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NYC Department of Sanitation Team Deployed to Puerto Rico

Today, the New York City Department of Sanitation sent 31 workers to Puerto Rico. The 30 uniformed workers and one civilian employee will help the Puerto Rico Emergency Management Agency (PREMA) in coordinating a debris management support team to assist in debris clearance and disposal operations. The team expects to be in Puerto Rico for two weeks.

"New York City is no stranger to natural disasters, and we are proud to be able to use our past experiences to help the people of Puerto Rico," said Sanitation Commissioner Kathryn Garcia. "These employees are great representatives of our City, and I know they are looking forward getting to Puerto Rico to start this important work. We wish them all the best over the next two weeks."



About the New York City Department of Sanitation

The Department of Sanitation (DSNY) keeps New York City healthy, safe and clean by collecting, recycling and disposing of waste, cleaning streets and vacant lots, and clearing snow and ice. The Department operates 59 district garages and manages a fleet of more than 2,000 rear-loading collection trucks, 450 mechanical brooms and 689 salt/sand spreaders. The Department clears litter, snow and ice from approximately 6,500 miles of City streets and removes debris from vacant lots as well as abandoned vehicles from City streets.