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At the Heels of Irma, Hurricane Maria Headed Towards Puerto Rico

In less than two days, Maria has transformed <u>from a tropical depression to a Category 3 hurricane</u> and is heading towards the Caribbean Islands in the aftermath of Irma.

Maria is expected to make landfall in Puerto Rico on Wednesday, where it will be met with preparedness—<u>Governor Ricardo Rossello has declared a state of emergency</u> and shut down the island territory's port operations beginning Tuesday. It is not yet known whether <u>Maria will directly affect the U.S. East Coast</u> as there are too many dependent conditions to make such a prediction.

KWE contingency plans are in place, and we will continue to provide service to the exten that local conditions allow, dependent on Hurricane Maria's activity over the course of today.



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