



**Grand Challenges  
for Disaster Reduction**

A Report of the  
Subcommittee on Disaster Reduction

**Grand Challenge 4**

**Recognize and Reduce  
Vulnerability of Interdependent  
Critical Infrastructure**

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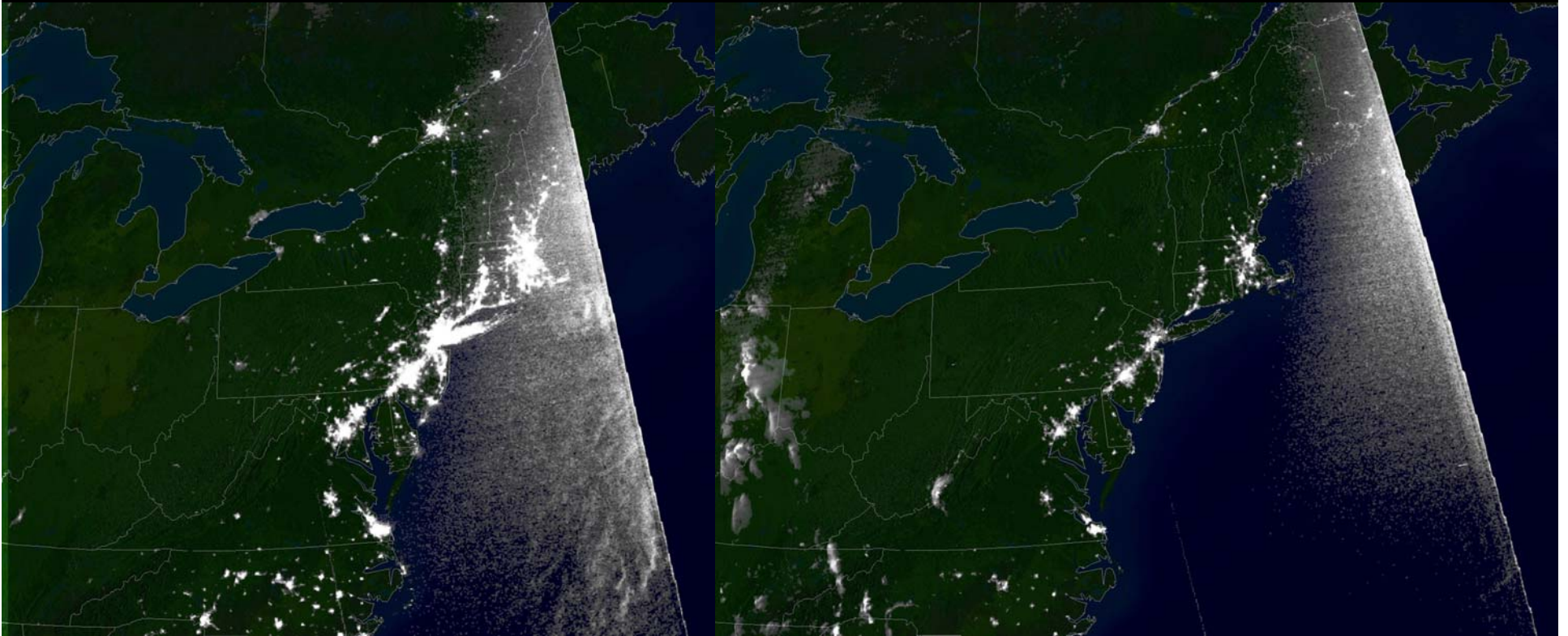
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# 2003 Northeast Blackout



**August 13, 2003**

**August 14, 2003**

**NOAA, 2003**

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## AmericanLifelinesAlliance

A public-private partnership to reduce risk to utility and transportation systems from natural hazards and manmade threats

### **Power Systems, Transportation and Communications Lifeline Interdependencies**

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***“How can you learn from the past  
if you don’t know what it was?”***

**NIST Technical Note 1476**

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Performance of Physical Structures in  
Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita:  
A Reconnaissance Report

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# Natural Hazards Damage Data Collection

- Develop guidelines and protocols for systematic collection of perishable damage data
- Establish liaisons with public/private sector to assure implementation of guidelines and protocols
- Develop framework for archiving and accessing of post-event data
- Create a organizational structure for long-term administration of the data archive



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