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### **EMC Branch Offices Ready for Hurricane Sandy Claims**

DES MOINES, Iowa (Oct. 31, 2012) — Hurricane Sandy made landfall Monday evening along the southern New Jersey coast as a post-tropical cyclone producing hurricane-force winds. Although an extremely large storm, Sandy's winds weakened quickly as it moved inland toward Pennsylvania.

EMC confirms it has limited coastal wind exposure in the landfall region for its direct policyholders. EMC, including EMC Reinsurance Company, does have exposure along the eastern seaboard that experienced tropical storm-force winds. While it is too early to assess actual losses from the storm, EMC anticipates that its losses will result mainly from nonstructural damage to building exteriors and trees blown onto buildings and cars. Millions in the Northeast are without power, so some claims are expected due to utility interruption and spoilage. EMC has offices on the East Coast in Providence, R.I.; Valley Forge, Pa.; and Charlotte, N.C., ready to handle claims from EMC policyholders.

"Although this storm does not appear to have greatly impacted many EMC policyholders, this in no way minimizes our concern for the people on the East Coast who have been devastated by this event," said Bruce G. Kelley, president and CEO of EMC Insurance Companies. "We are saddened for those who have suffered personal loss from this unprecedented storm."

#### **About EMC Insurance Companies**

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