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New York Region
Improvised Nuclear Devices (IND)
Response Planning

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Today's Briefing

- What is an IND?
- What is FEMA's role?
- What happens when an IND goes off?
- What can you do?
- How can you prepare?

What is an IND?

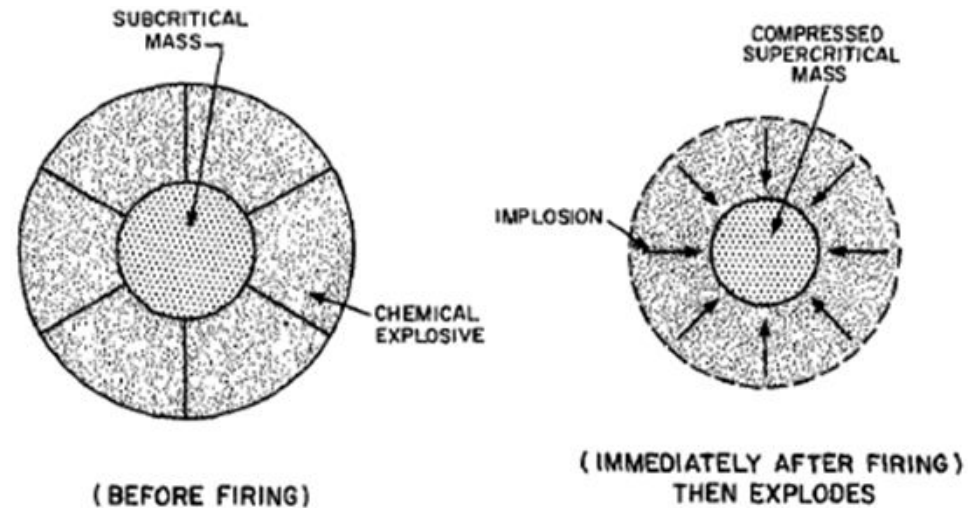
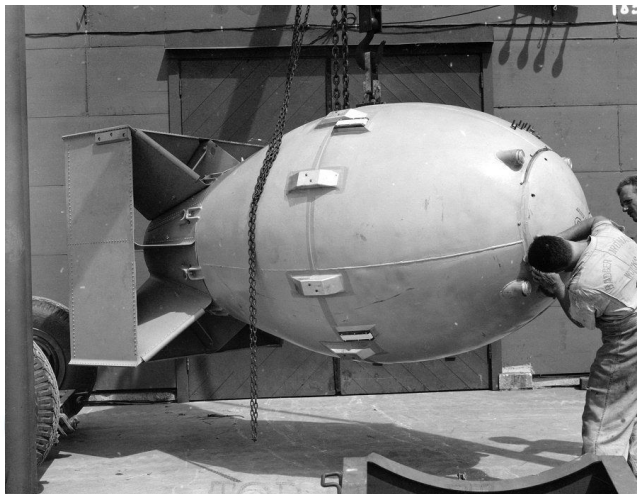
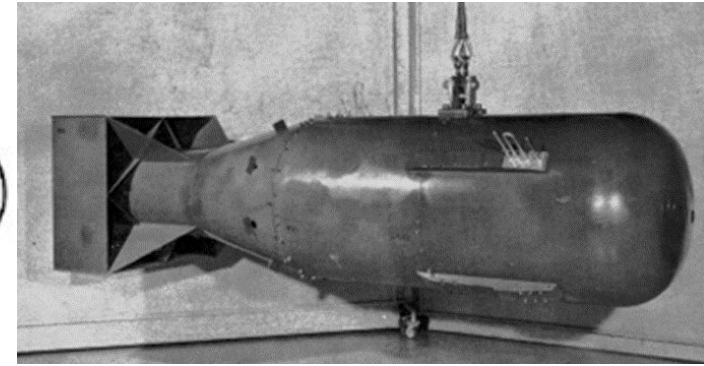
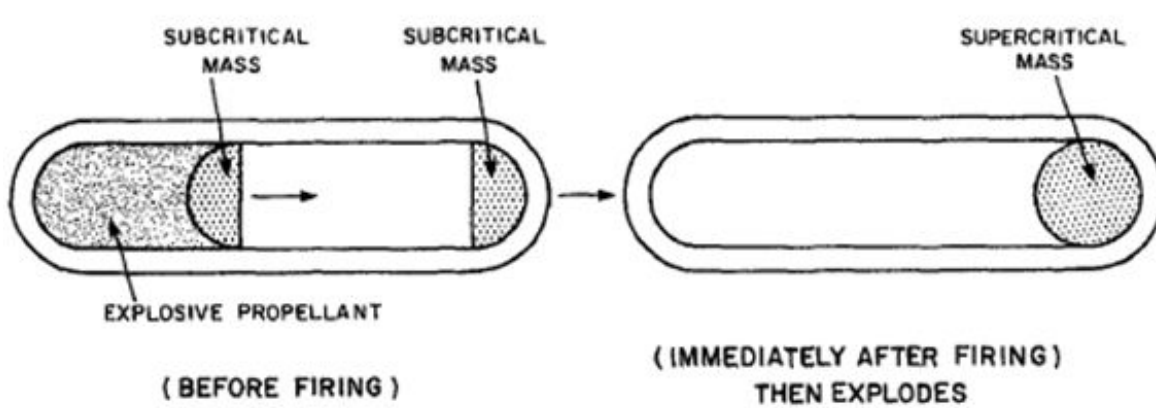
- Improvised; illegally obtained special nuclear material and assembled in makeshift fashion
- Uses special nuclear material: Uranium-235 or Plutonium-239
- Potential yield of an IND from 1 to 10 KT of TNT



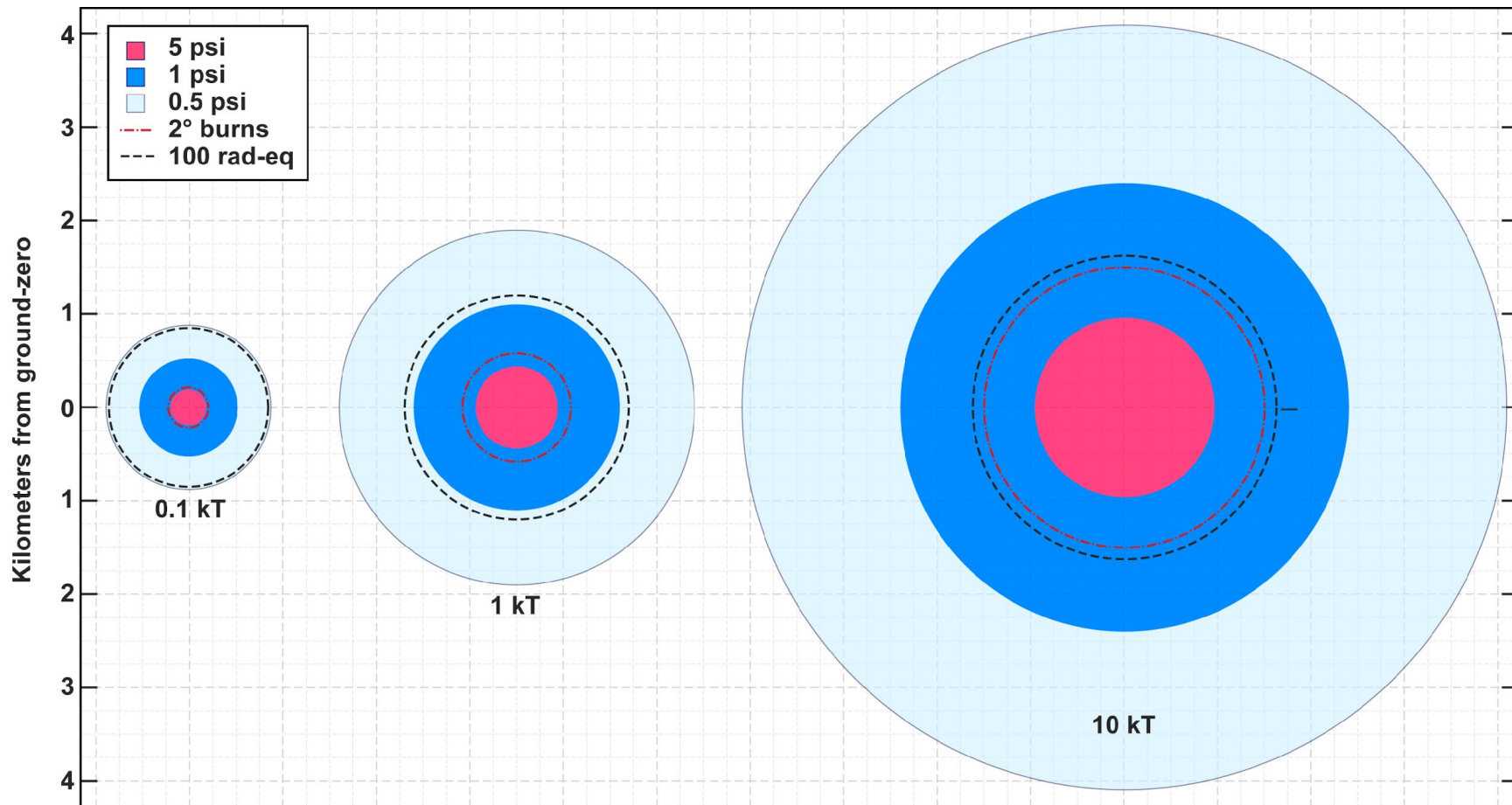
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What is an IND?

- Gun-Type vs. Implosion Detonation

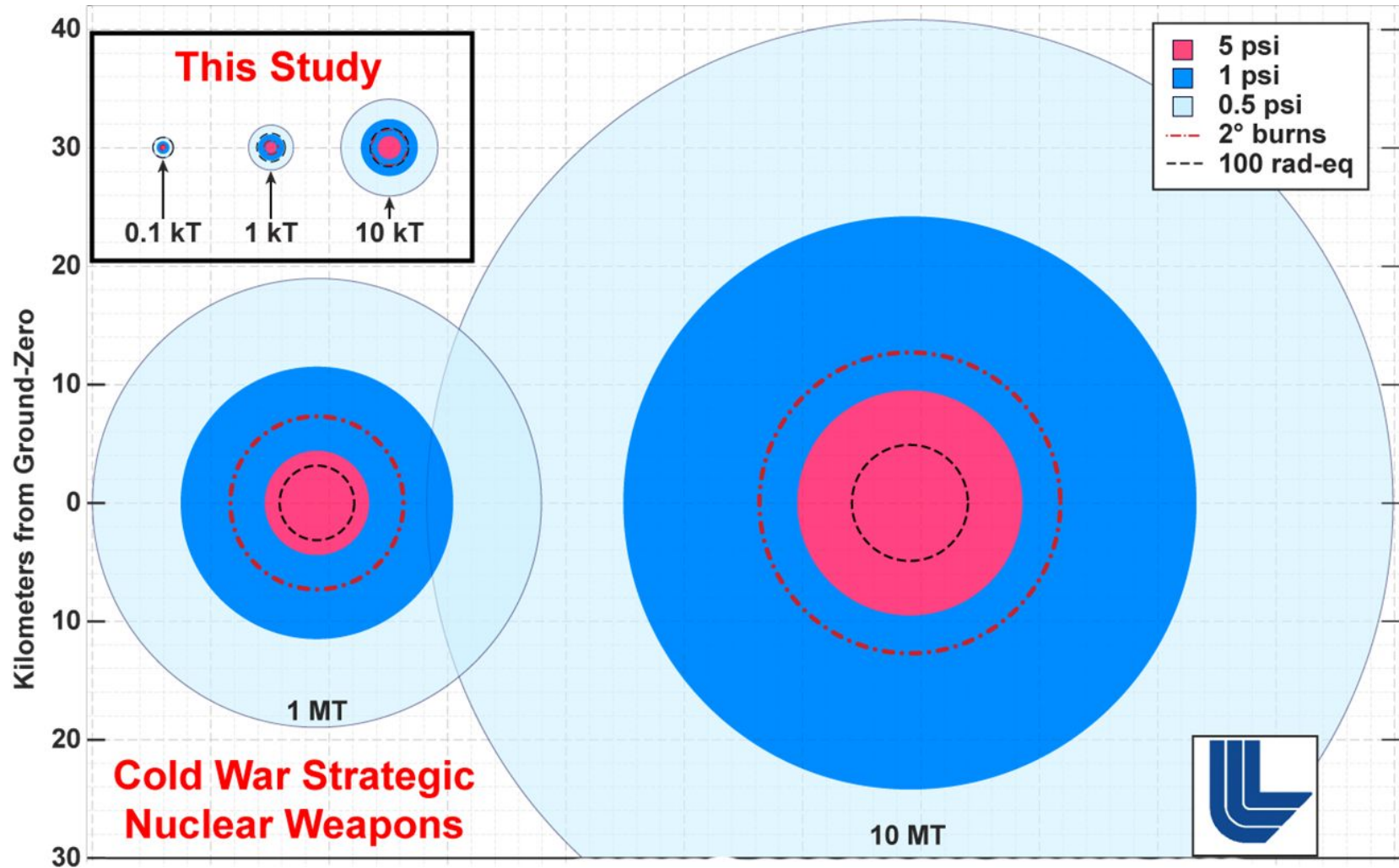


What is an IND?



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Not an IND anymore....



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What is FEMA's Role?

- Prepares state and local responders to address many scenarios including nuclear detonation
- Coordinates federal interagency consequence management; FBI has the primary responsibility for crisis management
- Provides direct federal assistance to State and local governments via Presidentially-declared emergency or major disaster
- Understand the prompt and cascading effects of an IND on potential target population centers in the United States.



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What Happens When An IND Goes Off?

- Prompt Effects



Flash Blindness (Flash of Light)

A brilliant flash of light, which can cause temporary blindness and last from several seconds to a few minutes.



Blast Effects (Overpressure / Shockwave)

Observable damage from the IND detonation across the SDZ, the MDZ, and the LDZ. Each Zone will have a different degree of destruction.



Heat (Thermal Pulse)

An intense heat produced by the detonation, which can start fires.



Prompt Radiation

Fatal levels of penetrating radiation.



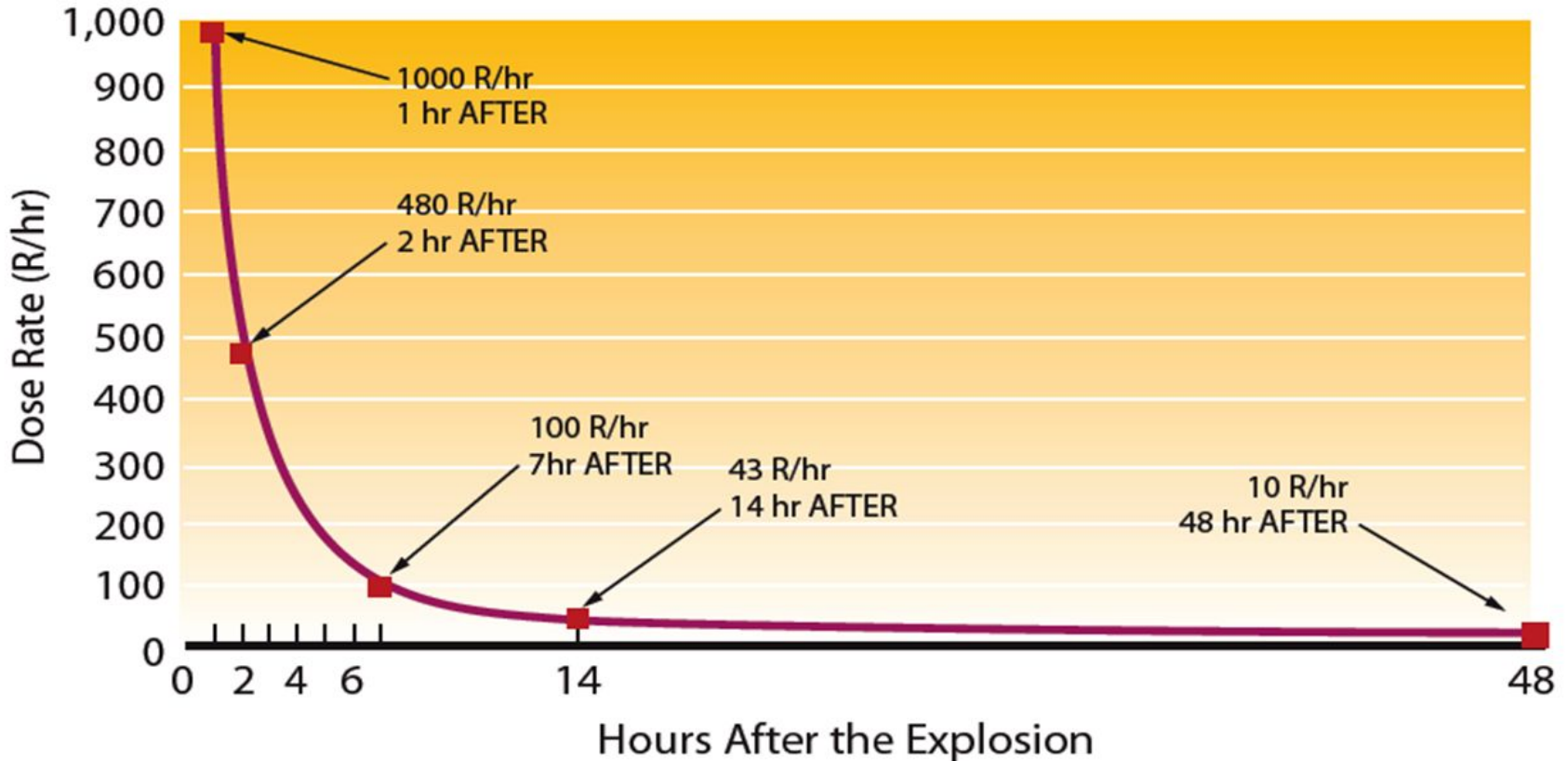
Source Region Electromagnetic Pulse (SREMP)

Widespread damage and destruction to electrical infrastructure from ionizing radiation.



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Fallout Radiation Levels with Time



Decay of the dose rate of radiation from fallout, from the time of the explosion, not from the time of fallout deposition.



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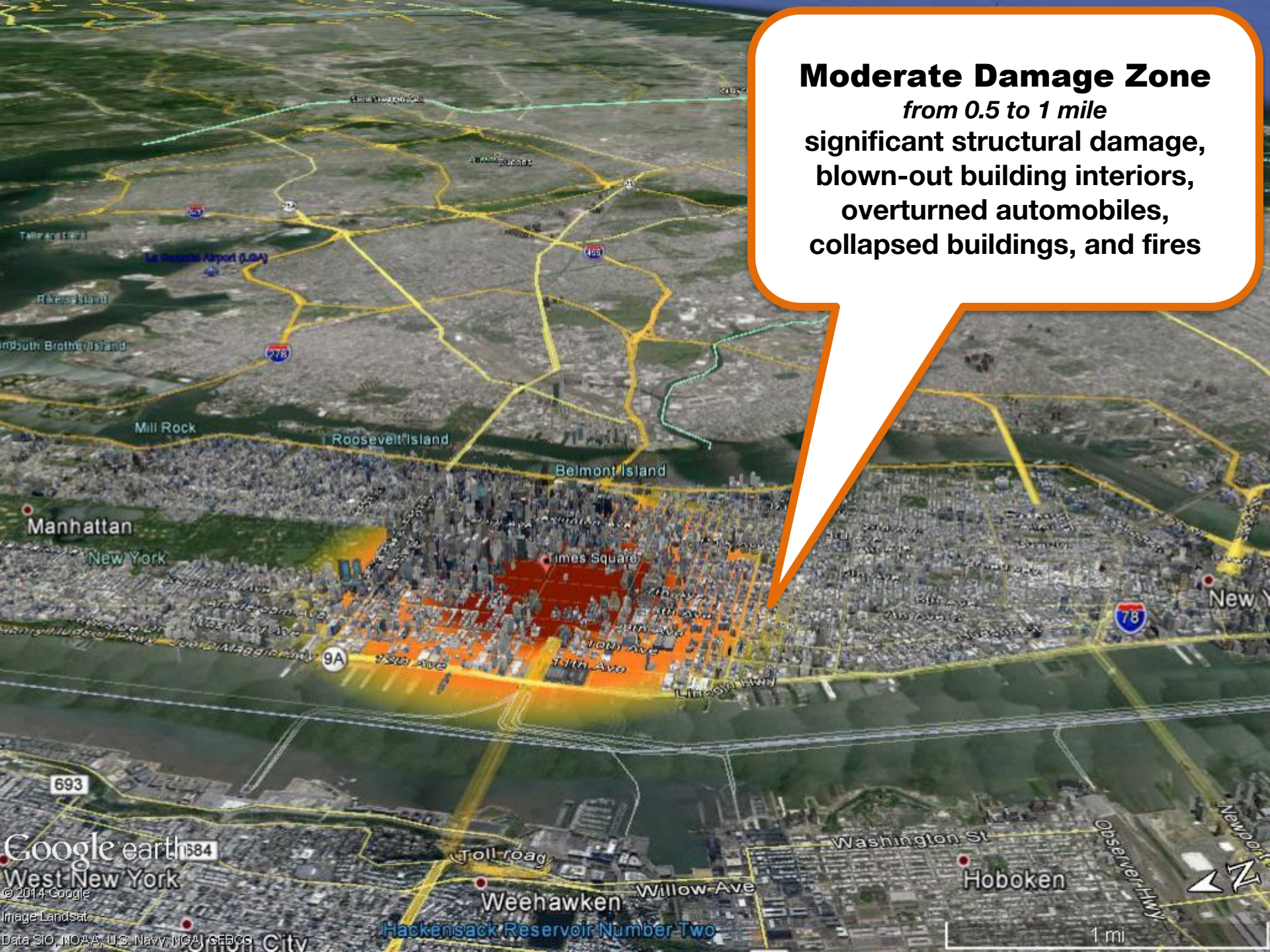
What Happens When An IND Goes Off?

- Let's use New York City as an example
 - 10 KT IND
 - Times Square in Manhattan
 - During a business day
 - Using historical weather and census data



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Moderate Damage Zone
from 0.5 to 1 mile
significant structural damage,
blown-out building interiors,
overturned automobiles,
collapsed buildings, and fires



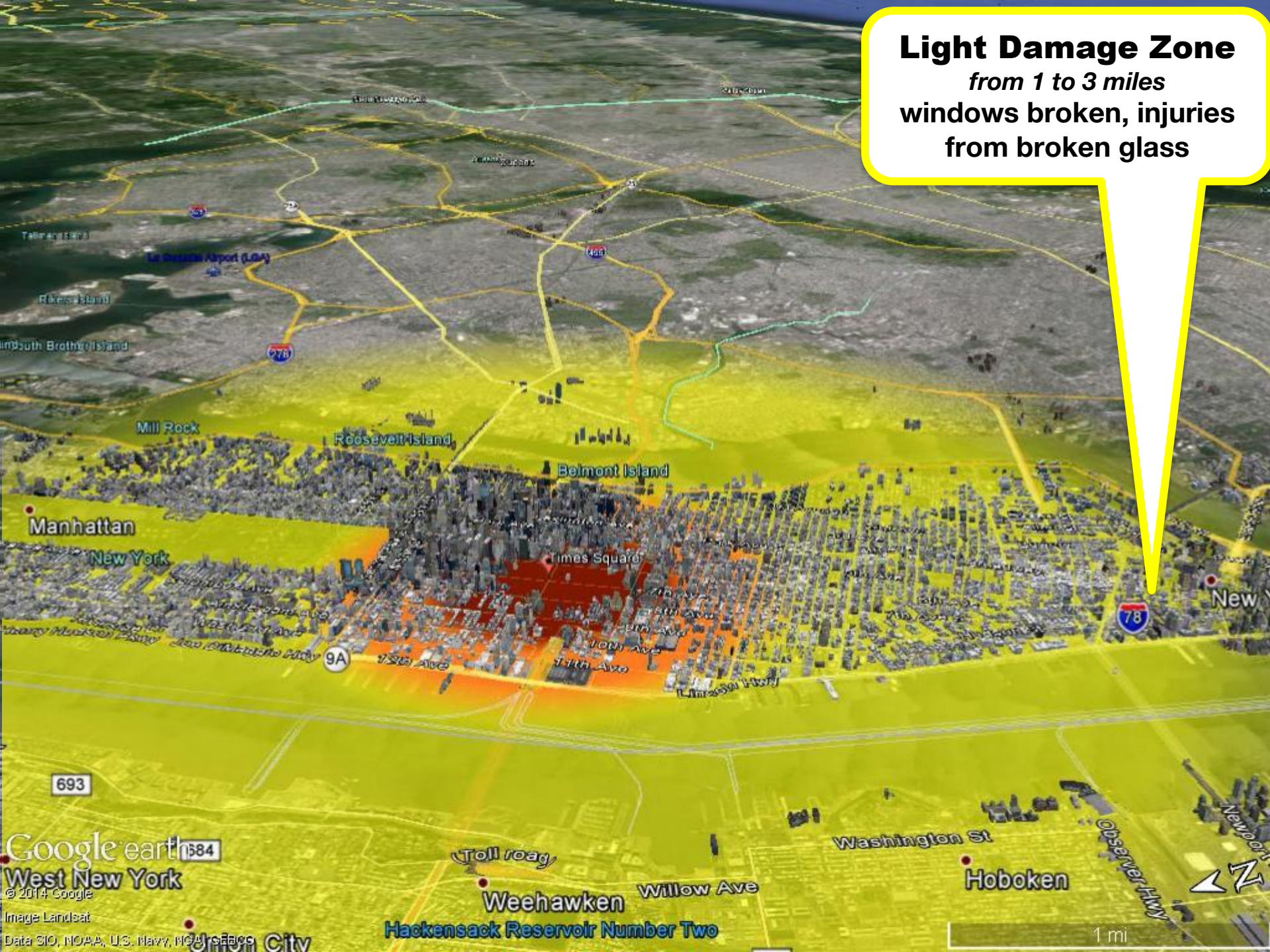
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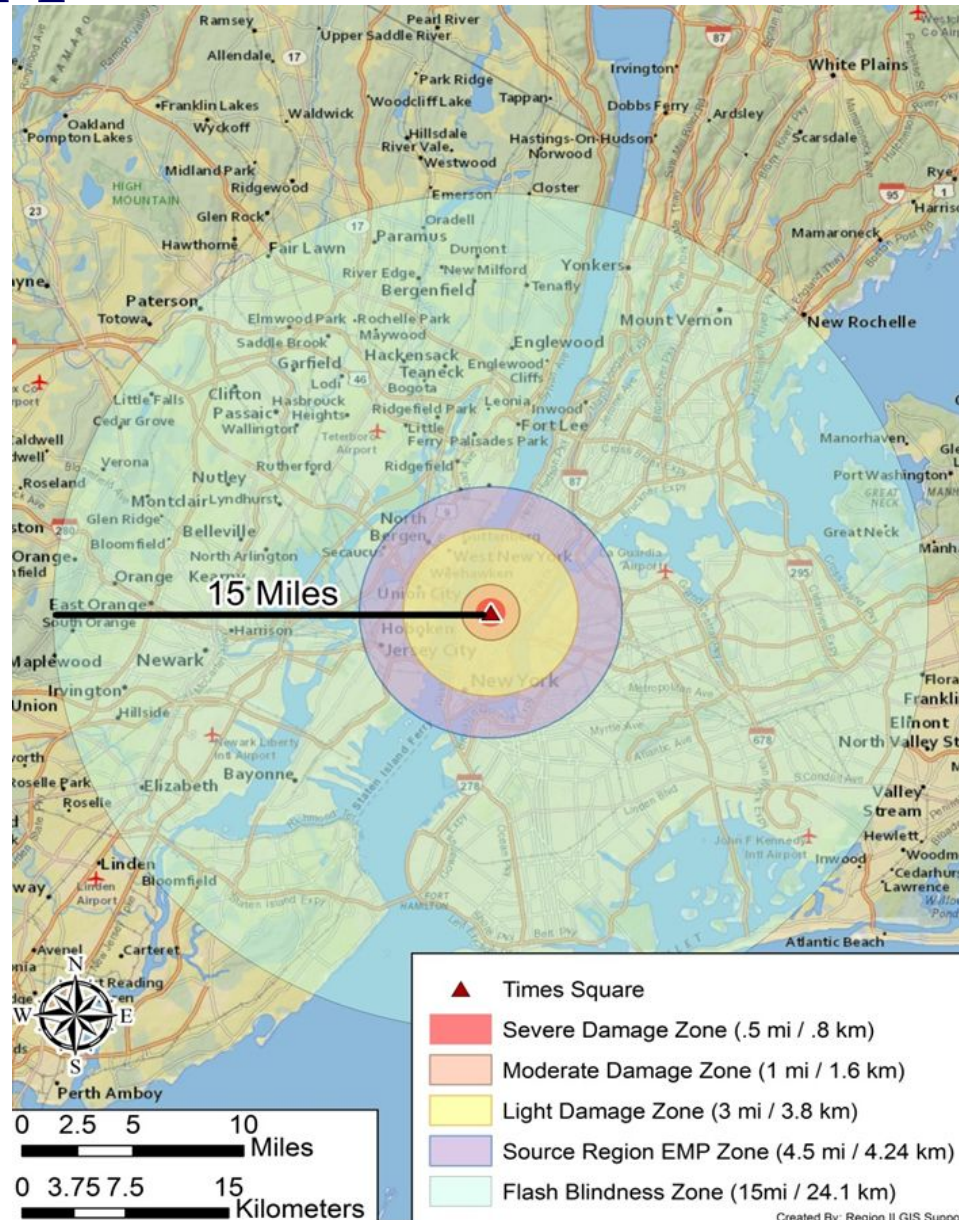
Hackensack Reservoir Number Two

1 mi

Light Damage Zone
from 1 to 3 miles
windows broken, injuries
from broken glass



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Casualties Across the Damage Zones

	Severe Damage Zone (SDZ)		Moderate Damage Zone (MDZ)		Light Damage Zone (LDZ)		Total Population Across All Damage Zones
	Ground Zero to 0.5 mile		0.5 to 1 mile		1 to 3 miles		
	Percentage	Population	Percentage	Population	Percentage	Population	
Total Population	100%	588,000	100%	732,000	100%	840,000	2,160,000
Dead	95%	558,600	38%	278,160	0%	0	836,760
Expectant	5%	29,400	14%	102,480	0%	0	131,880
At Risk	0%	0	29%	212,280	6%	50,400	262,680
Recovered	0%	0	14%	102,480	37%	310,800	413,280
Uninjured	0%	0	5%	36,600	57%	478,800	515,400



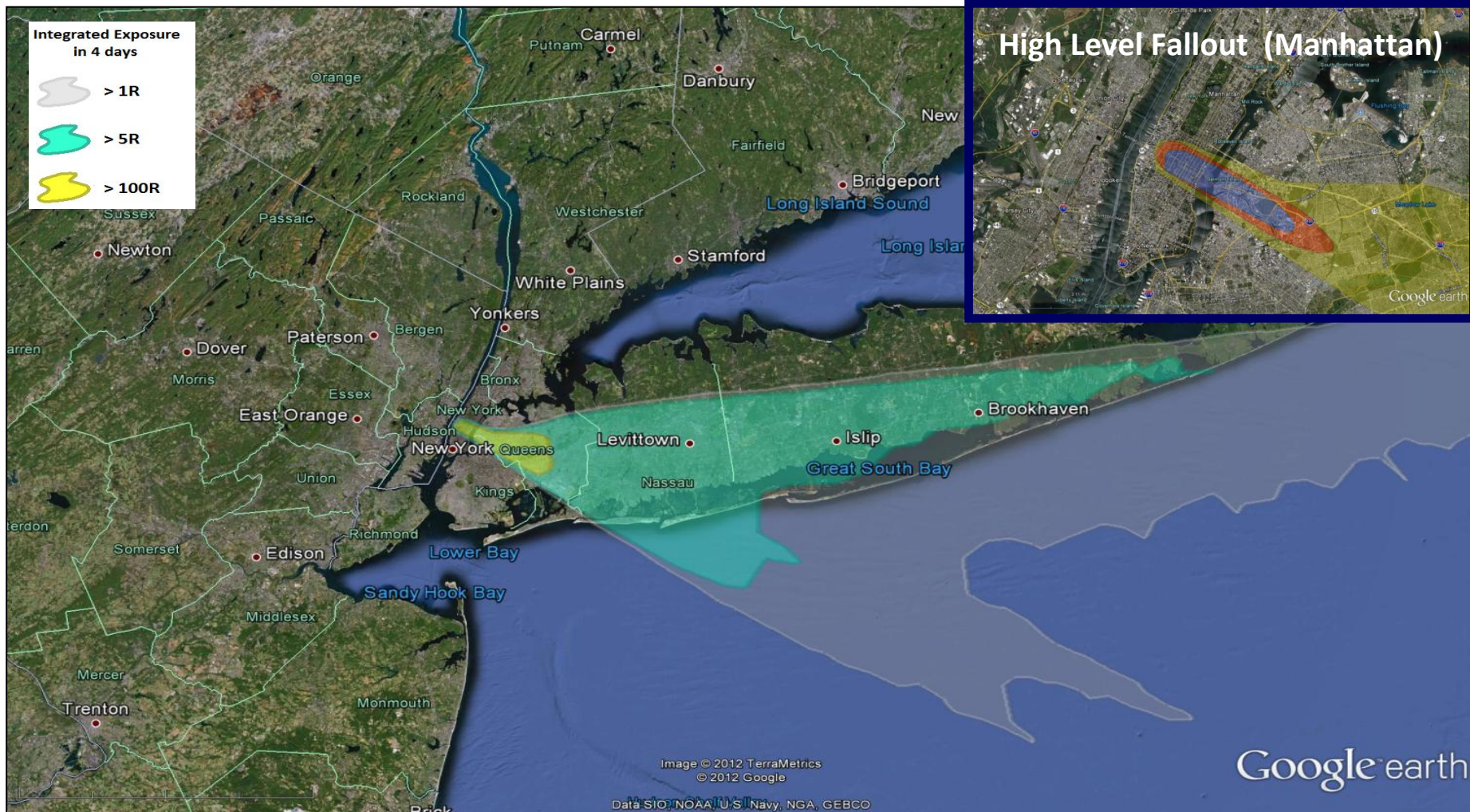
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Delayed Effects – Fallout



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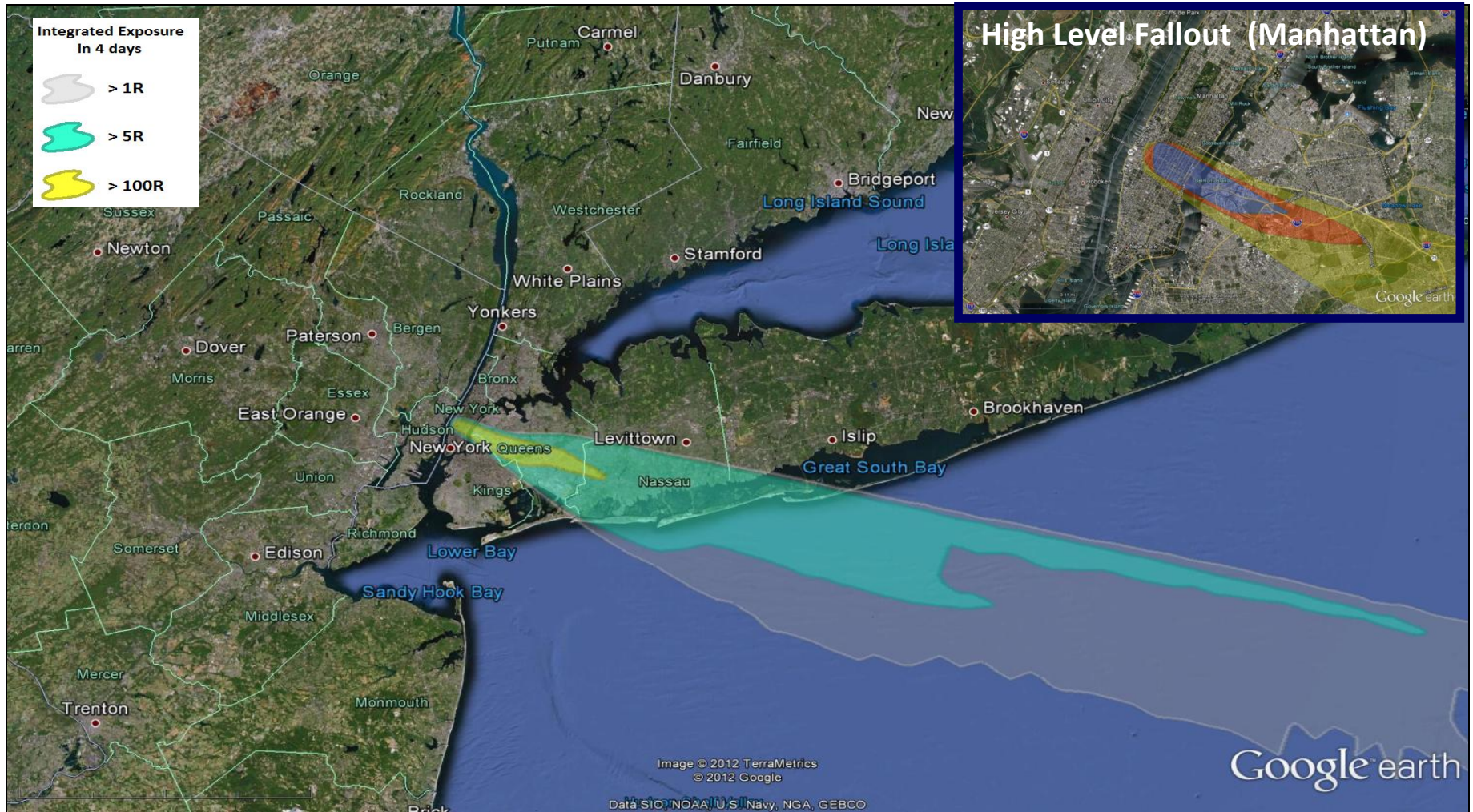
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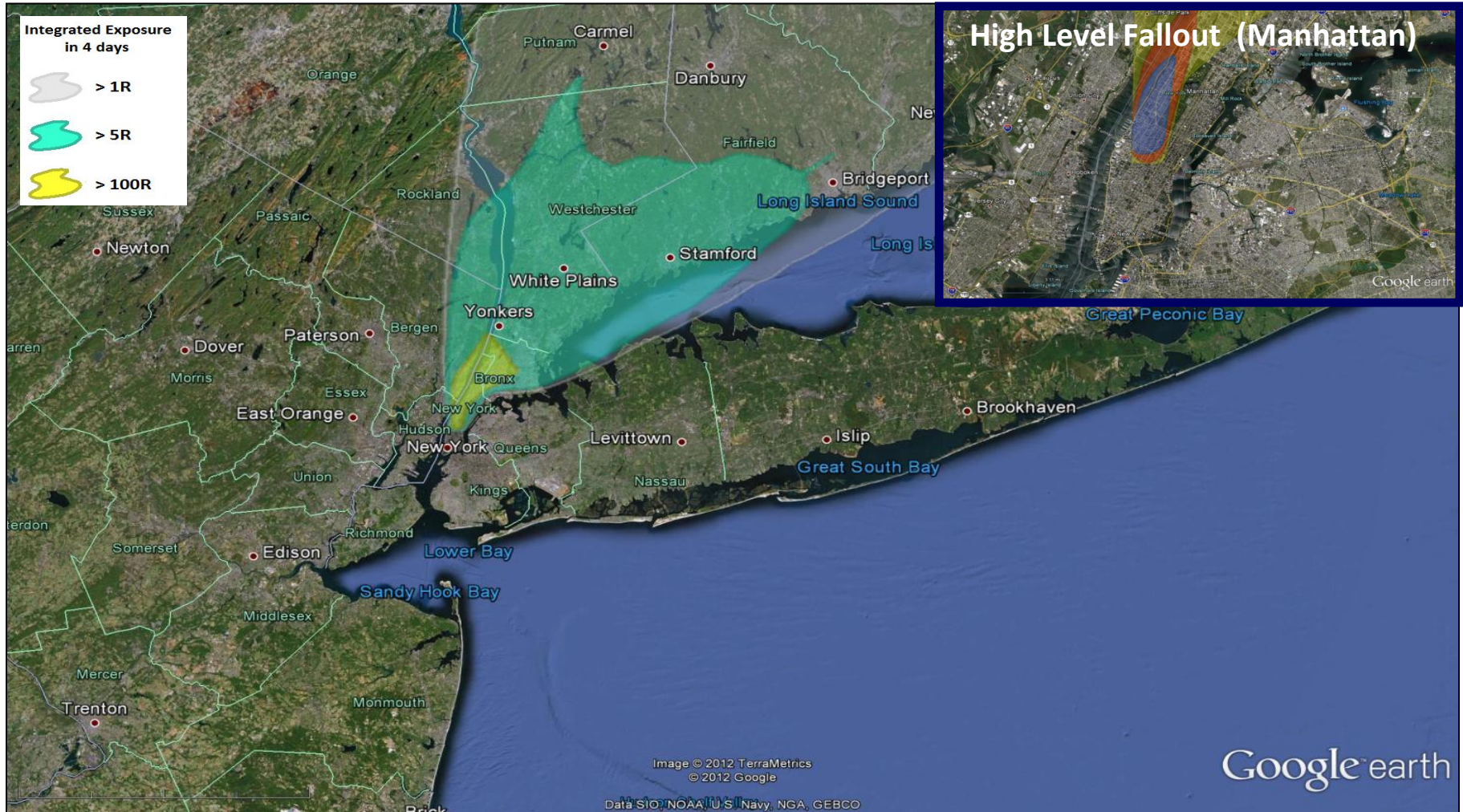
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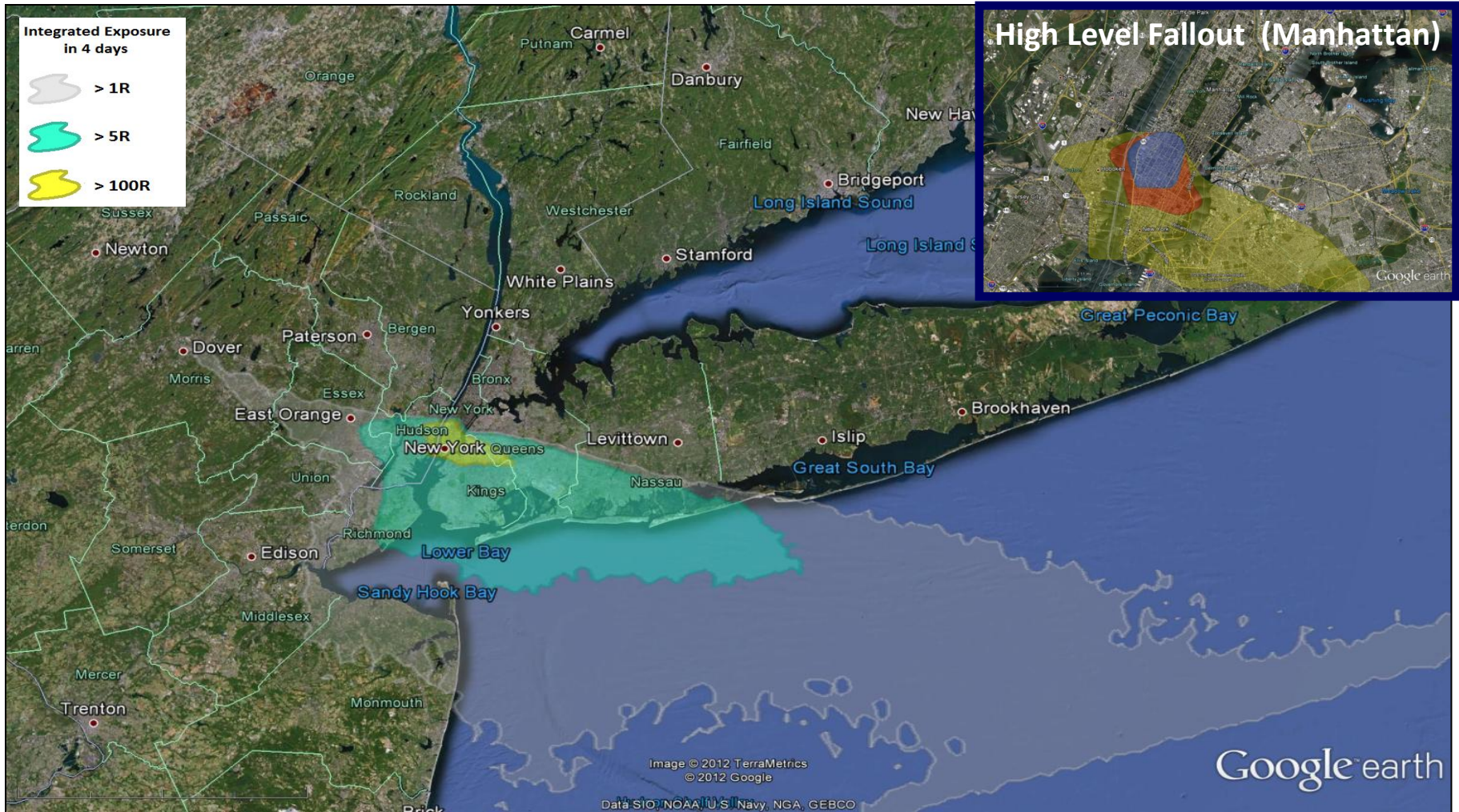
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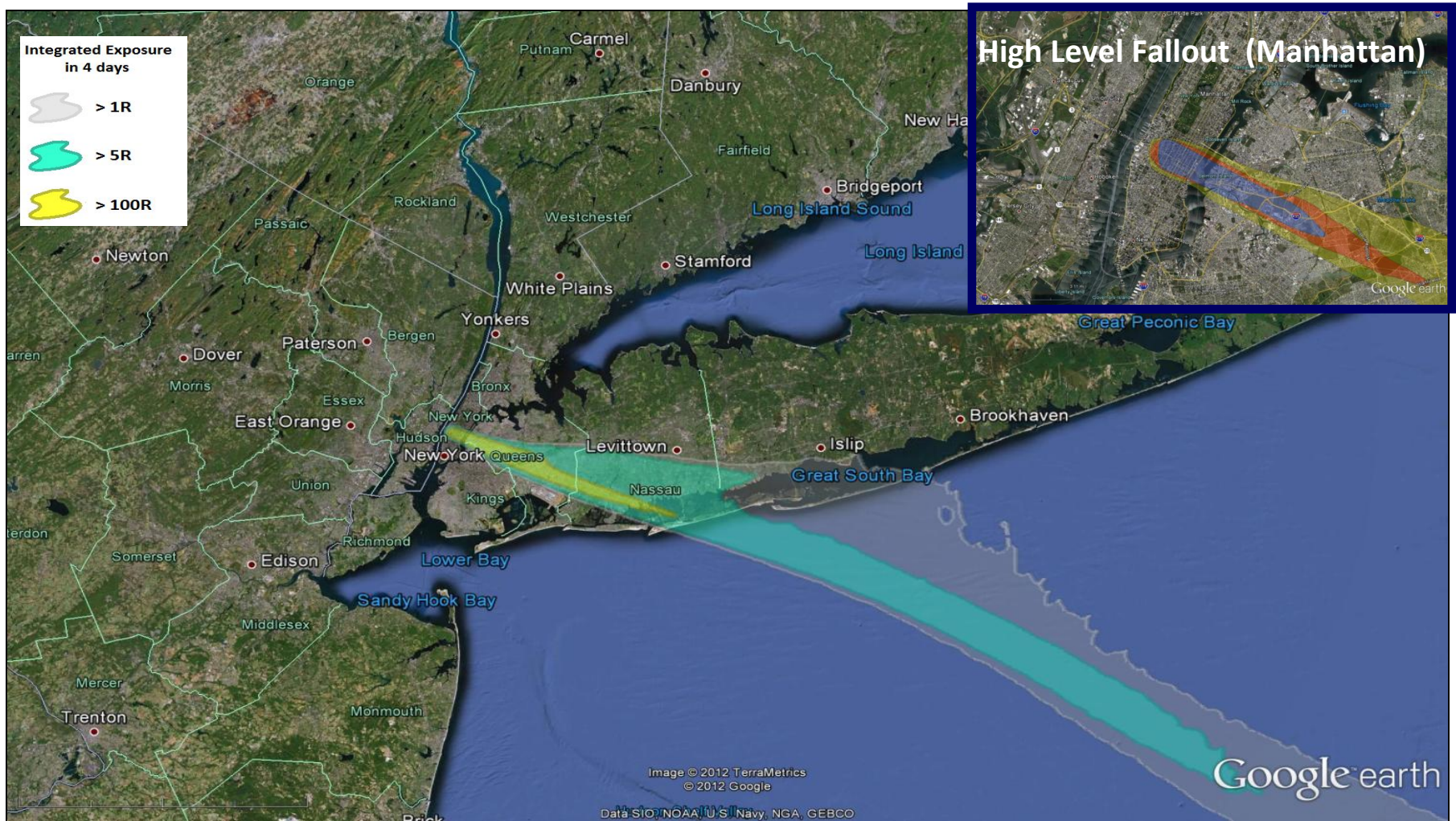
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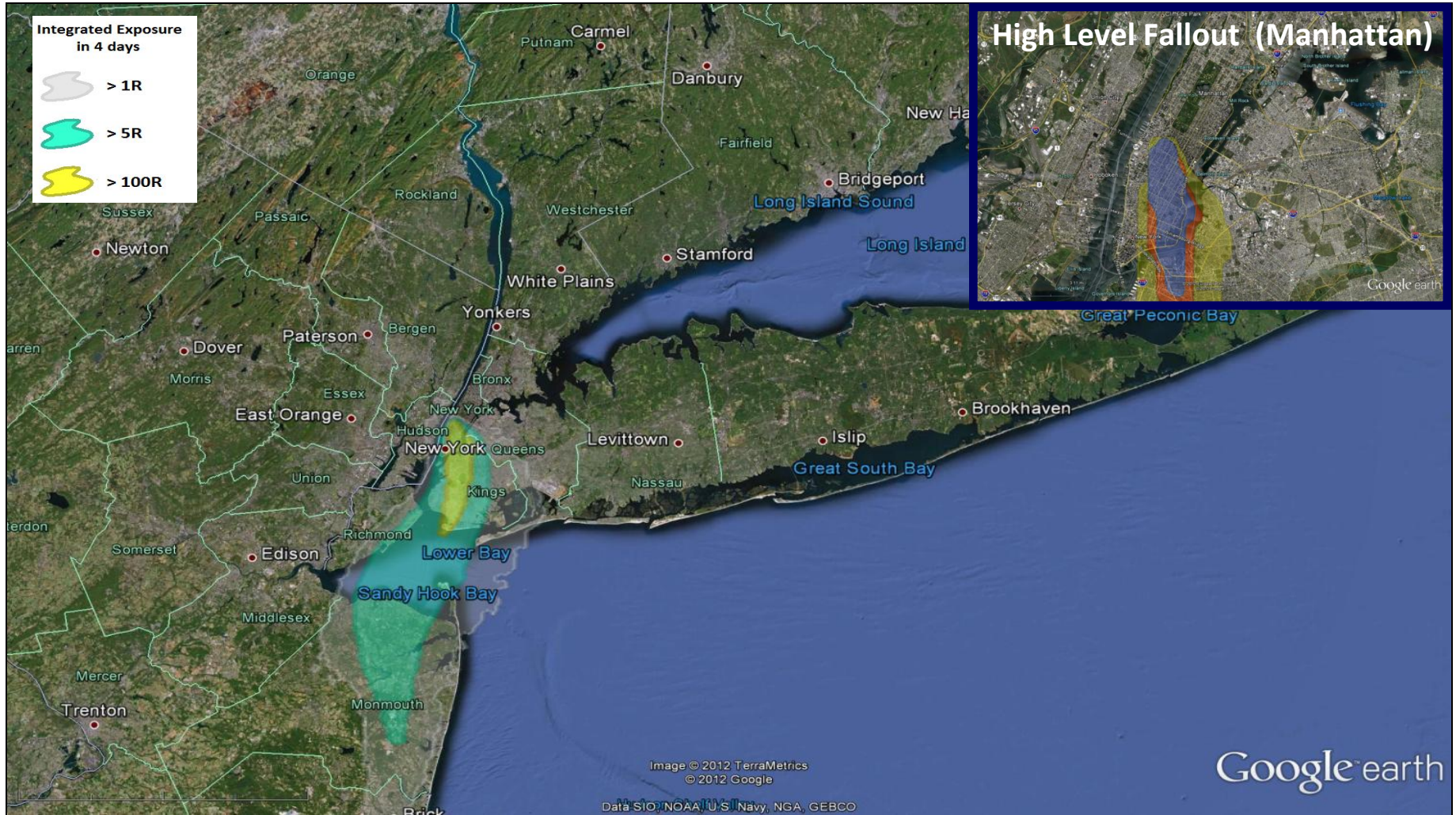
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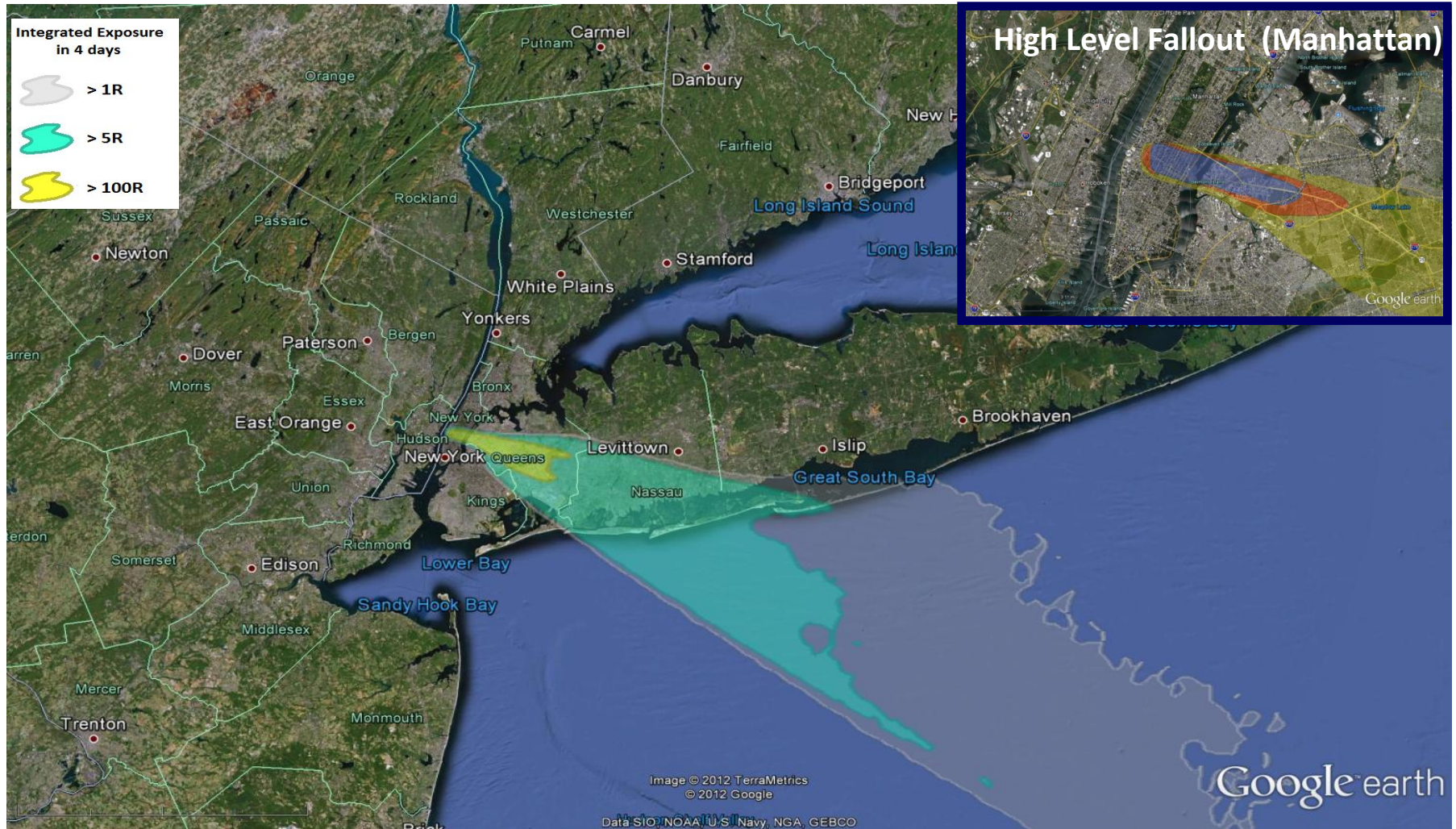
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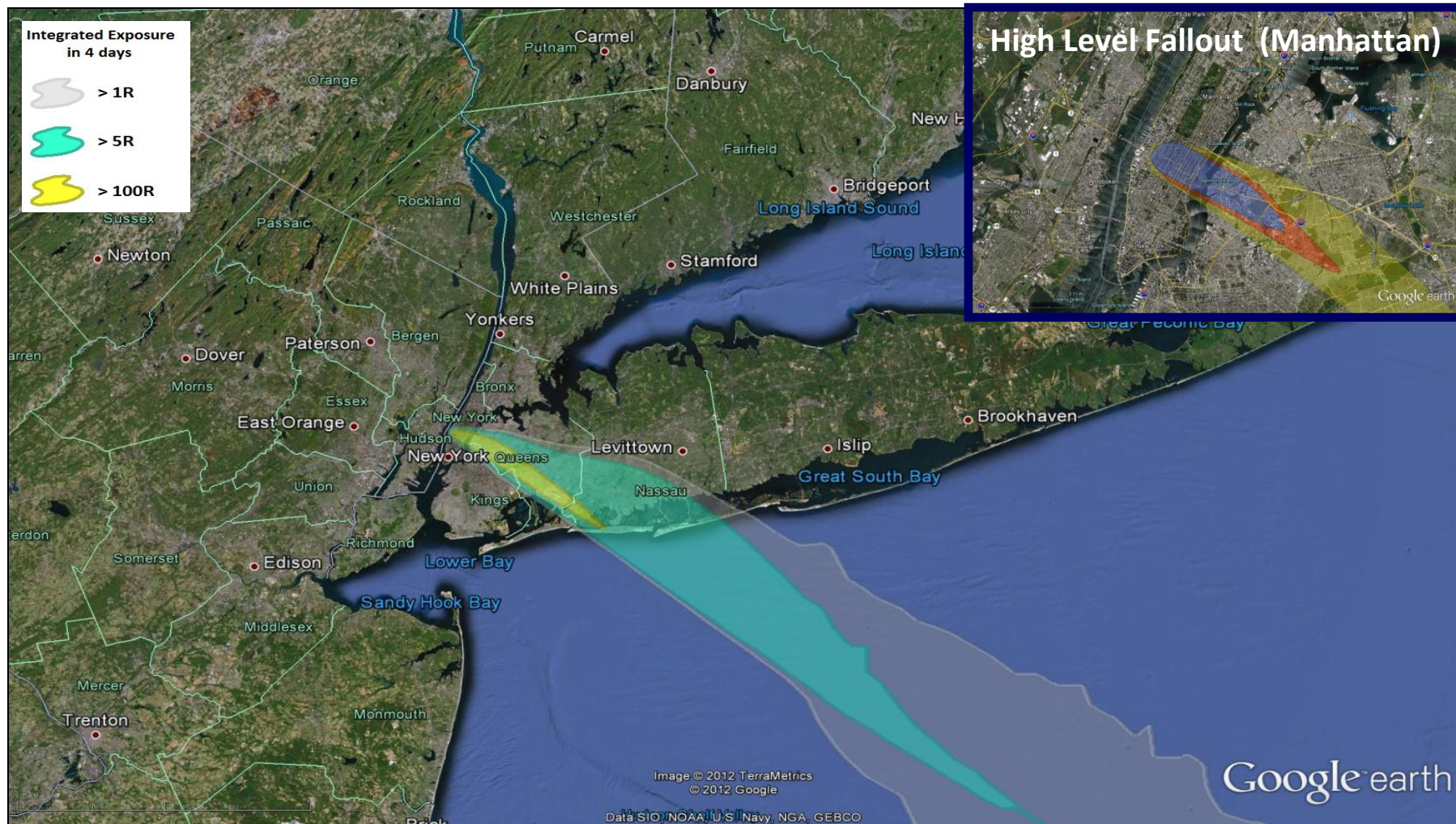
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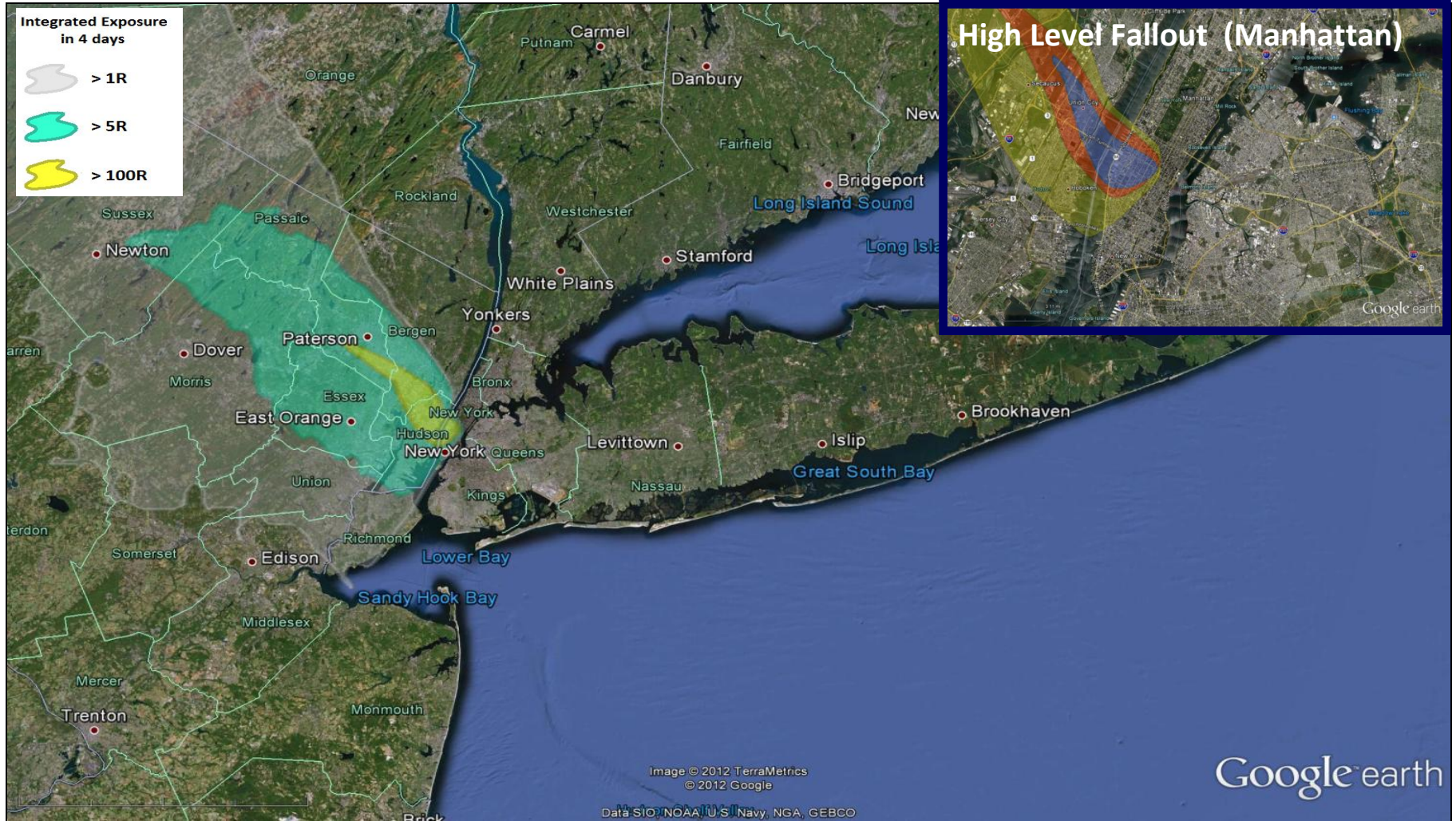
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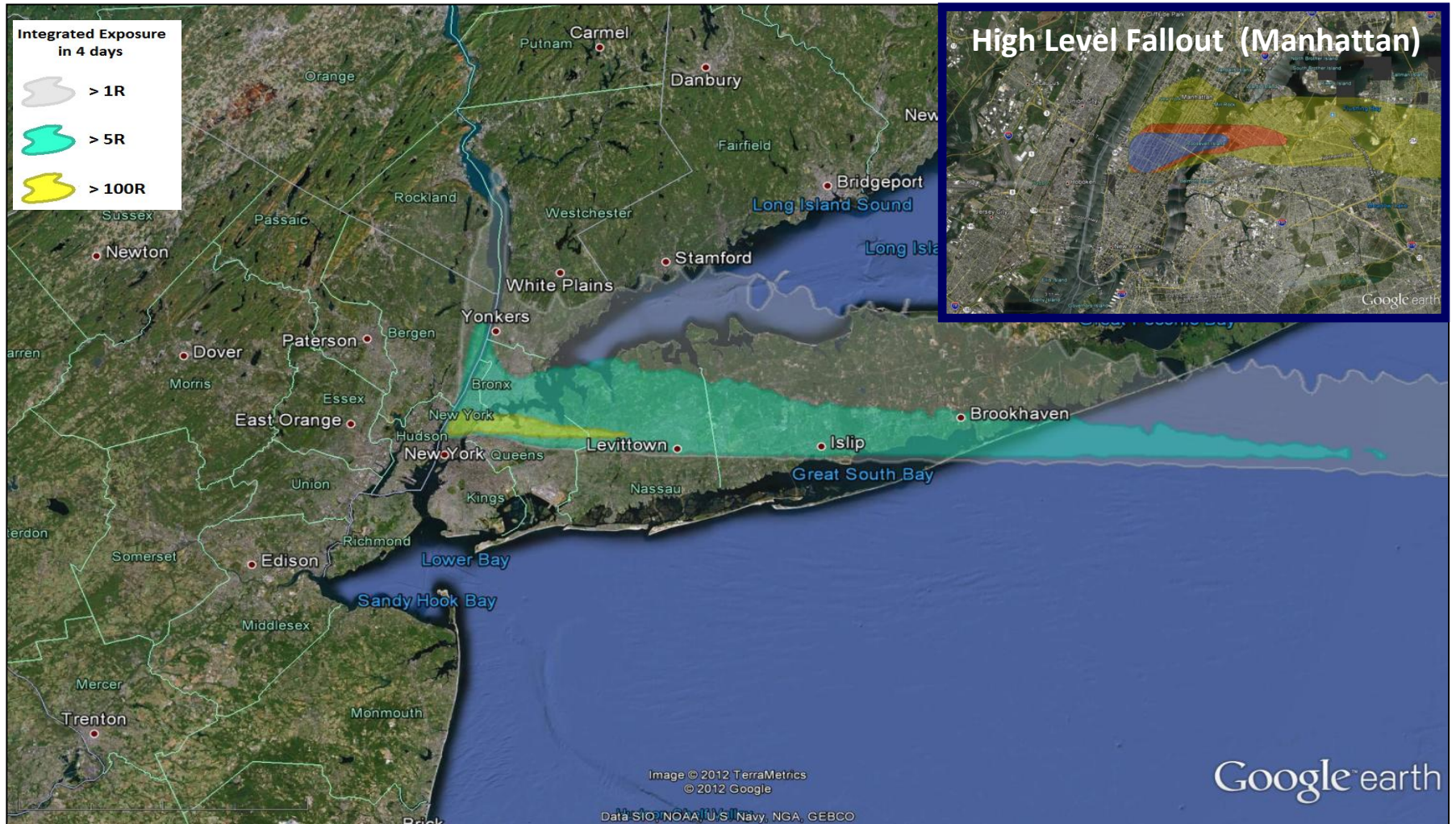
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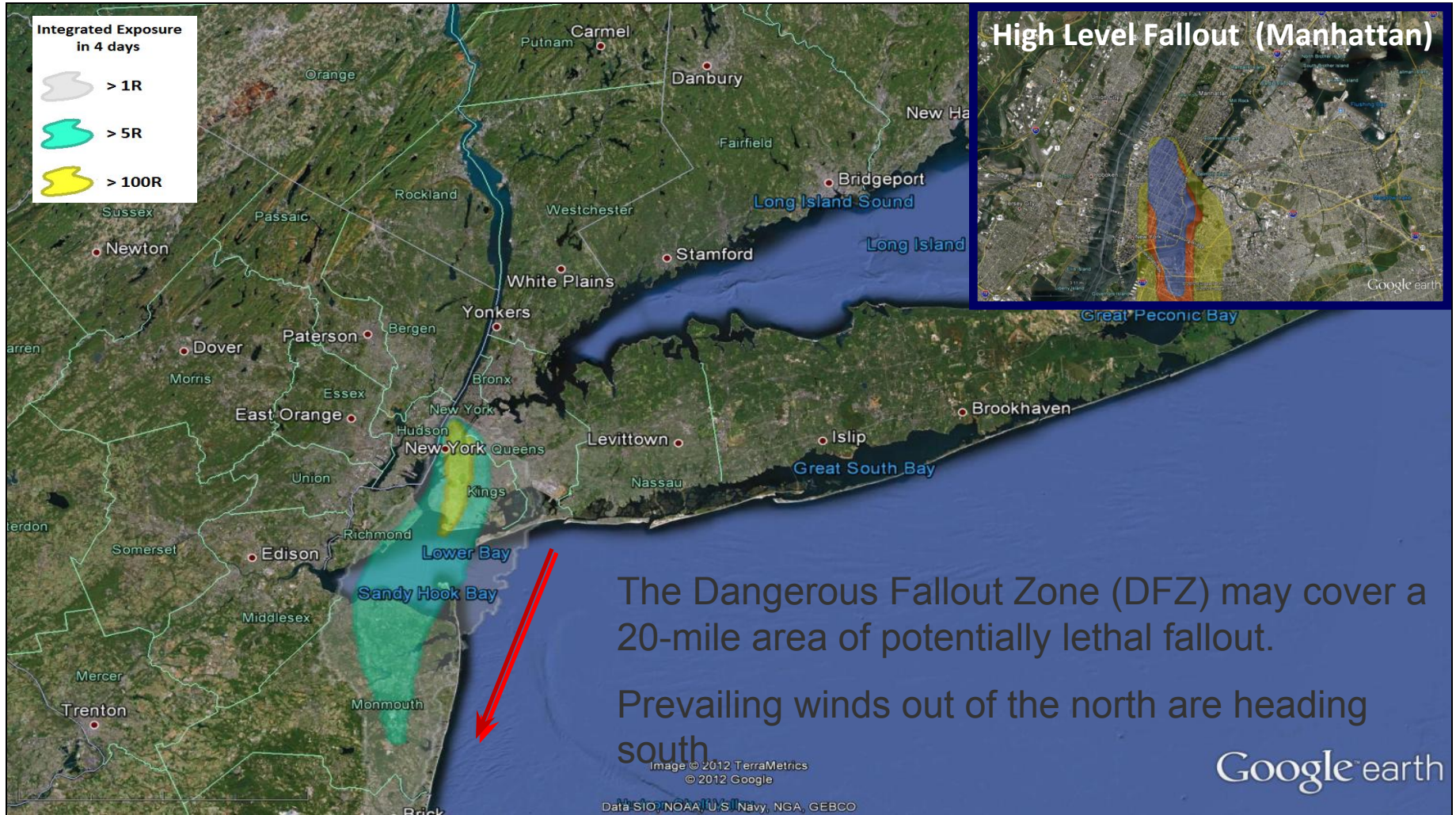
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Modeled Weather Planning Scenario



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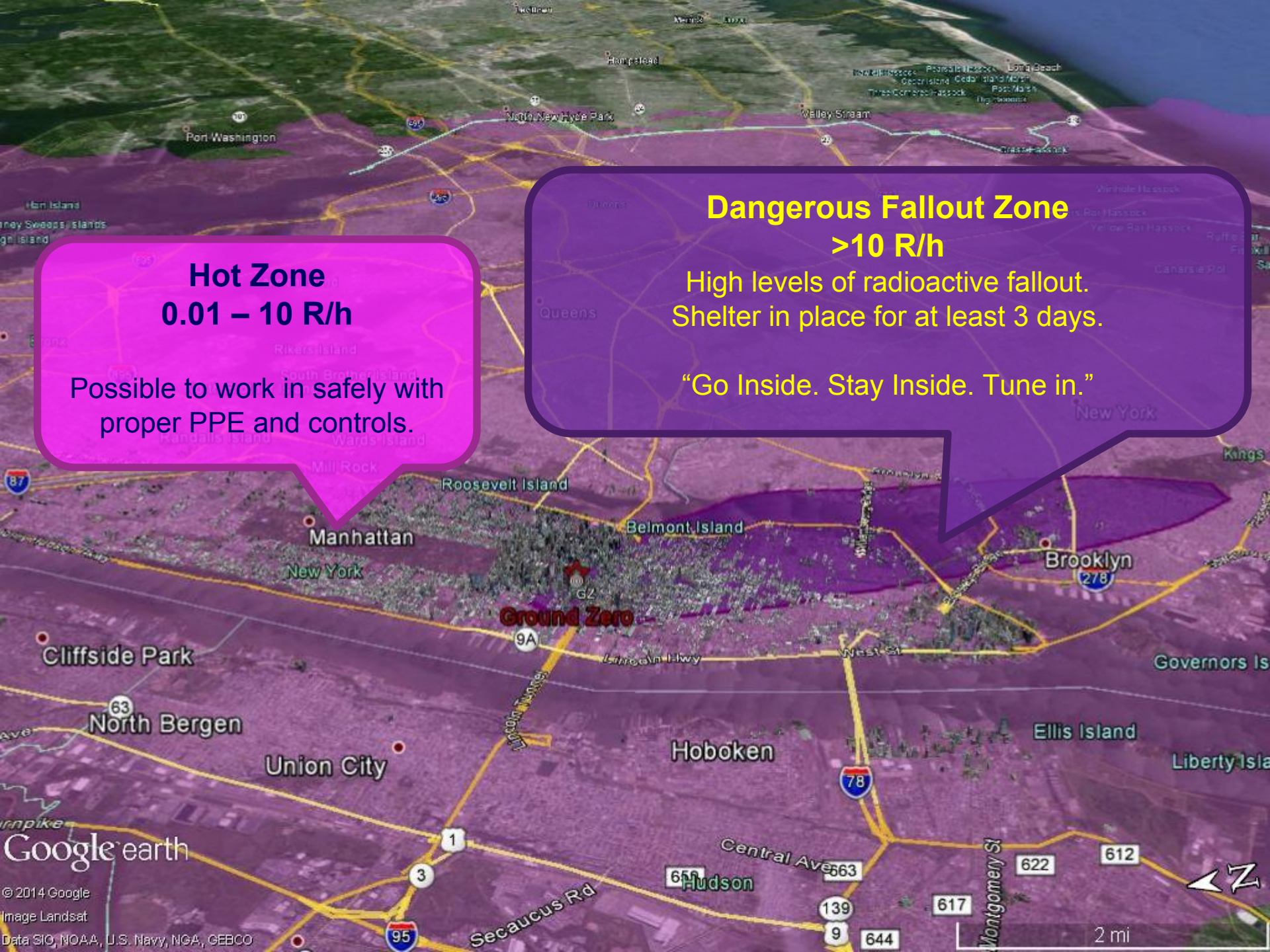
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Hot Zone
0.01 – 10 R/h

Possible to work in safely with proper PPE and controls.

Dangerous Fallout Zone
>10 R/h
High levels of radioactive fallout.
Shelter in place for at least 3 days.

“Go Inside. Stay Inside. Tune in.”





Fireball
rises at >
100 mph

Winds push the cloud to
the south

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New York

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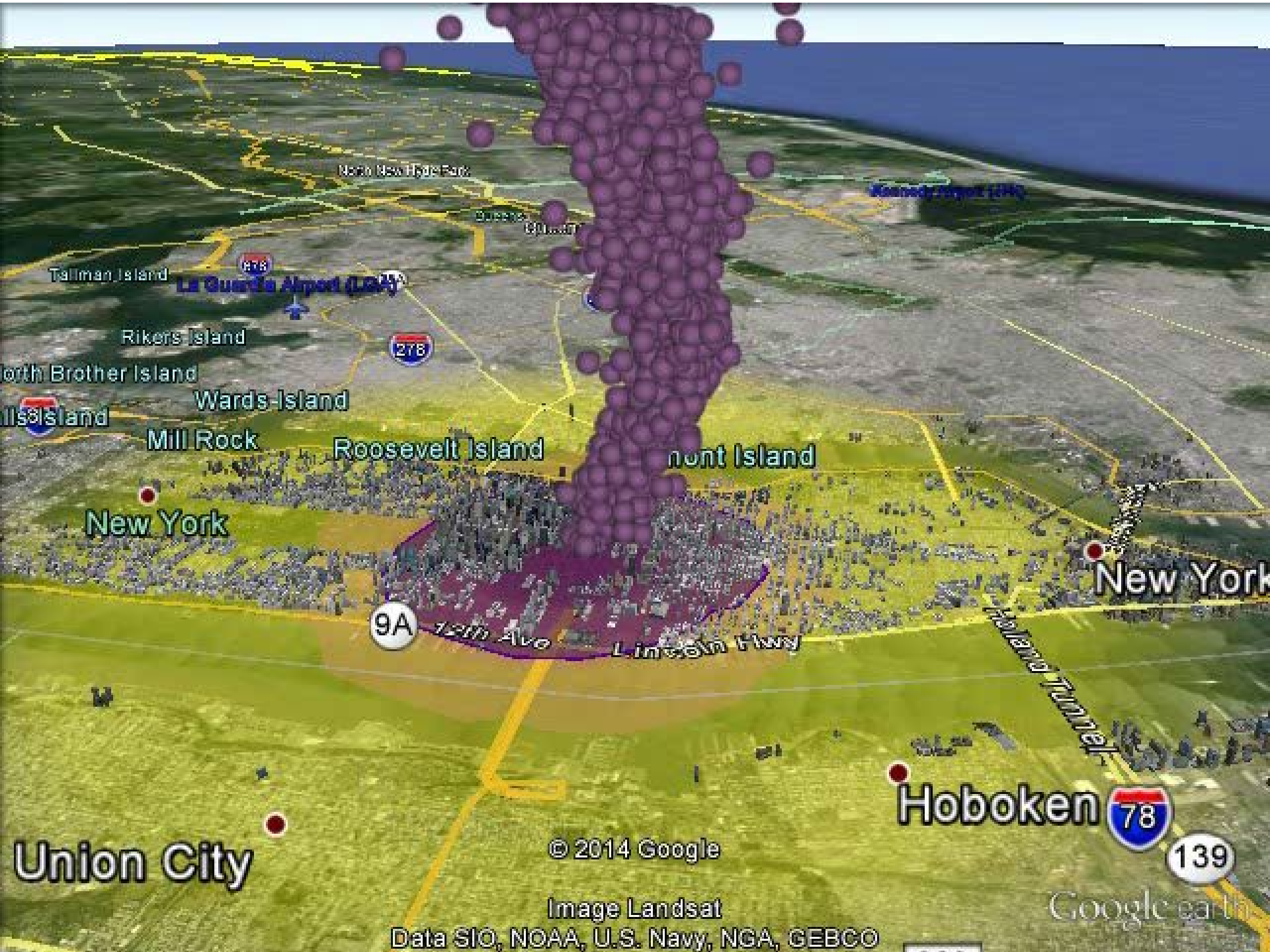
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Union City

Hackensack Reservoir Number Two

Hoboken

1 mi



New New Hope Park

Kennedy Airport (JFK)

Tallman Island

La Guardia Airport (LGA)

Rikers Island

North Brother Island

Wards Island

Mill Rock

Mill Rock

Roosevelt Island

Mont Island

New York

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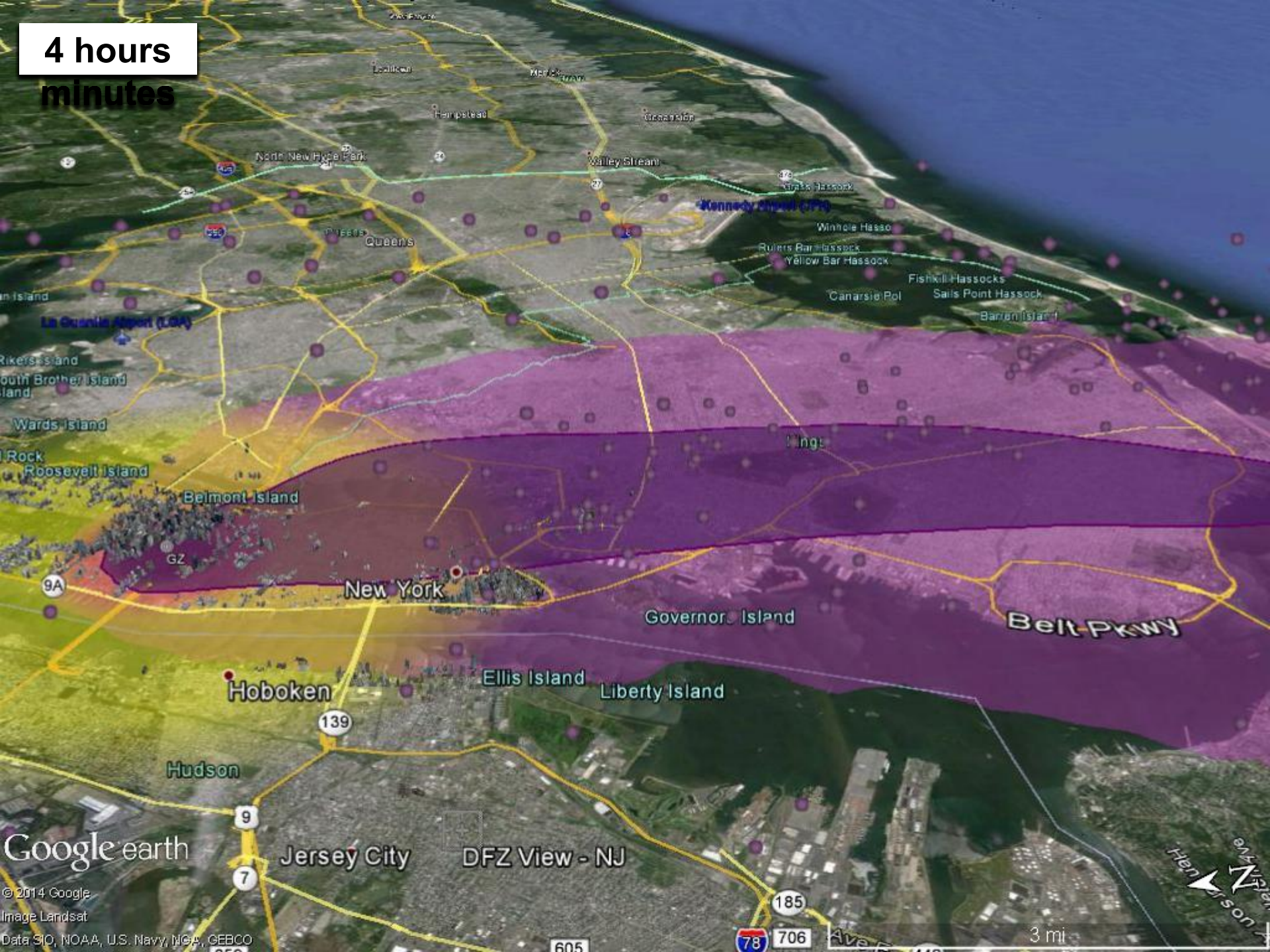
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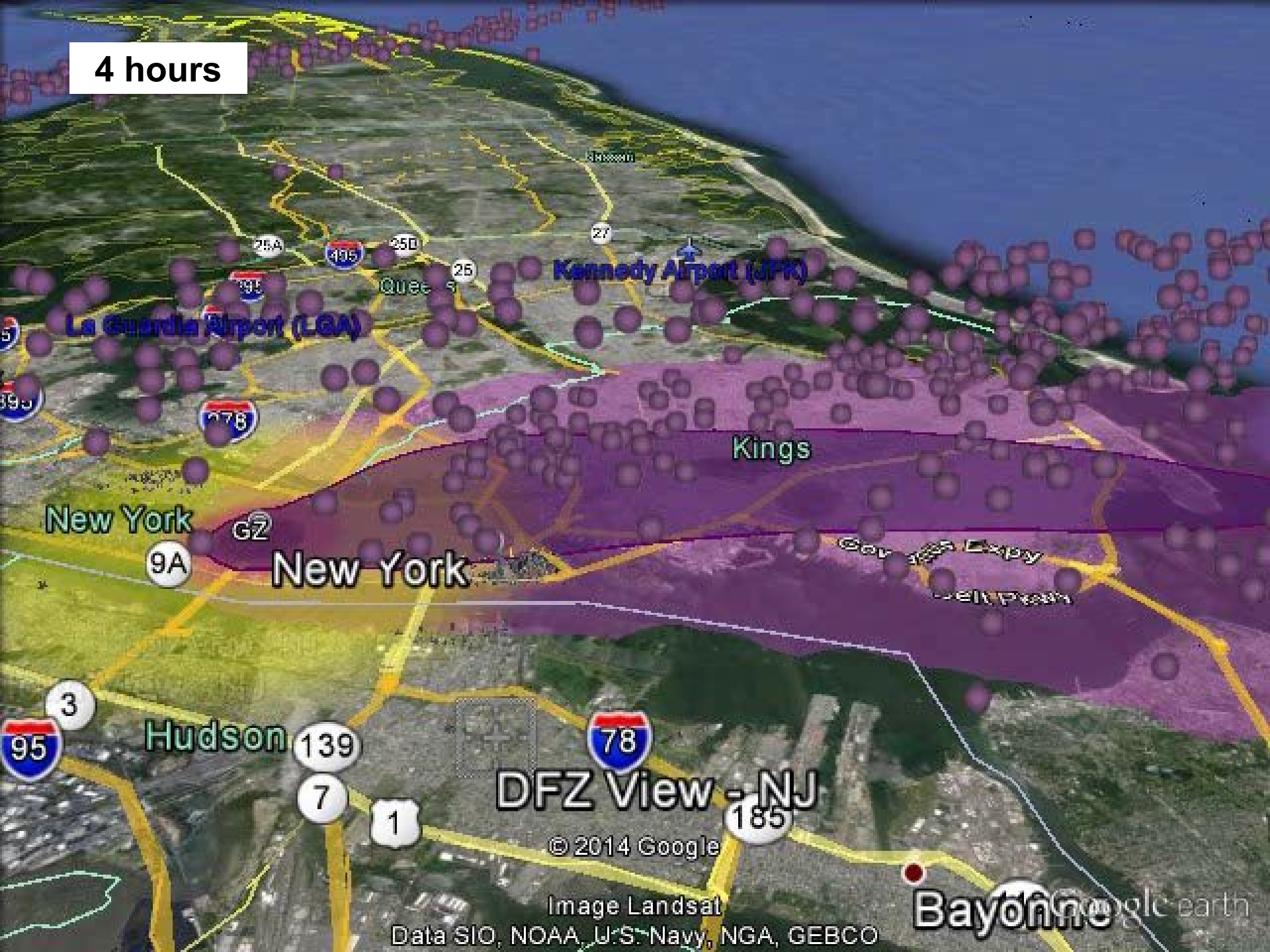
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**4 hours
minutes**



4 hours



La Guardia Airport (LGA)

Kennedy Airport (JFK)

Kings

New York

New York

Hudson

DFZ View - NJ

Bayonne

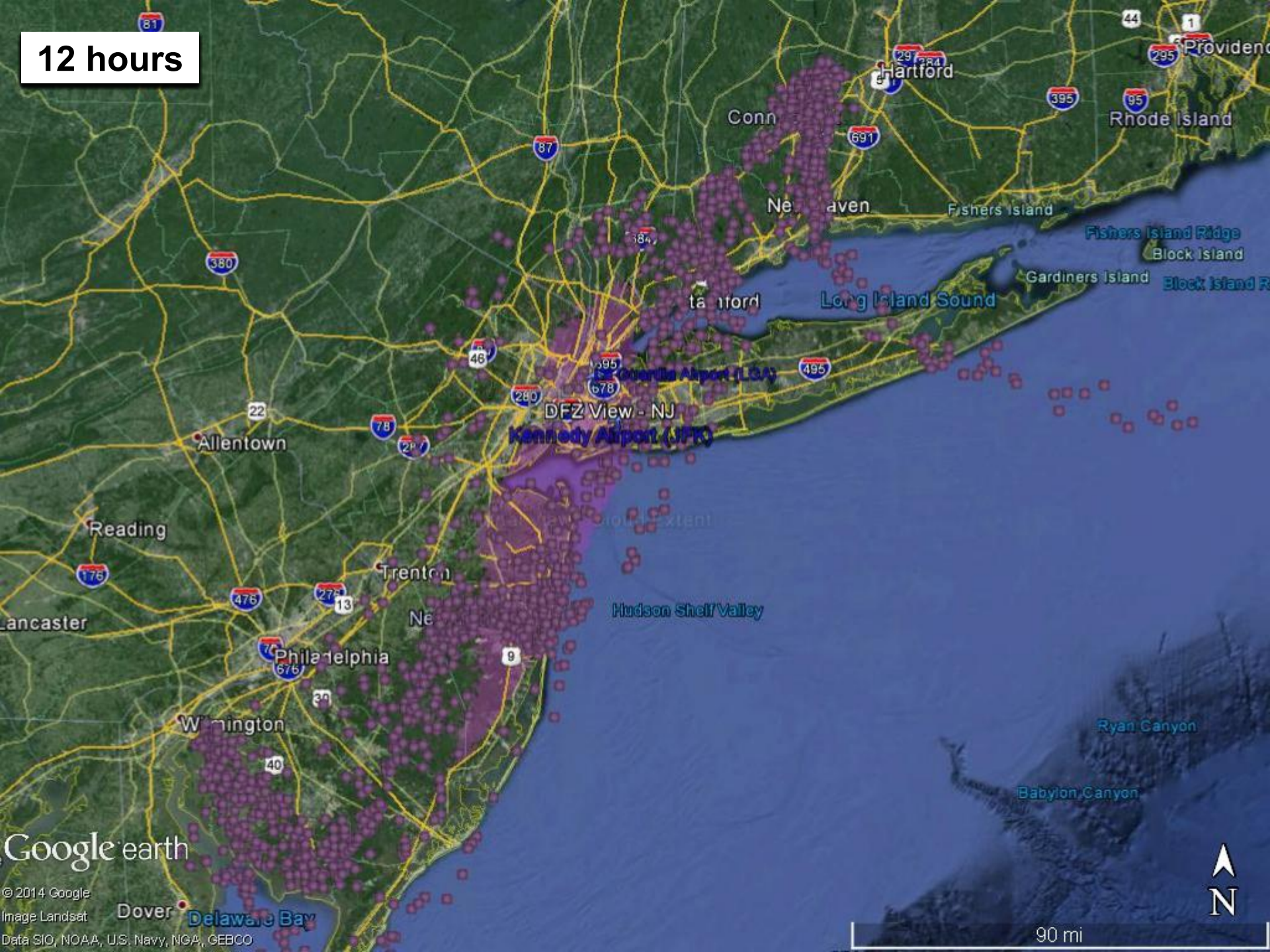
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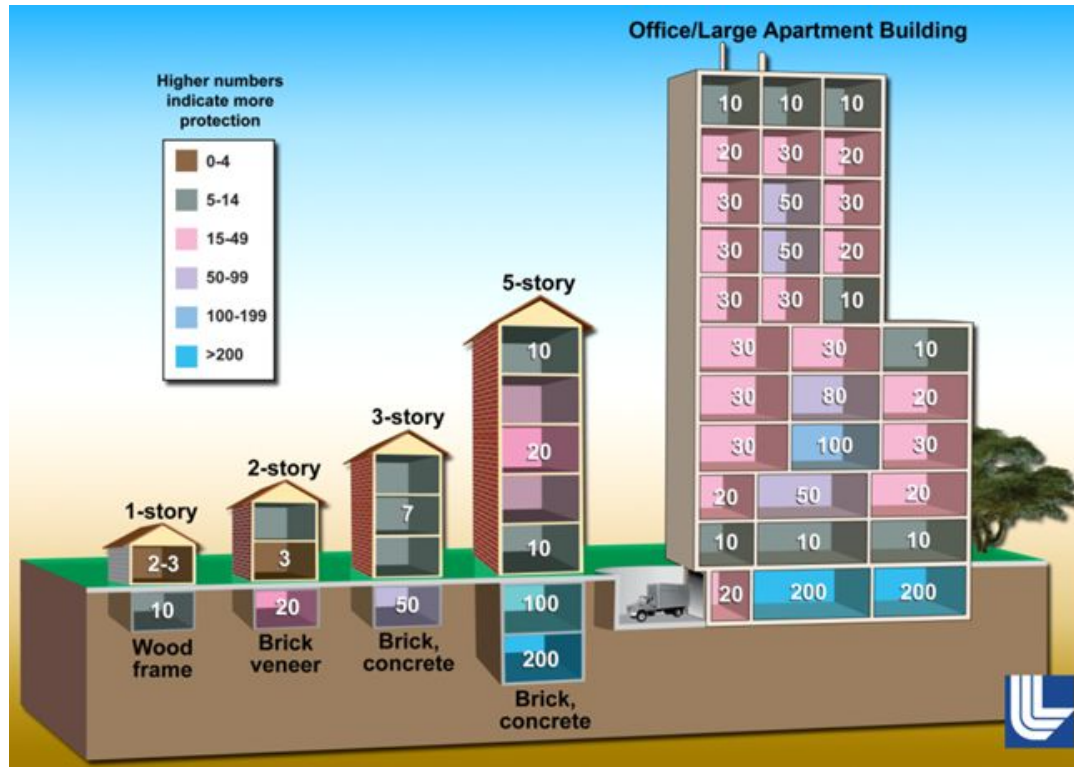
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90 mi

What can you do?

- Seek shelter immediately – ‘Get inside, Stay Inside’
- Be informed – ‘Stay Tuned’



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What can you do?

WHERE TO GO IN A RADIATION EMERGENCY



If a radiation emergency happens in your area, you should get inside immediately.

No matter where you are, the safest action to take is to: GET INSIDE. STAY INSIDE. STAY TUNED.

- Close and lock all windows and doors.
- Go to the basement or the middle of the building. Radioactive material settles on the outside of buildings; so the best thing to do is stay as far away from the walls and roof of the building as you can.
- If possible, turn off fans, air conditioners, and forced-air heating units that bring air in from the outside. Close fireplace dampers.
- Bring pets inside.
- Stay tuned for updated instructions from emergency response officials.



Adapted from Ventura County Public Health, Ventura County, CA



U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
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<http://emergency.cdc.gov/radiation>



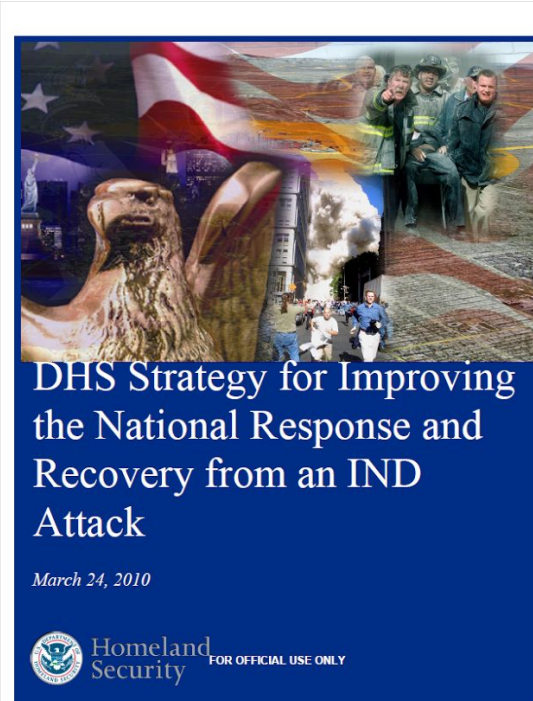
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How can you prepare?

- <http://www.Ready.gov>
- <http://emergency.cdc.gov/radiation>
- Build an Emergency Supply Kit
- Make a Family Emergency Plan

DHS Strategy (from 2010)...

- Manage the Response
- Characterize the Incident
- Mass Evacuation and In-Place Protection
- Medical Triage
- Provide Casualty/Evacuee Care
- Stabilize and Control the Impacted Area
- Perform Site Cleanup and Recovery and Restore Functions



Nuclear / Radiological Incident Annex (2016)

- Characterize the Event
- Collect Real Time Radiation Measurements and Update Modeling
- Define Evacuation Strategies and Issue Guidance
- Communicate Evacuation Guidance
- Refine Analysis of What Happened and Prioritize Decontamination and Cleanup
- Define Medical Response and Prioritize Patient Care and Transport
- Decide When Some People Can Return to Affected Areas



Nuclear/Radiological Incident
Annex to the Response and
Recovery Federal Interagency
Operational Plans

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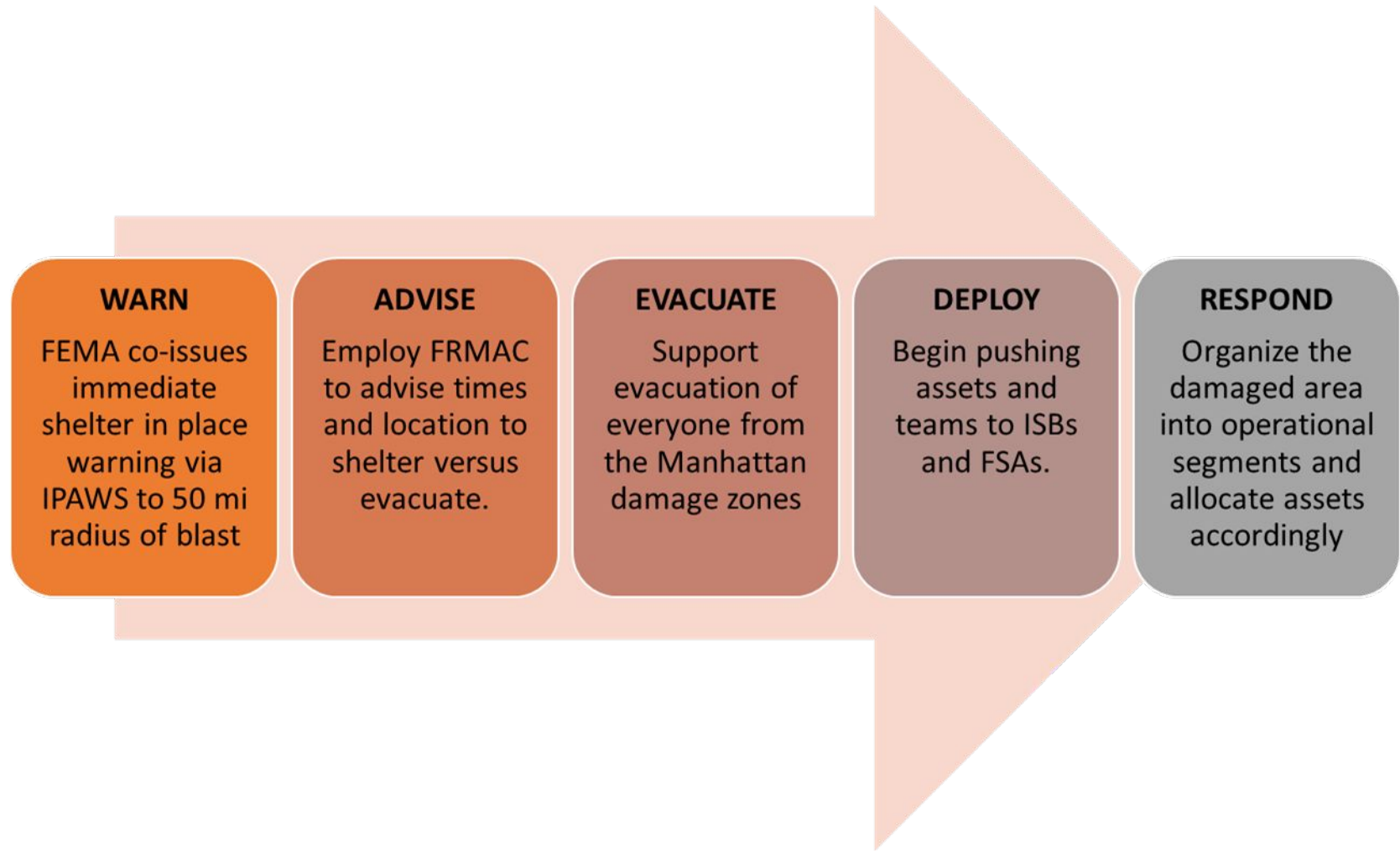


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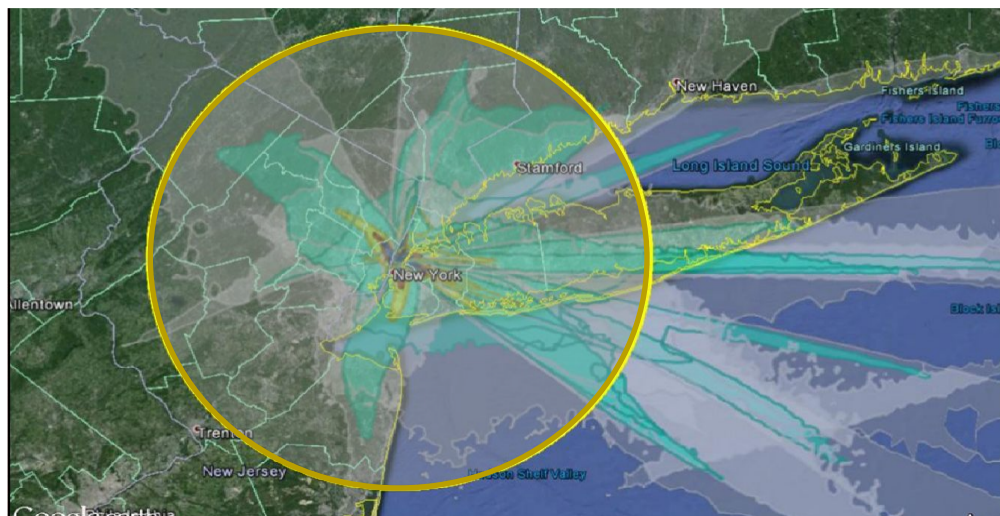
The Region II IND Operational Baseline



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Goal 1 – Warn

- **Greatest lifesaving achieved in first few minutes by sheltering**
- FEMA warns 50 mile radius of blast: “Go Inside, Stay Inside” via IPAWS
- NYR States and Counties issue same message using available systems



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Goal 2 - Advise

- Push real-time radiological intelligence from FRMAC through NWC to EOCs, then to the UCG as established
- Employ 9 sets of Essential Information*
 1. Confirm the detonation
 2. Provide hazard specific information
 3. Identify boundaries for
 4. Prompt effects (damage zones)
 5. Radiation effects (immediate and fallout)
 6. EMP effects
 7. Weather conditions and forecasts
 8. Medical treatment and decontamination information
 9. Existing safety hazards
- Use EPA PAGs as initial go-by, refine with incoming rad intel data from local and Fed sources
- Support quick assessments of critical infrastructure
 - Primary bridges, tunnels, and major highways to enable evacuation and ingress of responders and commodities
 - Utilities (electric, IT/telecom, water, sanitation) to support emergency operations



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Goal 3 - Evacuate

- When safe, direct evacuation through designated routes to shorelines.
- Support maritime evacuation from Manhattan to NJ and BK/Queens



Goal 3 - Evacuate

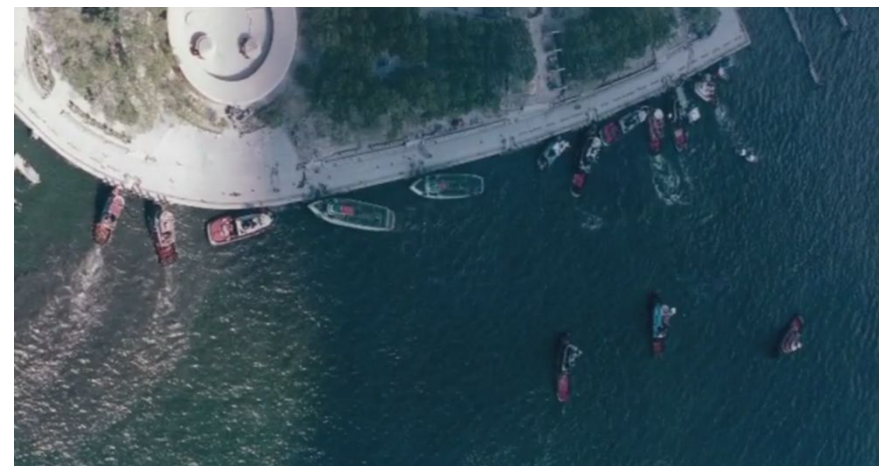
- Start with gross decon of the shoreline



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Goal 3 - Evacuate

- Boat Lift – Repeat of 9/11 Operation



Goal 3 - Evacuate



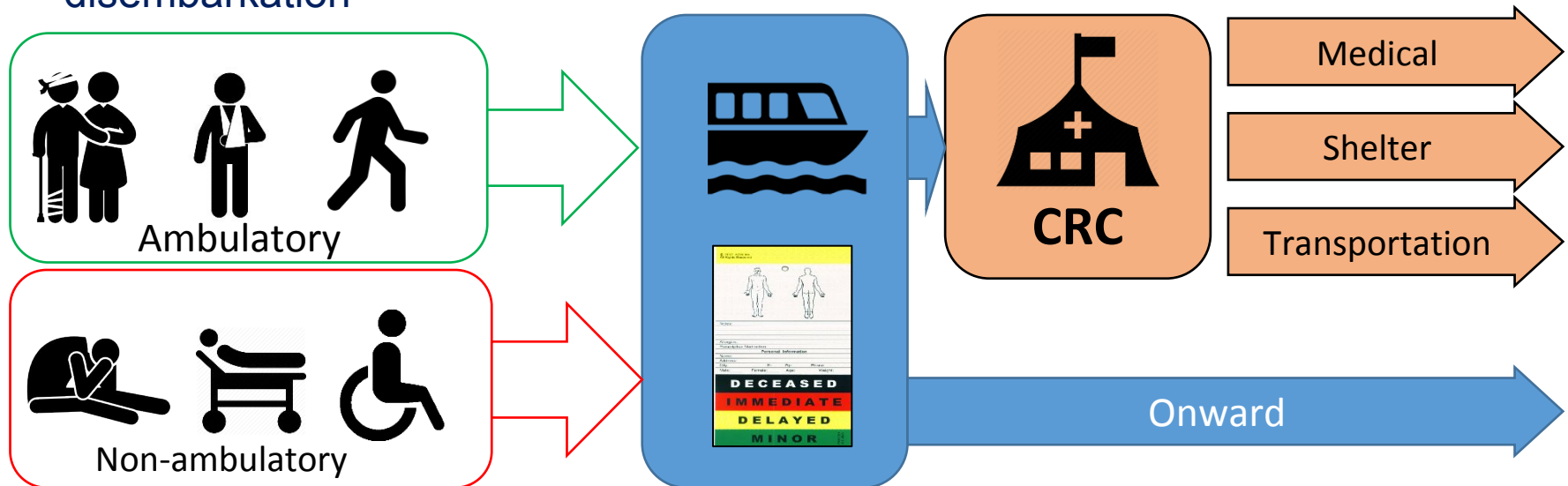
- Approx. 500,000 evacuated in 9 hours



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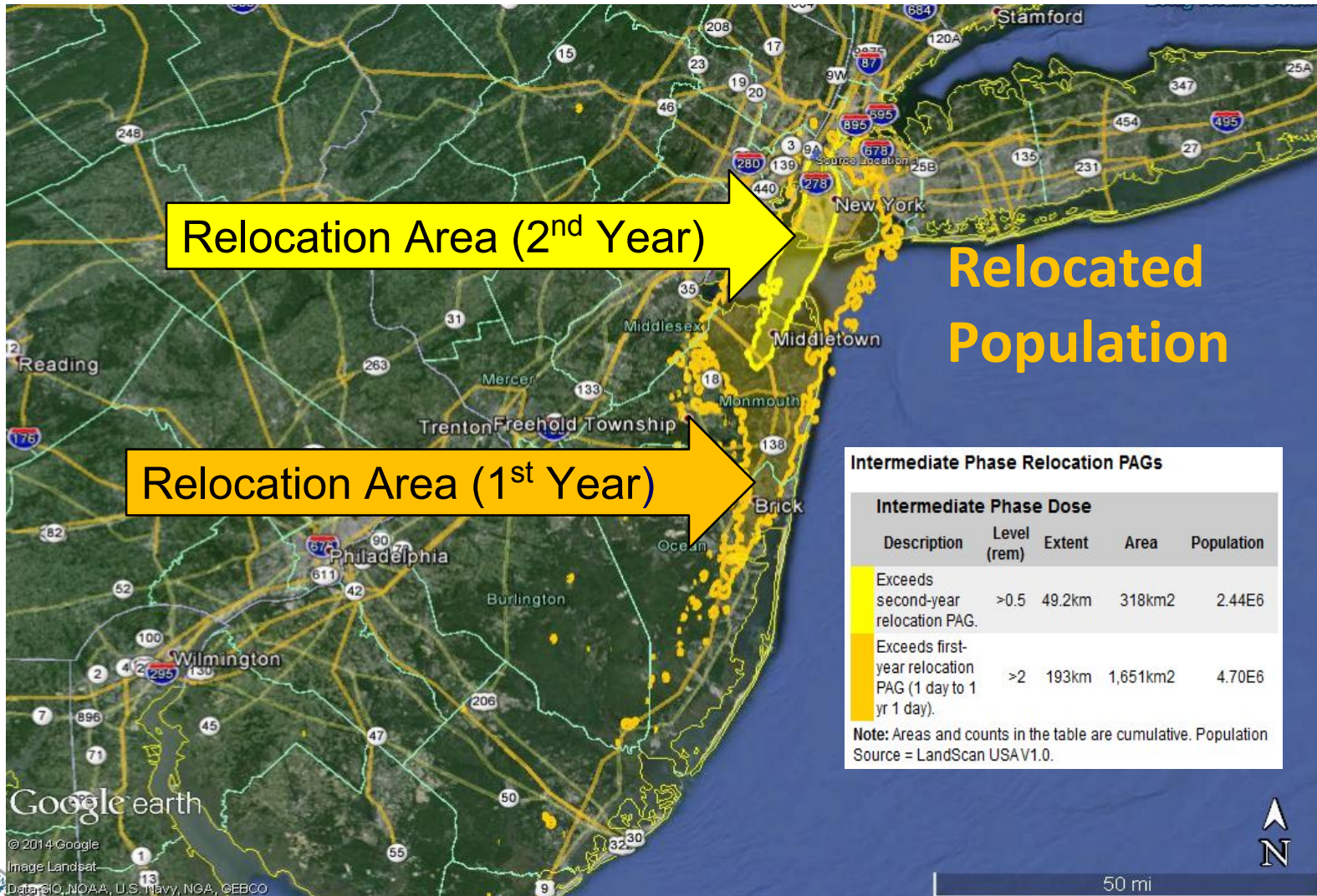
Goal 3 - Evacuate

- HHS leads ESF-8, FEMA coordinates this function
 - FEMA will coordinate execution of priorities set by HHS
 - Federal focus will be on post evacuation mass medical care
- Employ messaging systems to direct able populations to embarkation
- Employ Federal medical teams to assist unable populations to embarkation
- Perform decon, triage, and medical care at reception centers at/near points of disembarkation



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Planning Factors – Population Relocation

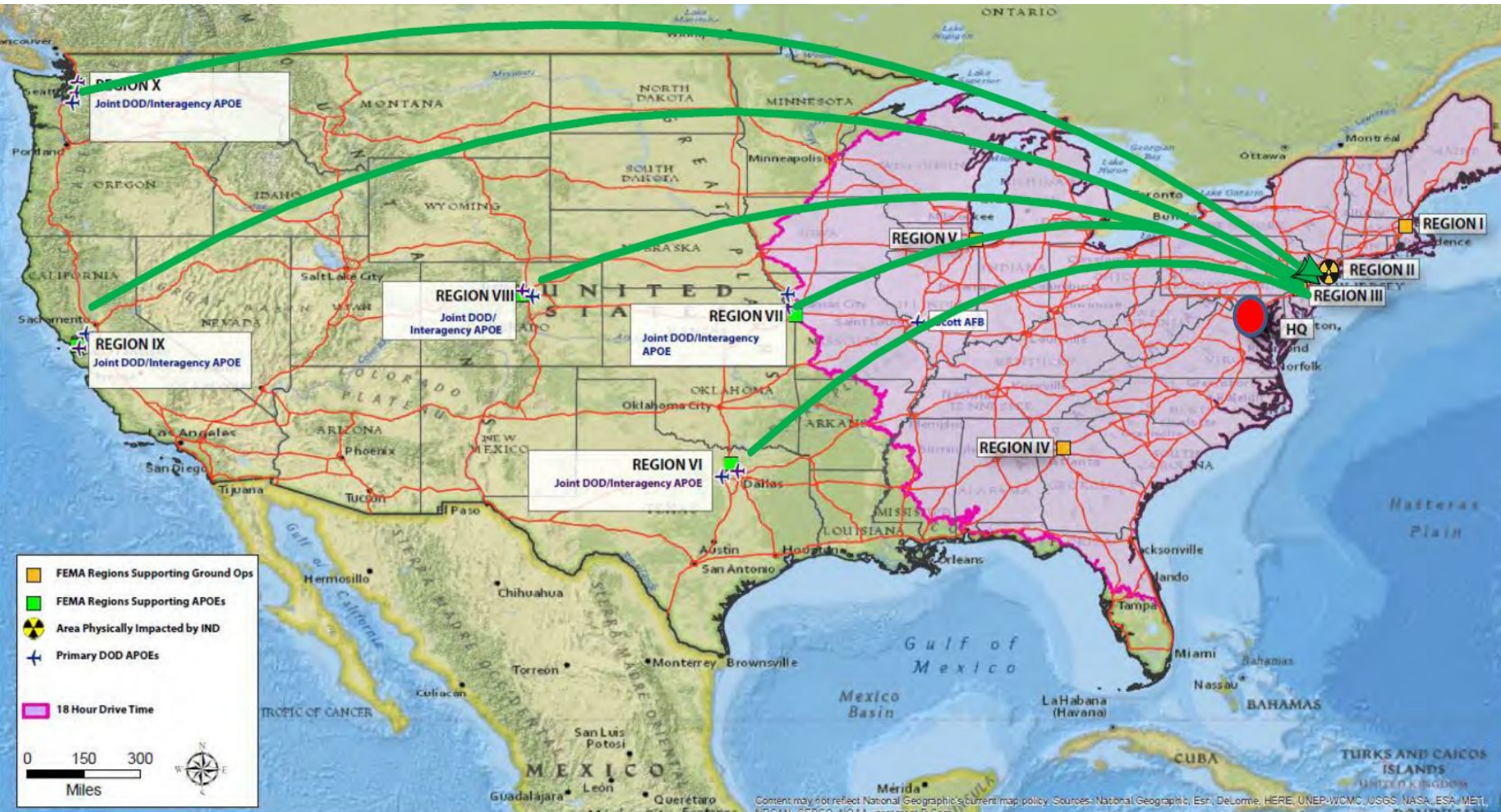


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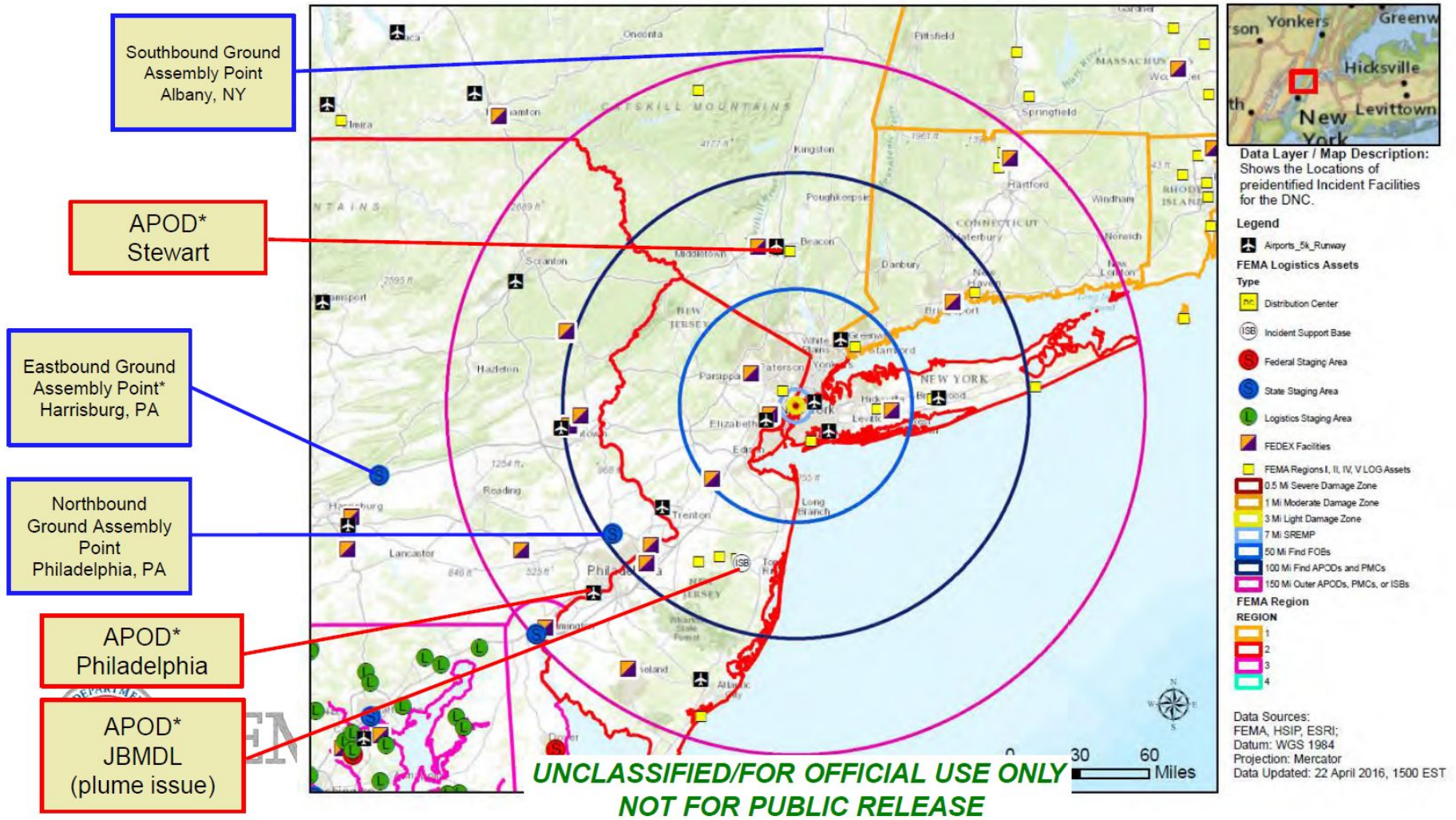


Goal 4 - Deploy



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Goal 4 - Deploy



Goal 5: Respond

- Providing incident management support to State and locals
- Providing direct Federal assistance the other Response Core Capabilities
 - Example: Critical Transportation, Public Safety, Fire Suppression



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Discussion

Comments and Questions



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