



# Press release

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## Hurricanes Irma and José: Veolia teams remain mobilized

**Veolia, which produces and distributes drinking water on Saint-Martin and produces drinking water on Saint-Barthélemy, remains mobilized in the wake of the hurricane in the French West Indies.**

Since the passage of hurricane Irma between Wednesday and Thursday this week, Veolia continues to mobilize its energies on restoring drinking water supplies on the two islands, despite the difficulties arising from the lack of electricity and the approach of hurricane José.

To address the most urgent requirements Veolia is working with State services to organize the transfer by air of a Veolia mobile seawater desalination unit – which weighs over 24 metric tons – to Saint-Martin. This unit, which has capacity to produce 30 m<sup>3</sup> per hour, will provide temporary relief for the local population until the installations are back in service.

On Friday night, Veolia had already transferred several employees based in Guadeloupe to Saint-Martin to strengthen its local teams. Initially, they will assess damage to our installations, a crucial preliminary for bringing them back into service.

Moreover, various Group units are assembling a group of experts, with the Fondation Veolia's support, to bolster these teams as soon as possible. An emergency VeoliaForce mission will be dispatched at the beginning of the week to facilitate these interventions and provide skills and water storage and distribution equipment.

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