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## **Asplundh Crews Continue Storm Work After Isaac**

**Willow Grove, PA**—As of this morning, Asplundh Tree Expert Co. has over 1,800 additional tree workers and more than 430 extra line workers still deployed to Louisiana and Mississippi to assist three utilities in restoring power in the wake of Hurricane Isaac.

Over the weekend, approximately 1,700 tree workers from 21 different states joined with hundreds of local Asplundh employees to remove storm-damaged limbs and trees so that thousands of Entergy Corp. customers could regain electric power. Approximately 240 additional Asplundh tree workers had been divided amongst Central Louisiana Electric Co., Mississippi Power Co. and Magnolia Electric Power Association in Mississippi, but almost 90 of them were released yesterday from Mississippi Power and Magnolia EPA to return home.

Traveling from as far away as Massachusetts, 433 line repair personnel from Asplundh Construction Corp. and Utility Lines Construction Services, Inc. (subsidiaries of Asplundh) are now helping Entergy Corp. repair storm-damaged power lines.

Hundreds of these mobilized crews began their trek for storm restoration work 12 days ago when Florida Power & Light began to prepare for Hurricane Isaac to hit the southern half of the state on Sunday, August 26<sup>th</sup>. When Isaac skirted Florida's western shores and headed for New Orleans, most of those crews were released and sent to Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas. Heavy rains, flooding and sporadic tornadoes on Wednesday and Thursday of last week made it difficult to get started on storm restoration work until Friday, August 31<sup>st</sup>. To help keep track of so many additional tree and line crews, Asplundh sent its Mobile Storm Center trailer to Baton Rouge, Louisiana to be a base of operations and communications center for its crews.

Clearing tree debris is just one of the important steps in getting life back to normal for those communities affected by Isaac. Personal and public safety must continue to be a major concern. Asplundh's regional safety supervisors are conducting daily safety briefings with

employees to remind them of the hazards posed by broken trees, downed power lines, flooding, snakes and alligators.

Members of Asplundh's Storm Coordination Team in Willow Grove, PA worked throughout the Labor Day holiday to expedite the movement of crews and address logistical issues.

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**About Asplundh:**

Asplundh Tree Expert Co. is a family-owned and managed company headquartered just outside of Philadelphia in Willow Grove, PA. It primarily provides vegetation management and utility infrastructure services to a wide range of utilities and municipalities. The Asplundh family of companies employs approximately 30,000 men and women throughout the U.S., Canada, Australia and New Zealand. Learn more at [www.asplundh.com](http://www.asplundh.com).