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Lessons in Resiliency

Planning, Execution and Recovery Through Super Typhoons Sinlaku and Bavi

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Guam's Maritime Responsibility



- Guam's only commercial seaport
- Gateway for nearly all imported goods
- Regional connection for Micronesia
- Critical infrastructure for commerce, emergency response and regional supply chains



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Two Storms. One Mission.



Planning

Preparation

Response

Continuous
Improvement

While every storm presents different challenges, the Port's approach remains consistent: protect people, preserve infrastructure and restore commerce safely and efficiently.



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Before the Storm



Planning

- Activate Typhoon Annex
- EOC Prepared
- Coordinate with Partner Agencies
- Vessel Scheduling and Departure Planning

Facility Preparation

- Secure Cranes and Equipment
- Yard Preparation
- Cargo Staging
- Facility Inspections

Personnel

- Division Assignments
- Emergency Staffing
- Communications
- Operational Readiness

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Executing the Response



- Emergency Operations Center activation
- Continuous situational awareness
- Damage reporting
- Interagency coordination
- Personnel accountability
- Planning for immediate recovery



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Recovery Begins with Assessment



Operational Priorities

- Assess critical infrastructure
- Verify utility systems
- Inspect Cargo handling equipment
- Coordinate with the U.S. Coast Guard
- Prioritize restoration activities



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Landside Operations First



Restoring the Flow of Cargo

- Gatehouse reopening
- Expanded gate hours and operations



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Waterside Operations



Returning the Terminal to Service

- Harbor reopening coordination with the U.S. Coast Guard
- Progressive return of cargo operations
- Return of gantry cranes to service
- Ship's gear during reduced crane activity
- Vessel scheduling
- Safety-first operational sequencing



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Extending Operational Capacity



Expanded Gatehouse Operations

- Increased cargo throughput
- Accelerated cargo release
- Supported Guam's recovery

Hotel Wharf Operations

- Alternative loading location
- Fuel mission to Rota
- GPA bucket truck shipment
- Regional logistics support



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Institutionalizing Lessons Learned



After Action Review (Hotwash):

- Documented operational actions
- Evaluated Typhoon Annex execution
- Identified improvement areas
- Updated readiness procedures
- Developed After Action Report



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Lessons in Resiliency



- Preparation begins long before landfall.
- Recovery is built on coordinated planning.
- Landside and seaside operations recover at different tempos.
- Operational flexibility preserves the supply chain.
- Partnerships extend capability.
- Every recovery strengthens an already proven response framework.

