



Rain, winds pound Northern California

Northeast, Great Lakes remain cold

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SAN FRANCISCO, California (AP) - A storm bringing wind gusts of nearly 100 mph and heavy rains toppled trees, power lines and a 30-ton construction crane Monday night.

More than 100,000 Pacific Gas and Electric Co. customers were without power as of 11 p.m. Monday night, PG&E spokeswoman Jana Schuering said.

Most of the power outages were reported



The continental United States as seen at 6:30 a.m. ET.

Emergency Preparedness

When disaster strikes, the dissemination of accurate and up-to date information from the front lines becomes ever more crucial. When hurricane Katrina devastated the gulf coast in 2005, State and Federal authorities struggled to get accurate and timely information from the scene. FirstWatch is able to bridge that information gap by allowing agencies to share identified or de-identified 9-1-1 call information with regional and federal emergency management organizations in real-time. In 2006, when hurricane force winds pounded the San Francisco Bay Area, FirstWatch worked in the background and was able to share a real-time perspective of the storm's impact based on where the calls were coming from, nature of the call and number of calls taken. Whether a short lived storm or a major disaster like an earthquake, hurricane or wildfire, FirstWatch can provide officials a front-line perspective of the impact with real-time information.

FirstWatch Chart (below) outlines Spike in Emergency Responder activity during the height of the storm.

