

## EDUCATION

### Performances for students to continue virtually

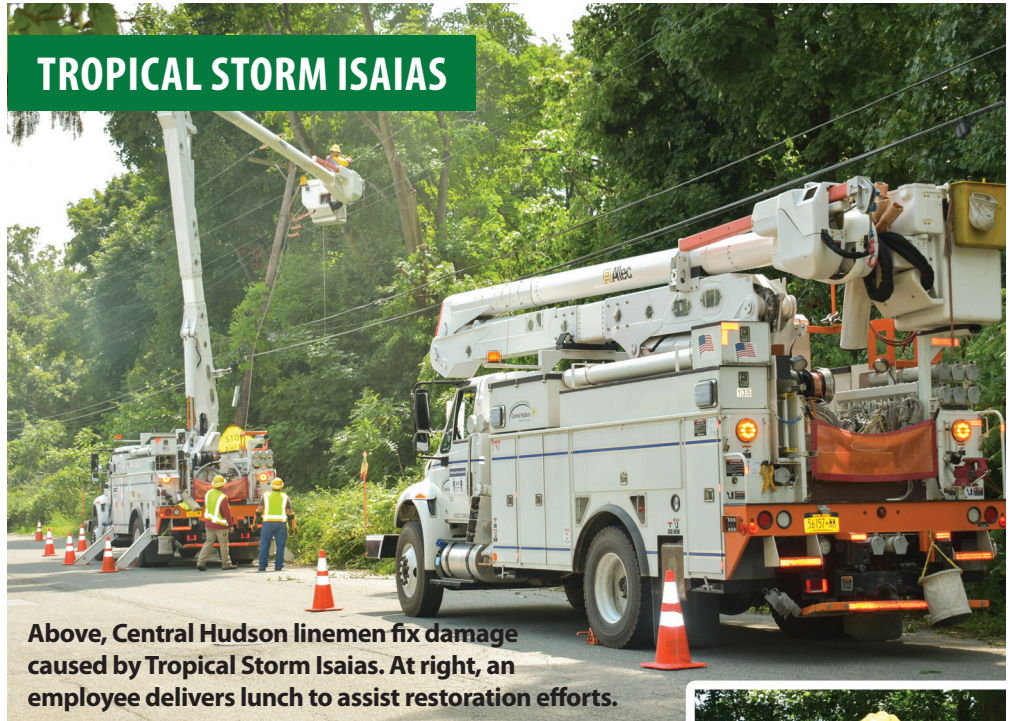
Central Hudson is once again partnering with the National Theater for Children (NTC) to educate students and their families about energy efficiency.

The theater is back performing the program via livestream for the 2020-2021 school year, enabling students from 55 elementary and 18 middle schools to participate from the safety of their homes or virtually from the classroom. The performances are a part of Central Hudson’s energy efficiency outreach and education program. For homes and businesses alike, energy efficiency is the most cost-effective way to reduce waste and lower emissions.

“The program was successful last year in teaching children about the importance of protecting the environment and saving money and resources by being energy efficient,” said Anthony Campagiorni, Vice President Customer Services and Gas Operations at Central Hudson. “While this school year is different, we are pleased to partner with

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## TROPICAL STORM ISAIAS



Above, Central Hudson linemen fix damage caused by Tropical Storm Isaias. At right, an employee delivers lunch to assist restoration efforts.



## UTILITY RECOGNIZED FOR STORM RESPONSE

### Company received its sixth Emergency Response Award

Central Hudson is proud to receive the Edison Electric Institute’s (EEI) Emergency Response Award for its outstanding storm recovery performance following Tropical Storm Isaias. The utility was chosen by a panel of judges following an international nomination process, and the awards were presented during EEI’s virtual Winter Board and Chief Executives Meeting on January 14. This is the sixth Emergency Response Award received by Central Hudson.

“Over the past year, many of our nation’s electric companies and their customers have endured historic storms

and wildfires and other significant weather-related events,” said EEI President Tom Kuhn. “I congratulate and applaud Central Hudson for demonstrating continued commitment to the customers and to the communities it serves.”

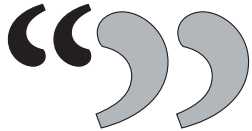
“Tropical Storm Isaias was one of the most damaging storms in Central Hudson’s history. Our dedicated staff, with the help of mutual aid crews from various parts of the United States and Canada, engaged in a restoration effort that was unprecedented for an event of

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# Isaias: Company awarded for restoration during pandemic

this magnitude,” said Charles A. Freni, President and CEO of Central Hudson. “Central Hudson takes service restoration efforts very seriously, so this recognition by our professional colleagues at EEI for our outstanding efforts truly is an honor.”

Tropical Storm Isaias brought damaging winds gusts of over 60 mph and 5-6 inches of rain to the Mid-Hudson Valley region on Tuesday, August 4, 2020. The storm toppled trees and limbs, causing



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service interruptions to nearly 117,000 homes and businesses within Central Hudson’s service territory and more than 3.7 million customers in the northeast. The winds and rain from Isaias damaged the utility’s electric system at nearly 1,600 locations, in addition to causing 2,500 cases of downed power lines and more than 140 broken poles.

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the clock to restore service to customers safely and efficiently when severe weather strikes,” said Michael A. Fasolino, President and Business Manager of International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW), Local 320. “I’m grateful to EEI for recognizing the extraordinary dedication our crews and support staff displayed following a generational storm.”

A total of 728 line and tree professionals that included Central Hudson crews, local contractors, mutual aid from Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, New York and Canada supplemented by hundreds of employees in support roles, worked safely and efficiently, restoring electric service to more than 50 percent of impacted customers within the first day; 75 percent within the second

day; and 98 percent within the third day. After Central Hudson’s restoration work was complete, crews were released to assist other utilities within New York with their repairs.

Central Hudson previously received the EEI Emergency Response Award in 2018 for its efforts in restoring power following damaging twin nor’easters Riley and Quinn; in 2015 in response to a 2014 Thanksgiving nor’easter; in 2013 in recognition of its recovery efforts during Hurricane Sandy in 2012; in 2012 for recovery efforts following a severe snow storm in October 2011; and in 2011 for restoration efforts following a major snow storm in February 2010, the most severe in the utility’s history. ✨

# Education: Children learn the benefits of energy efficiency

the National Theater for Children by offering a creative e-learning solution that continues to provide these valuable lessons virtually.”

The performances feature a live host who introduces the program, sets up and recaps a series of four educational videos and leads a Q&A in which students and teachers can submit questions for the host to answer in real time. The livestream

events are supplemented by both print and online student playbooks and a full digital curriculum including games, activities, e-books, hands-on lessons, assessments for educators and smart speaker apps.

Central Hudson sponsors every aspect of the program, making the performances and materials a cost-free supplement to lessons in science, literacy and the arts. For more information, visit

[www.NationalTheatre.com/Programs/](http://www.NationalTheatre.com/Programs/).

For a complete list of participating schools and locations on the tour, and for information on school enrollment, contact Michael Lauchaire, Efficiency Program Manager at Central Hudson at [mlauchaire@cenhud.com](mailto:mlauchaire@cenhud.com). For more information on Central Hudson’s energy efficiency programs, visit [www.CentralHudson.com/Incentives](http://www.CentralHudson.com/Incentives). ✨