

GLOBAL DISASTER SOLUTIONS

MAJOR SCHOOL DISTRICT

EVENT TYPE: HURRICANE



PROJECT OVERVIEW

In the wake of the catastrophic impact from Hurricane Ida, a category 4 hurricane making landfall along the Louisiana coast, a major school district in the region experienced comprehensive storm damage across many of its properties in the affected zone. Before the storm had even left the region, the district's maintenance department contacted Cotton and we deployed first responders to the impacted locations immediately.

Our crews rapidly got to work with flood mitigation and debris removal before proceeding with structural cleaning and disposal of unsalvageable material. Our environmental teams were also called to task with biocide treatment and urgent abatement following the discovery of asbestos containing materials during restoration. Despite complex infrastructure challenges because of the lack of electricity, fuel and water and ongoing weather effects, the speed and accuracy of our response led to the completion of the job in under 2 months. Ultimately, our operational excellence solidified our client's trust so much that they chose to sign a Master Services Agreement with us for all future losses.

THE OTTON DIFFERENTIATOR

- Navigated COMPLEX INFRASTRUCTURE CHALLENGES with no fuel, food or water as a result of the ongoing hurricane recovery with regular fueling services and dumpster swaps
- Deployed power generators to all buildings in need in LESS THAN 2 DAYS
- Completed perishable item disposal urgently for 33 SCHOOL KITCHENS AND CLASSROOMS
- Employed EMERGENCY ASBESTOS ABATEMENT after discovery of asbestos containing materials onsite
- Returned all properties to pre-loss condition in UNDER 2 MONTHS to meet school timelines

TURNKEY SERVICES PROVIDED

- Daily moisture mapping across affected areas of all properties
- Utilization of moisture stabilization procedures and dehumidification equipment
- Selectively extracted all standing water throughout facilities
- Removal of impacted carpet, ceiling tiles and insulation along with floor glue scraping
- Perishable content disposal at 33 school kitchens and classrooms
- Biocide solution treatment applied to all exposed surfaces
- Applied protective covering of contents during restoration (electronics, documents, school supplies)
- Constructed board-up over all impacted windows

- Performed emergency asbestos abatement upon discovery of asbestos containing materials on-site
- Collected and sanitized water from pump stations that had been overflowed by storm, wastewater or sewage
- Dumpster's selective location drop off and swap as needed
- Vegetative heavy debris, light debris and structural debris removal in addition to general ground cleaning
- Power generator provided in selective locations
- Continuous property condition and damage assessment through constant quality assurance and quality control protocols