

Flood Risk: Lessons Learned from Hurricane Sandy

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Hurricane Sandy Industry Loss Estimates

Evolution of Industry Loss Estimate





Source: PCS, RMS, EQE, AIR, Holborn, Swiss Re

Lessons Learned





Industry Loss Estimates

States	PCS Re-survey Loss Estimate (millions)	Model A View (millions)	Model B View (millions)
Connecticut	\$ 500	\$ 250	\$ 432
New Jersey	\$ 6,300	\$ 12,750	\$ 8,420
New York	\$ 9,600	\$ 9,750	\$ 10,795
Pennsylvania	\$ 700	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,727

Line of Business	PCS Re-surve (mi	y Loss Estimate llions)	Mod (n	lel A View nillions)	Mod (m	el B View nillions)
Personal	\$	7,017	\$	8,000	\$	10,614
Commercial	\$	8,927	\$	16,250	\$	9,785
Auto	\$	2,716	\$	750	\$	1,190

Modeled overall losses can be right for the wrong reasons



How Good is the PCS Loss Estimate?

Date	Total Auto Loss NJ
11/16/2012	\$ 274,841,513
11/30/2012	\$ 489,026,673
12/14/2012	\$ 621,017,992
12/28/2012	\$ 658,321,463
1/11/2013	\$ 679,643,697
1/28/2013	\$ 682,792,570
2/14/2013	\$ 683,377,873
2/28/2013	\$ 683,523,850
3/14/2013	\$ 683,560,235
3/28/2013	\$ 683,569,302

PCS loss estimate is \$700 million for NJ auto, loss based on multiple sources for NJ auto is \$684 million, a difference of 2.3%

Close enough...



Flood Loss Modeling





Model Comparison with High Water Marks





Model Comparison with High Water Marks

HWM ID	HWM Survey Elevation (ft)	Modeled Elevation (ft)	Absolute Difference (ft)
HWM-NJ-ATL-103	7.7	10.1	2.4
HWM-NY-NAS-903	8.0	7.3	0.7
HWM-MA-DUK-253	7.0	7.2	0.2
HWM-NJ-MON-215	5.1	10.7	5.6
HWM-NY-RIC-717	16.9	1.7	15.2
HWM-NJ-OCE-314	5.3	10.9	5.6
HWM-NJ-CPM-004	6.9	8.9	2.0
HWM-NJ-CPM-005	6.7	8.9	2.2
HWM-NY-NAS-001	9.8	1.0	8.8
Mean Absolute Difference			3.4
Maximum Absolute Difference			15.2



Source: USGS

Vulnerability to Depth of Water

Vulnerability Curve





Exposure Data



Elevated house, First Floor Elevation above BFE

How good is the exposure data?

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First Floor Elevation below BFE

Loss Estimation Process



Industry Loss Estimate



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than teared Japan hit Collateralised capacity drives	The firm kept its Sandy loss minimal thanks to its reinsurance protection, in particular a \$20.5mn payout from industry loss warranties (ILWs) traded as livecat contracts during the storm.	MARKEL www.markelcorp.com
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Concluding Remarks

- Model miss needs to be investigated in detail.
- Underlying flood model evaluation and appropriate modeling techniques can, to some extent, alleviate model miss.
- First floor elevation of a structure is an important parameter that needs to be leveraged for flood loss estimation.
- Challenges including understanding of commercial flood policy terms, damage due to flood velocity, flood duration and accurate exposure data, among others remain in flood modeling.

