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FUELING THROUGH THE STORM

FUEL SUPPLY AND DISASTER READINESS 2-DAY WORKSHOP

Marriott Fort Lauderdale Airport
November 3-4, 2025



Agenda At-A-Glance

DAY ONE: November 3, 2025

7:30 - 9:00 AM Registration & Networking

9:00 - 11:00 AM **Optional Tour:**
Port Everglades North Port

11:30 - 12:00 PM **Leadership Perspective**
Jared W. Perdue, P.E., FDOT Secretary

12:00 - 1:00 PM **Welcome Lunch**
FDEM Leadership

1:00 - 2:30 PM **Moderated Panel:** Fuel Supply
Preparedness - Lessons Learned
and the Road Ahead

2:30 - 2:45 PM Networking Break

2:45 - 4:15 PM **Breakout Session 1:**
Communication
Ned Bowman, President, FPMA

4:15 - 4:45 PM **Breakout Group Report-Out 1**

4:45 - 5:00 PM **Day 1 Recap & Day 2 Preview**

DAY TWO: November 4, 2025

7:00 - 8:00 AM Networking Breakfast

8:00 - 8:30 AM **Opening The Day:**
Joseph Morris, Port Director, Port Everglades

8:30 - 9:15 AM **FDACS Agency Spotlight:** Fuel
Policy & Preparedness Updates
Rick Kimsey, Consumer Services Director, FDACS

9:15 - 9:45 AM Networking Break

9:45 - 11:15 AM **Breakout Session 2:**
Tabletop Exercise
Rickey Brown, Lead Emergency Fuels Specialist,
FDEM

11:15 - 11:45 AM **Breakout Group Report-Out 2**

11:45 - 12:00 PM **Workshop Close & Next Steps**

12:00 - 1:30 PM **Lunch On Your Own**

1:30 - 3:30 PM **Optional Tour:**
Pompano Petroleum Lab

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Meet the Speakers

DAY ONE: November 3, 2025

PORT EVERGLADES TOUR 9:00 - 11:00 AM

Tour Guide: Neil Kutchera

Assistant Port Director, Energy and Innovation,
Port Everglades

LEADERSHIP PERSPECTIVE 11:30 - 12:00 PM

Virtual Speaker: Jared W. Perdue, P.E.

FDOT Secretary

WELCOME LUNCH 12:00 - 1:00 PM

Speaker: FDEM Leadership

MODERATED PANEL 1:00 - 2:30 PM

Moderator: Chad Jacobs, P.E.

Pipelines Practice Lead (Oil, gas, chemical), HDR

Speakers:

Rudy Powell, P.E.

Chief Engineer of Operations / EOC, FDOT

Jimmy Bujeda

ASAC for the Emergency Preparedness Unit, FDLE

Alix Miller

President and CEO, Florida Trucking Association

Captain Matt Thompson

Vice President of Operations, Port Tampa Bay

Richard Vogel

Director, Regulatory Compliance, Vecenergy

Ian Guidicelli

Bureau Chief of Response, FDEM

Brook Hartzog

Senior Vice President of Transportation, FEC

BREAKOUT SESSION 1: COMMUNICATION

2:45 - 4:15 PM

Facilitator: Ned Bowman

President, Florida Petroleum Marketers, Inc.

DAY TWO: November 4, 2025

OPENING THE DAY

8:00 - 8:30 AM

Speaker: Joseph Morris

Port Director, Port Everglades

FDACS AGENCY SPOTLIGHT

8:30 - 9:15 AM

Speaker: Rick Kimsey

Consumer Services Director, FDACS

BREAKOUT SESSION 2: TABLETOP EXERCISE

9:45 - 11:15 AM

Facilitator: Rickey Brown

Lead Emergency Fuels Specialist, FDEM

OPTIONAL TOUR: POMPANO PETROLEUM LAB

1:30 - 3:30 PM

Tour Guide: Matthew Christianson

Environmental Manager, FDACS

DAY 1: Monday, November 3, 2025

OPTIONAL TOUR: PORT EVERGLADES NORTH PORT 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Step behind the gates at one of Florida's most vital fuel entry points. This guided visit to Port Everglades' North Port will showcase how fuel moves from ships to terminals, the infrastructure and intermodal links that keep supply flowing, and the Port's central role in meeting statewide demand before and after emergencies.

LEADERSHIP PERSPECTIVE: SECRETARY JARED W. PERDUE 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

SPEAKER: Jared W. Perdue, P.E., Secretary, FDOT

Secretary Perdue kicks off the workshop with a big-picture look at Florida's transportation and fuel networks. Hear how FDOT is driving progress, strengthening system durability, and setting the stage for two days of cross-industry collaboration.

WELCOME LUNCH & WORKSHOP GOALS 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

SPEAKER: Kevin Guthrie, Executive Director, Florida Division of Emergency Management (FEDM)

Kevin Guthrie brings an emergency management lens to Florida's fuel supply chain. He'll highlight lessons from past events, current initiatives underway, and priorities to improve speed, coordination, and clarity when the next disruption hits.

MODERATED PANEL: FUEL SUPPLY PREPAREDNESS - LESSONS LEARNED AND THE ROAD AHEAD 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

MODERATOR: Chad Jacobs, Pipelines Practice Lead (Oil, gas, chemical), HDR

Florida's fuel supply story is still being written. This panel brings together leaders from government, industry, and operations to reflect on where we've been, where we stand, and where we need to go.

Panelists will:

- Look back at lessons from recent hurricanes and supply chain disruptions.

- Take stock of current progress on high-priority initiatives like backup power at stations, inland reserves, centralized dashboards, and labor flexibility.
- Look forward to future investments, policy alignment, and innovations that can build true redundancy and responsiveness across all modes.

Gain an insider's view of Florida's fuel supply progress, discover what gaps remain, and help shape the next generation of solutions to keep Florida fueled.

BREAKOUT SESSION 1: COMMUNICATION 2:45 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.

FACILITATOR: Ned Bowman, President, Florida Petroleum Marketers, Inc.

When every second counts, a single missed message can ripple across Florida's entire fuel supply chain. This interactive session puts public and private partners at the same table to confront the state's toughest communication challenges. From inconsistent terminology and data confidentiality to misinformation on social media and public panic buying, participants will collaborate to identify the biggest failure points—and design practical solutions to close the gaps. Walk away with actionable strategies, shared terminology, and stronger cross-industry alignment to ensure Florida speaks with one voice in the next emergency.

BREAKOUT GROUP REPORT-OUT: SESSION 1 4:15 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Each table shares its top insights from Breakout Session 1. Walk away with a clear picture of the biggest communication gaps and fresh, actionable solutions to strengthen coordination across Florida's fuel network.

DAY 1 RECAP & DAY 2 PREVIEW 4:45 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Key takeaways and a look ahead to Day 2's sessions.

DAY 2: Tuesday, November 4, 2025

OPENING THE DAY: FLORIDA'S FUEL FUTURE

8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

SPEAKER: Joseph Morris, Port Director, Port Everglades

Day 2 begins with a recap of key insights from Day 1 and reflections from the Port Everglades Director. Remarks will highlight the port's critical role in Florida's fuel network and set the stage for Day 2's deep dive into hurricane response, coordination strategies, and actionable outcomes.

FDACS AGENCY SPOTLIGHT: FUEL POLICY & PREPAREDNESS UPDATES

8:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.

SPEAKER: Rick Kimsey, Consumer Services Director, FDACS

Stay informed on the latest developments shaping Florida's fuel landscape. This session will provide updates on FDACS-led legislation, regulatory changes, and operational initiatives — with a focus on how they impact readiness, coordination with partners, and protection of Florida's fuel consumers during rapid-response events.

NETWORKING BREAK

9:15 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.

BREAKOUT SESSION 2: TABLETOP EXERCISE

9:45 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

FACILITATOR: Rickey Brown, Lead Emergency Fuels Specialist, FDEM

In an immersive scenario, participants will step into the driver's seat of Florida's emergency response. Working in cross-disciplinary groups, industry professionals will not only confront real-world challenges—damaged infrastructure, disrupted supply chains, competing priorities, and workforce shortages—but also gain a deeper appreciation of the roles, pressures, and decision points faced by partners across the fuel chain.

By viewing the crisis through others' eyes, attendees will strengthen their understanding of interdependencies, identify vulnerabilities, and develop actionable recommendations that can inform Florida's next real-world response.

BREAKOUT GROUP REPORT-OUT: SESSION 2

11:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

The morning's scenario exercises culminate here as each group presents their top findings, gaps identified, and actionable recommendations. These insights will directly inform the state's operational strategy for strengthening Florida's fuel supply system.

WORKSHOP CLOSE & NEXT STEPS

11:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Workshop leaders will highlight key takeaways and outline how outcomes will be integrated into FDOT operations and interagency planning. Participants will leave with a clear sense of commitments, follow-up actions, and opportunities to stay engaged.

LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

OPTIONAL TOUR: POMPANO PETROLEUM LAB

1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Get a behind-the-scenes look at the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Petroleum Laboratory. This facility plays a vital role in testing and certifying the quality and safety of the state's fuel supply. See firsthand how fuel samples are analyzed, understand how lab results inform regulatory and emergency decisions, and appreciate the unseen safeguards that keep Florida's fuel system dependable.