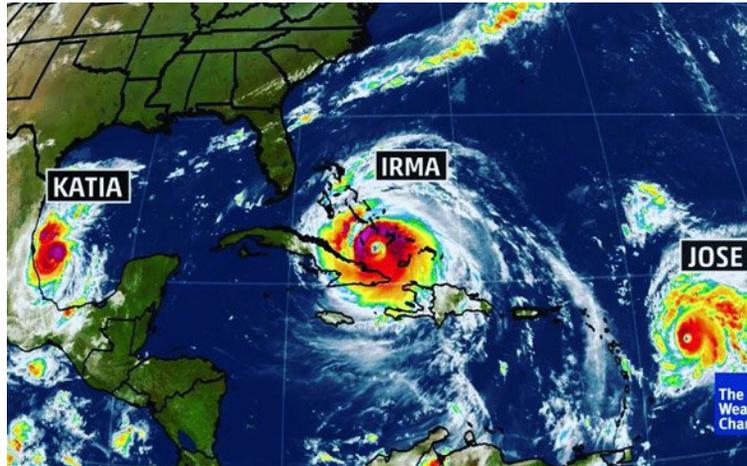


FCF Conference Offers Contingency Planning Workshop Wednesday, August 22, 1 pm to 5 pm at the Hilton Charlotte Executive Park Hotel

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Disaster and preparedness were focal points during 2017, as hurricanes, wildfires, and many other incidents impacted individuals, businesses, and animals across the country. The exotic animal industry was not spared, and while the response and collaboration among facilities and owners was extraordinary, it is clear that there is much we still have to do at the facility and industry levels. Your level of preparedness ultimately determines how successful your response and recovery will be, so it is critical to have plans in place in advance of disaster.

The need to ensure contingency planning is especially timely, as the recently issued final rule from the USDA regarding *de minimis* exemptions for licensing was one of the few remaining obstacles for the current hold on the contingency plan final rule. This means that, soon, comprehensive contingency planning will be a requirement for USDA licensure. Even without this regulatory requirement, it is simply

advisable to know in advance what to do, and that you have the means to do it, before you are facing a disaster.

This FCF workshop is not intended to be a "how to" on building contingency plans. Instead, the speakers will hold a fast-paced interactive working group designed so you walk out with:

- A list of resources on where to go to get help building a robust yet flexible contingency plan, and guidance on understanding how best to use those resources;

- A process to help you identify the risks your facility may face that require contingency plans;

- Information for you to take to your leadership, boards of directors, and key players that they will need to understand the contingency planning process, and their part in it;

- Guidance on how to identify and work with relevant governmental agencies, including

local, county, state, and federal officials;

- An introduction to the Incident Command Structure (ICS), your role in it, and why it is vital you understand how it is used; and

- A line of communication to the instructors for help and advice after the workshop.

The goals of the workshop are to transfer knowledge that is not easily accessible through standard information channels, while maximizing what we can learn from one another within an interactive framework. Please contact us in advance if you would like specific issues, questions, or scenarios considered for inclusion:

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We will try to accommodate as many requests as possible.