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WSP USA INSPECTION SERVICES DISASTER AWARENESS REPORT

December 28, 2022

Winter Storm Elliott

New York

- A massive winter storm of epic proportions descended across more than half of the United States in the final days of 2022 and resulted in at least 56 deaths as millions of people experienced subzero temperatures, feet of travel-snarling snow and widespread power outages during the heart of the holiday season.
- The storm unleashed its full fury on Buffalo, generating a historic lake-effect snow event with hurricane-force winds and whiteout conditions just before Christmas. At least 31 of the storm's fatalities were reported in Erie County, New York, which includes the greater Buffalo area, according to CNN.
- President Joe Biden said his prayers were with the victims' families and offered federal assistance Monday to the hard-hit state.
- The storm began as a rain event for Buffalo, with the city receiving 1.98 inches Friday, breaking the prior daily record of 1.73 inches that had stood since 1878. As Arctic air rushed in, rain changed to heavy snow Friday morning. The Buffalo airport recorded zero-mile visibility for nearly 16 hours from midday Friday to the early morning hours of Christmas Eve.
- As of Tuesday, over 4 feet of snow blanketed parts of Erie County.
- The National Weather Service (NWS) office in Buffalo measured 51.5 inches of snow through Tuesday at the Buffalo-Niagara International Airport. On Friday alone, the airport received 22.3 inches of snow, and then another 17.9 inches fell on Christmas Eve.
- Buffalo officially surpassed 100 inches for the season on Monday. For comparison, Buffalo only had 10.7 inches of snow last winter by the end of December. This is more than the city's seasonal average for the entire winter, which stands at 95.4 inches, according to AccuWeather forecaster Ryan Adamson.
- After New York State Gov. Kathy Hochul toured the aftermath of the storm in Buffalo, which is also her hometown, she called the blizzard "one for the ages," The Associated Press reported.

LOCATION	TOTAL
▶ Buffalo Airport	51.5"
▶ Deferiet	50.8"
▶ Watertown	46.4"
▶ Henderson Harbor	46.3"
▶ Hamburg	44.3"

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Pending Individual Assistance Declaration Request

State	Event	Date Submitted	Approved/Denied /Pending	Number of Counties/Tribes
GA	Flooding September 4-14, 2022	10/4/2022	Pending	1 County/4 Cities
CA	Heat Dome and Wildfires Aug 29 & continuing	10/26/2022	Pending	6 Counties

WSP USA Inspection Services Active Disasters

Disaster Number and State	Disaster Type	Number of Counties Declared	Days Since Launch	Registration Deadline
4671 PR	Hurricane Fiona	78 Municipalities	96	11/21/2022
4673 FL	Hurricane Ian	26 Counties	87	1/12/2023
4677 SC	Hurricane Ian	3 Counties	33	1/23/2023

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