

Cargo Diversion Roundtable

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Hurricane Sandy forced several ships en route to the Port of New York and New Jersey to divert to other ports to offload cargo destined for the Tri-State area. We learned that getting the freight from the alternate ports to the intended destinations was very challenging - Innovative alternatives emerged to move the cargo by rail, truck and water, but it resulted in additional cost, congestion and delay.

Please join us in a round table discussion to gain a full understanding of the challenges faced in Hurricane Sandy and to explore ways we can better prepare for future cargo diversions along the U.S. East and Gulf Coasts as the result of natural or man-made disasters. We will seek to identify ways to improve the flow of diverted or disrupted freight back into the transportation supply system when faced with disasters, regardless of which ports are affected. This discussion will take place between supply chain stakeholders and government officials. We will seek to better understand the decision making process, identify the key challenges that were encountered, and determine relevant public and private advance actions that can be taken to minimize freight disruption and speed recovery.

Discussion Topics:

Sandy Case Study - Defining the Challenges - *What are the issues and decisions associated with returning diverted freight to the supply chain?*

Alternatives - *How can we most effectively return diverted freight to the supply chain after an emergency?*

Mechanisms & Next Steps – *What needs to be done now to ensure efficient recovery from future diversions? What are the deliverables, who provides them & what is the timeline?*

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