



Hurricane Irene caused minor damage to the Duke Energy system over the weekend, but many company employees and contractors are responding to the storm in other areas.

In North Carolina, the peak of the storm occurred Saturday afternoon -- leaving about 22,000 customers without power. The outages were restored over the weekend.

With a territory closer to the coast in North Carolina, Progress Energy reported that its highest number of outages was around 2 p.m. Saturday at about 280,000 customers. The company

reported more than 440,000 customers lost power during some point in the storm.

By the end of Monday, about 1,650 workers from Duke Energy or companies contracted to work with us, will be assisting with storm restoration efforts along the east coast.

- 200 Midwest Duke Employees
- 275 Carolinas Duke Employees
- 600 Midwest Contractors
- 575 Carolinas Contractors

Almost 500 of the workers are supporting Progress Energy in eastern North Carolina.