January to include smaller stations with a minimum capacity of 18,000 gallons.

Gas stations had until March 31 to apply, state officials said.

Many stations [want to install the generators](#), but the process has been slow, said Sal Risalvato, executive director of the New Jersey Gasoline, C-Store, Automotive Association, an industry group representing the state's gas stations.

"I don't have a lot of guys that have them completed yet," Risalvato said. "Most of those in the program are still in the (application) process."

QuickChek, the gas stations and convenience store chain headquartered in Whitehouse Station, used the federal program to pay for generators at 11 of its 49 locations that sell gas, company officials said.

Another QuickChek, located in Sparta in Sussex County, expects to have its new generator operational on Saturday, a company spokesman said. Other QuickCheks can bring in mobile generators to power their fuel pumps, if needed, in a power outage.

"QuickChek has contracts with suppliers to provide generators within hours notice so that the company can serve food and fuel in the case of emergencies," the company said in a statement.

Here are the 36 New Jersey stations with generators purchased through the federal program:

BERGEN COUNTY

- QuickChek, 116 Rte 46 EB, Lodi
- Ridgewood Tiger Mart/Exxon, 490 State Rte 17 S, Ridgewood Village

BURLINGTON COUNTY

- Valero, 2036 Rte 541, Westhampton

HUDSON COUNTY

- Holland Tunnel Exxon, 597 Marin Boulevard, Jersey City

HUNTERDON COUNTY

- Busy Bee Shell, 170 State Route 173, Union
- Hampton BP, 238 Route 31 N., Hampton

MERCER COUNTY

- Washington Valero, 1389 Route 130, Washington
- Yardville Valero, 42 Route 130, Yardville-Groveville

MIDDLESEX COUNTY

- QuickChek – S. Brunswick, 2432 US Highway 130, S. Brunswick
- Valero, 2633 Route 130, South Brunswick

MONMOUTH COUNTY

- BP Middletown, 863 Highway 35, Middletown
- BP Aberdeen, 1103 Rt 34, Aberdeen
- QuickChek - Hazlet, 1170 Hwy 36, Hazlet
- QuickChek - Highlands, 460 Hwy 36, Highlands
- Spring Valley Exxon, 70 Route 9, Morganville

MORRIS COUNTY

- Mount Arlington Exxon, 12 Howard Blvd., Mount Arlington
- Parsippany Gulf, 400 Route 46, Parsippany-Troy Hills
- QuickChek - Jefferson, Rt 15 & Hellers Lane, Jefferson

OCEAN COUNTY

- Brick Shell, 1 Lanes Mill Road, Brick
- Exxon on Run, 1444 Rte 88, Lakewood
- Lakewood Sunoco, 741 River Avenue, Lakewood
- Oak Ridge Shell Service Center, 1095 Rte 37 W, Toms River
- QuickChek - Berkley, 768 Rte 9, Berkley

PASSAIC COUNTY

- Exxon, 1431 State Route 23 S., Wayne
- Little Falls Valero, 1755 Route 46 E, Little Falls

SALEM COUNTY

- Riggins, 129 E. Main Street, Millville

SOMERSET COUNTY

- Belle Mead Valero, 862 Route 206 S, Hillsborough

SUSSEX COUNTY

- Montague Valero, 9 Route 23 S, Montague
- QuickChek - Lafayette, 35 Rte 15, Lafayette
- QuickChek - Wantage, 270 Rte 23, Wantage

UNION COUNTY

- Linden Exxon, 801 W. Edgar Road, Linden
- QuickChek - Rahway, 2001 Route 1 & 9 North, Rahway

WARREN COUNTY

- Mobil, 468-474 Route 31 South, Washington
- QuickChek - Independence, 918 County 517, Independence
- QuickChek - Washington, 350 NJSH 57 W, Washington
- Quick-Chek – White, 567 County Road 519, White