Reasons for Creating the Program

- **Loss of Local Power**
  
  In addition to the petroleum supply chain problems across much of New Jersey during Sandy, approximately 70% of retail gas stations in the northern part of the State lost power and the ability to pump gas.

- **Long Lines at the Pump and Odd-even Rationing**
  
  With few retail stations able to pump gas in highly populated areas impacted by Sandy, long gas lines at the pump quickly became a problem necessitating the implementation of odd-even rationing in 12 counties.
The Retail Fuel Station (RFS) Energy Resiliency Program is a voluntary program designed to enhance retail fuel station resiliency in NJ.

The program awards grants to gas station owners for the installation of a quick-connect device capable of connecting to a portable generator or the installation of a permanent back up generator.

The program was funded through Sandy related FEMA funds from the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP).

Grants were awarded and applications were approved by the New Jersey Economic Development Authority (NJEDA).
What are the Basic Eligibility Requirements

- Retail stations with gasoline storage capacity between 18,000 to 35,000 gallons are eligible for up to $15,000 to purchase and install quick connect technology.

- Retail stations with gasoline storage capacity greater than 35,000 gallons are eligible for up to $65,000 toward the installation of an onsite back-up generator.

- Retail stations must sell both gasoline and diesel fuel. However, if a station does not sell diesel but is the only available retail station within 1/4 mile of an evacuation route, the station is still eligible.
All applicants were given a deadline of May 1, 2016 to submit all documents needed for final approval of their project.

As of October 2016, a total of 127 retail gas stations participated in the program and have installed either a permanent backup generator or quick connect device.

- Total # of generators installed 47
- Total # of quick connects installed 80
Questions ?