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# 1 Introduction

The purpose of this document is to describe the loss assumptions for each of Lloyd's Realistic Disaster Scenarios [RDS].

For information about Lloyd's 2026 reporting requirements, please see the 2026 RDS Guidance & Instructions.

## 1.1 Specification of the RDS events

For each compulsory scenario (see section 1.2.1) this document contains:

- a definition of the physical event, with a map showing the footprint or storm track
- the assumed industry insured loss for property, split by primary class of business
- additional lines of business that managing agents are recommended to consider
- where applicable, a catalogue of major infrastructure (i.e. ports) that may be affected by the event
- where applicable, supplementary information that managing agents are required to provide (e.g. offshore energy)

For each *de minimis* scenario this document contains:

- a description of the event, or type of event
- additional information to the loss return which managing agents should provide
- where applicable, examples of scenarios - or types of scenarios - which managing agents may choose
- where applicable, assumptions about reinsurance protections

For details of the Political Risks scenarios, please see the separate 2026 RDS Political Risks Scenario Specification document which is available on request from Lloyd's Exposure Management team.

## 1.2 Scenarios

### 1.2.1 Compulsory scenarios

There are twenty compulsory scenarios (including Alternatives A&B) which managing agents must complete for all syndicates.

Lloyd's does not prescribe how managing agents should calculate losses from these scenarios. The Calculation Principles in the RDS Guidance & Instructions describe some possible methodologies and the reporting conditions applying to each.

Managing agents who use the Lloyd's damage factors and/or Lloyd's suggested property distributions will find them in the RDS Damage Factors and Cyber Calculation Tools spreadsheets. Table 1 shows the scenarios for which this data is available.

RDS		Industry Loss	Lloyd's damage-factors provided?	Lloyd's property distribution tables provided?	Scenario ID
Two events – North East windstorm		USD 84bn	Yes	No	41
Two events – South Carolina windstorm		USD 40bn	Yes	No	42
Florida Windstorm – Miami-Dade		USD 134bn	Yes	No	2
Florida Windstorm – Pinellas		USD 137bn	Yes	No	3
Gulf of Mexico Windstorm	Onshore	USD 113bn	Yes	No	12
	Offshore	USD 7.1bn	No	n/a	
European Windstorm		€ 25bn	Yes	Yes	8
Japanese Typhoon		¥ 1.75trn	Yes	Yes	13
California Earthquake – Los Angeles		USD 88bn	Yes	Yes	4
California Earthquake – San Francisco		USD 90bn	Yes	Yes	5
New Madrid Earthquake		USD 49bn	Yes	Yes	6
Japanese Earthquake		¥ 8.2trn	Yes	Yes	9
UK Flood		GBP 6.2bn	No	No	51
Terrorism – Rockefeller Center		n/a	No	No	43
Terrorism – One World Trade Center		n/a	No	No	78
Cyber – Business Blackout II		n/a	Yes	n/a	82
Cyber – Ransomware Contagion		n/a	Yes	n/a	83
Cyber – Cloud Cascade		n/a	Yes	n/a	84
Cyber – Major Data Security Breach		n/a	No	n/a	76

Table 1

Managing agents should report two further realistic events (Alternative A and B) that represent potential material impact to the syndicate but are not listed in either the compulsory or de minimis scenarios.

### 1.2.2 De minimis scenarios

The following scenarios are subject to *de minimis* reporting. Please see RDS Guidance & Instructions 2026 for definition of *de minimis* thresholds.

RDS		Scenario id
1	Marine (two scenarios)	79,80
2	Loss of Major Complex	17
3	Aviation Collision	18
4	Satellite risks (four scenarios)	70,71,72,73
5	Liability risks (two scenarios)	53,54
6	Political risks (see <i>RDS Political Risks Scenario Specification 2026 document</i> )	29,31,49,81

Table 2

# Compulsory Scenarios



## 2 Two Windstorm events

A North-East US hurricane, immediately followed by a South Carolina hurricane.

Managing agents should return separate loss estimates for each event.

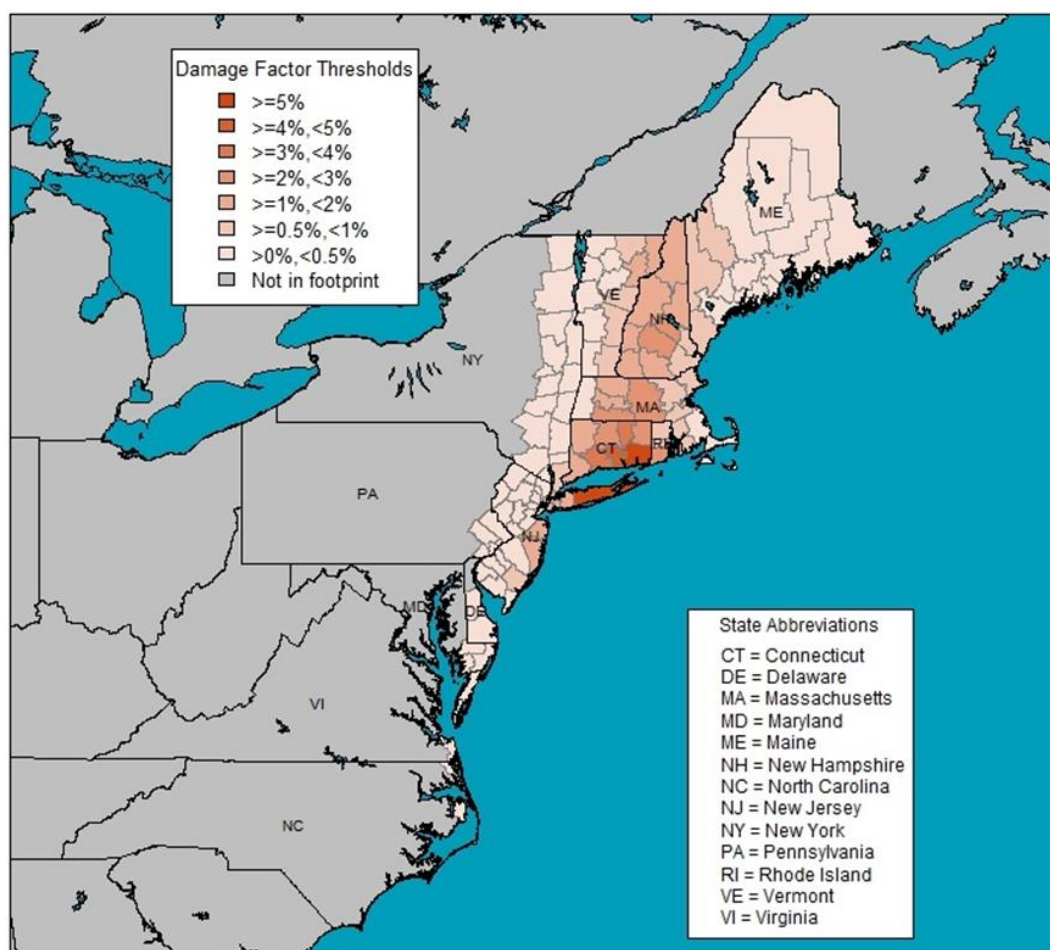
Managing agents should assume that these events fall in the same reinsurance year, and that there has not been sufficient time between events to purchase additional reinsurance protection.

### 2.1 Event definition 1 - North East windstorm

A North East hurricane making landfall in New York State, including consideration of demand surge and storm surge. The hurricane also generates significant loss in the States of New Jersey, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Pennsylvania.

#### 2.1.1 Event footprint 1 – North East windstorm

Map 1 illustrates the footprint and combined damage levels for the North East windstorm event.



Map 1

### 2.1.2 Industry Loss Levels – North East windstorm

This event results in an estimated Industry Property Loss of USD84bn with the following components:

Residential Property	\$49.50bn
Commercial Property	\$31.50bn
Auto	\$1.75bn
Marine	\$0.75bn

Table 3

Managing agents should also consider all other lines of business that would be affected, including:

- 1) Specie/Fine Art
- 2) Personal Accident
- 3) Aviation
- 4) Liability
- 5) Cancellation

## 2.2 Exposure information for North East windstorm

### 2.2.1 Major ports

Table 4 lists the main affected ports that managing agents should consider in assessing their potential exposures. They should also consider smaller ports that fall within the footprint of the event.

Port	County	State
Camden	Camden	New Jersey
New York/New Jersey		
Philadelphia	Delaware	Pennsylvania

Table 4

### 2.2.2 Major airports

Table 5 lists the main international airports in the affected areas. Managing agents should also have regard to exposures in smaller airports that fall within the footprint of the event.

Airport	County	State
Atlantic City International Airport (ACY)	Atlantic	New Jersey
Bradley International Airport (BDL)	Hartford	Connecticut
Edward Lawrence Logan International Airport (BOS)	Suffolk	Massachusetts
John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFK)	Queens	New York
La Guardia Airport (LGA)	Queens	New York
Lehigh Valley International Airport (ABE)	Lehigh	Pennsylvania
Newark International Airport (EWR)	Essex	New Jersey
Philadelphia International Airport (PHL)	Delaware	Pennsylvania
Providence - T.F. Green Airport (PVD)	Kent	Rhode Island
Teterboro Airport (TEB)	Bergen	New Jersey
Wilkes-Barre/Scranton International Airport (AVP)	Luzerne	Pennsylvania

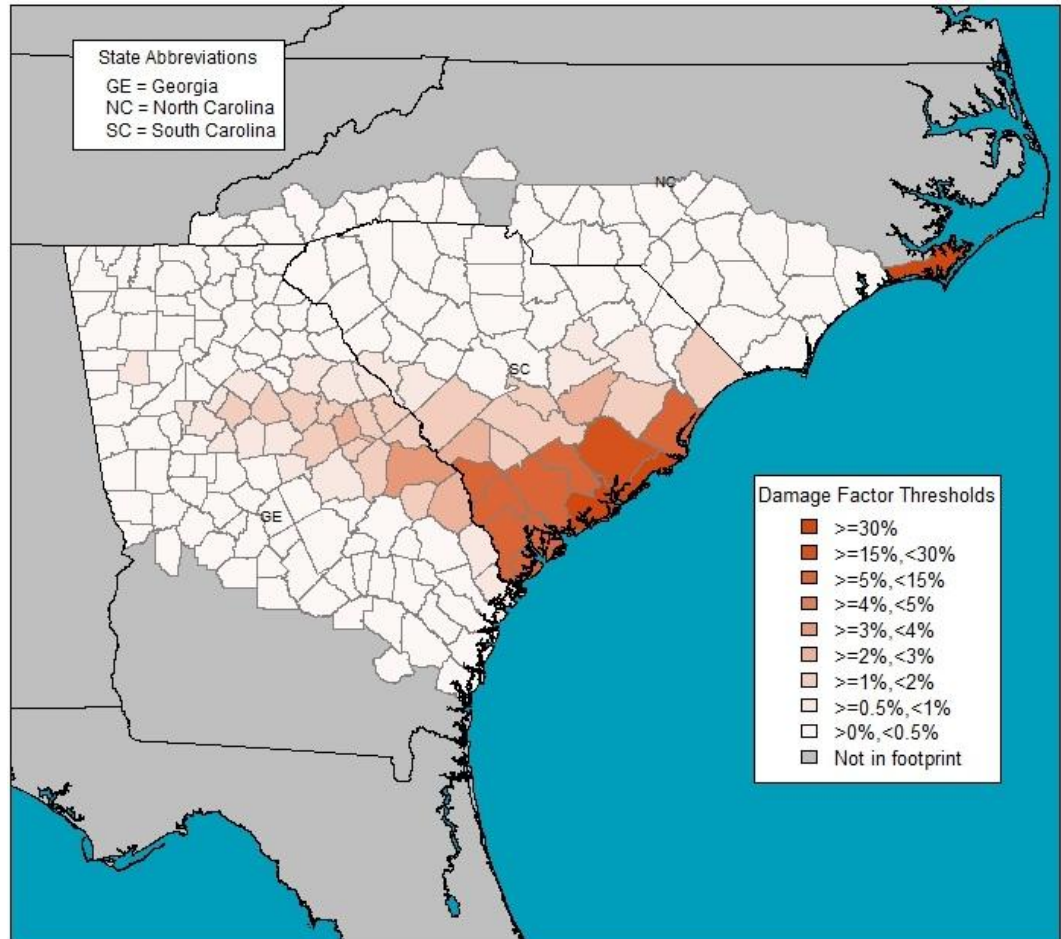
Table 5

## 2.3 Event definition 2 – South Carolina windstorm

A hurricane making landfall in South Carolina, including consideration of demand surge and storm surge.

### 2.3.1 Event footprint 2 – South Carolina windstorm

Map 2 illustrates the footprint and combined damage levels for the South Carolina windstorm event.



Map 2

### 2.3.2 Industry Loss Levels – South Carolina windstorm

This event results in an estimated Industry Loss of USD 40bn including consideration of storm surge and demand surge. Managing agents should assume the following components of the loss.

Residential Property	\$26.00bn
Commercial Property	\$13.00bn
Auto	\$0.53bn
Marine	\$0.27bn

Table 6

Managing agents should also consider all other lines of business that would be affected by the event. Particular consideration should be given to losses arising from:

- 1) Specie/Fine Art
- 2) Personal Accident
- 3) Aviation
- 4) Liability
- 5) Cancellation

### 2.3.3 Reinsurance

For reinsurance purposes, managing agents should assume that the South Carolina windstorm falls in the same reinsurance year as the North East windstorm, and that there has not been sufficient time between events to purchase additional reinsurance protection.

## 2.4 Exposure information for South Carolina windstorm

### 2.4.1 Major Ports

Table 7 lists the main ports in South Carolina that would be affected by the windstorm that managing agents should consider in assessing their potential exposures. They should also have regard to exposures in smaller ports that fall within the footprint of the event.

Port	County
Charleston	Charleston
Georgetown	Georgetown
Port Royal	Beaufort

Table 7

### 2.4.2 Major Airports

Table 8 lists the main international airports in the affected areas, which managing agents should consider in assessing their potential exposures. They should also have regard to exposures in smaller airports that fall within the footprint of the event.

Airport	County
Charleston International Airport (CHS)	Charleston
Greenville - Spartanburg International Airport (GSP)	Greenville

Table 8

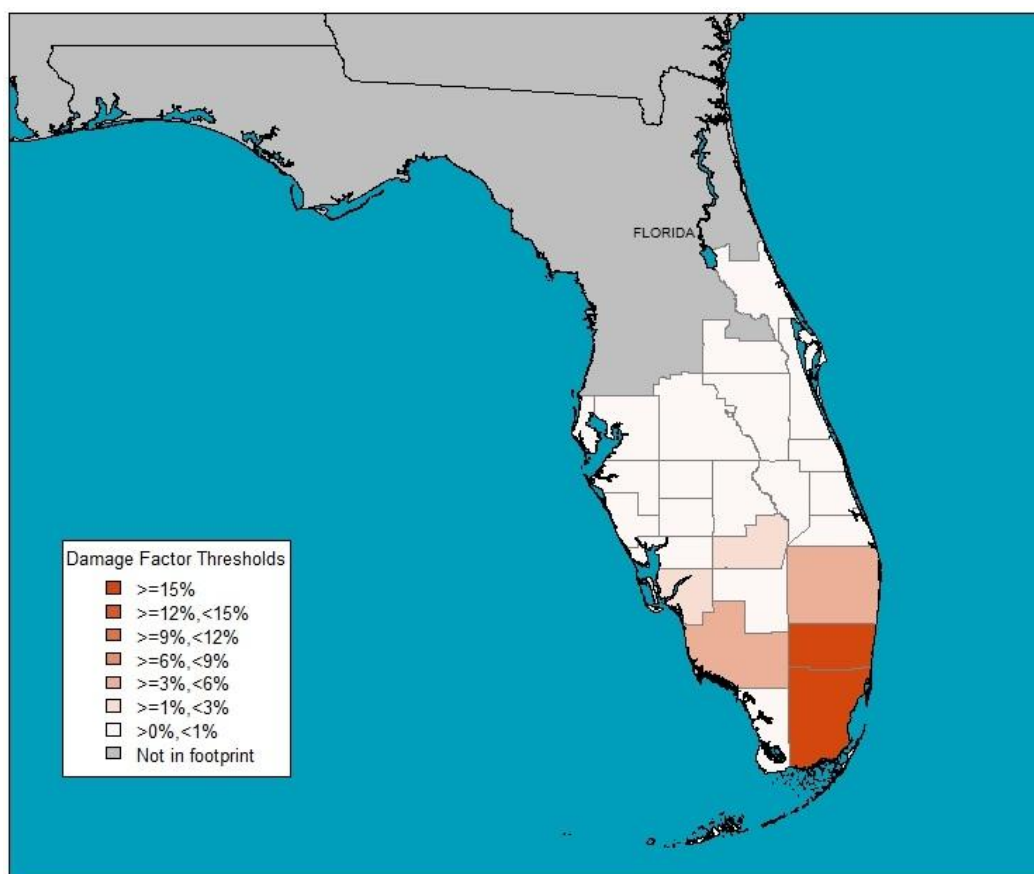
## 3 Florida windstorm: Miami Dade

### 3.1 Event definition

A hurricane landing in Miami-Dade County, including storm surge and demand surge.

#### 3.1.1 Event footprint

Map 3 illustrates the event footprint and combined damage levels for the Miami-Dade windstorm event, which are detailed in the RDS Damage Factors available from Lloyd's.



Map 3

#### 3.1.2 Industry Loss Level

This event results in an estimated Industry Loss of USD 134bn including consideration for storm surge and demand surge. Managing agents should assume the following components of the loss:

Residential Property	\$66.00bn
Commercial Property	\$65.00bn
Auto	\$2.25bn
Marine	\$1.00bn

Table 9

Managing agents should also consider all other lines of business that would be affected by the event. Particular consideration should be given to losses arising from:

- 1) Specie/Fine Art
- 2) Personal Accident
- 3) Aviation
- 4) Liability
- 5) Cancellation

## 3.2 Exposure information

### 3.2.1 Major ports

Table 10 lists the main ports in Florida, which managing agents should consider in assessing their potential exposures.

They should also have regard to exposures in smaller ports that fall within the footprint of the events.

Port	County
Jacksonville	Duval
Miami	Miami-Dade
Palm Beach	Palm Beach
Port Canaveral	Brevard
Port Everglades	Broward
Port Manatee	Manatee
Tampa	Hillsborough

Table 10

### 3.2.2 Major airports

Table 11 lists the main international airports in Florida, which managing agents should consider in assessing their potential exposures.

They should also have regard to exposures in smaller airports that fall within the footprint of the events.

Airport	County
Fort Lauderdale/Hollywood	Broward
Miami	Miami-Dade
Orlando	Orange
Tampa	Hillsborough

Table 11

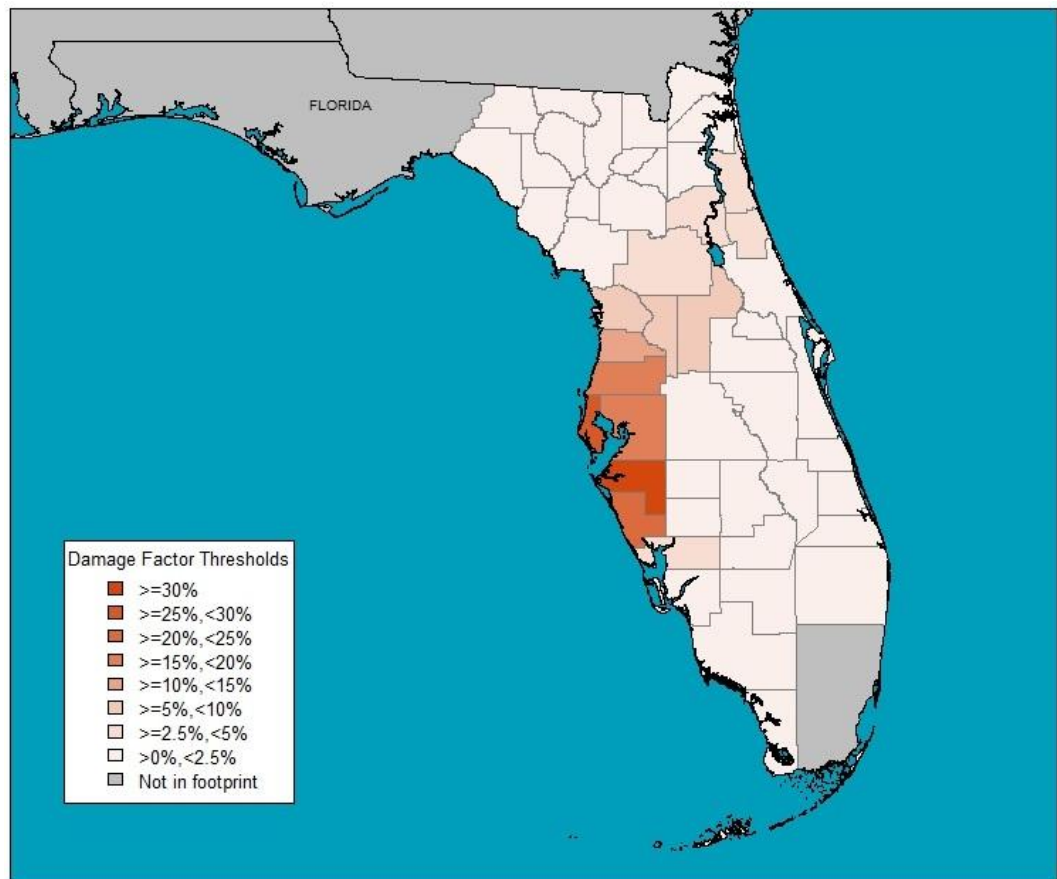
## 4 Florida windstorm: Pinellas

### 4.1 Event definition

A hurricane landing in Pinellas County, including storm surge and demand surge.

#### 4.1.1 Event footprint

Map 4 illustrates the footprint and combined damage levels for the Pinellas windstorm event, which are detailed in the RDS Damage Factors that are available from Lloyd's.



Map 4

#### 4.1.2 Industry Loss Levels

This event results in an estimated Industry Loss of USD 137bn, including consideration for storm surge and demand surge. Managing agents should assume the following components of the loss:

Residential Property	\$94.5bn
Commercial Property	\$39.5bn
Auto	\$2.00bn
Marine	\$1.00bn

Table 12

Managing agents should consider all other lines of business that would be affected by the event. Particular consideration should be given to losses arising from:

- 1) Specie/Fine Art
- 2) Personal Accident
- 3) Aviation
- 4) Liability
- 5) Cancellation

## 4.2 Exposure information

Please see section 3.2 above.



# 5 Gulf of Mexico windstorm

## 5.1 Event definition

A Gulf of Mexico hurricane resulting in:

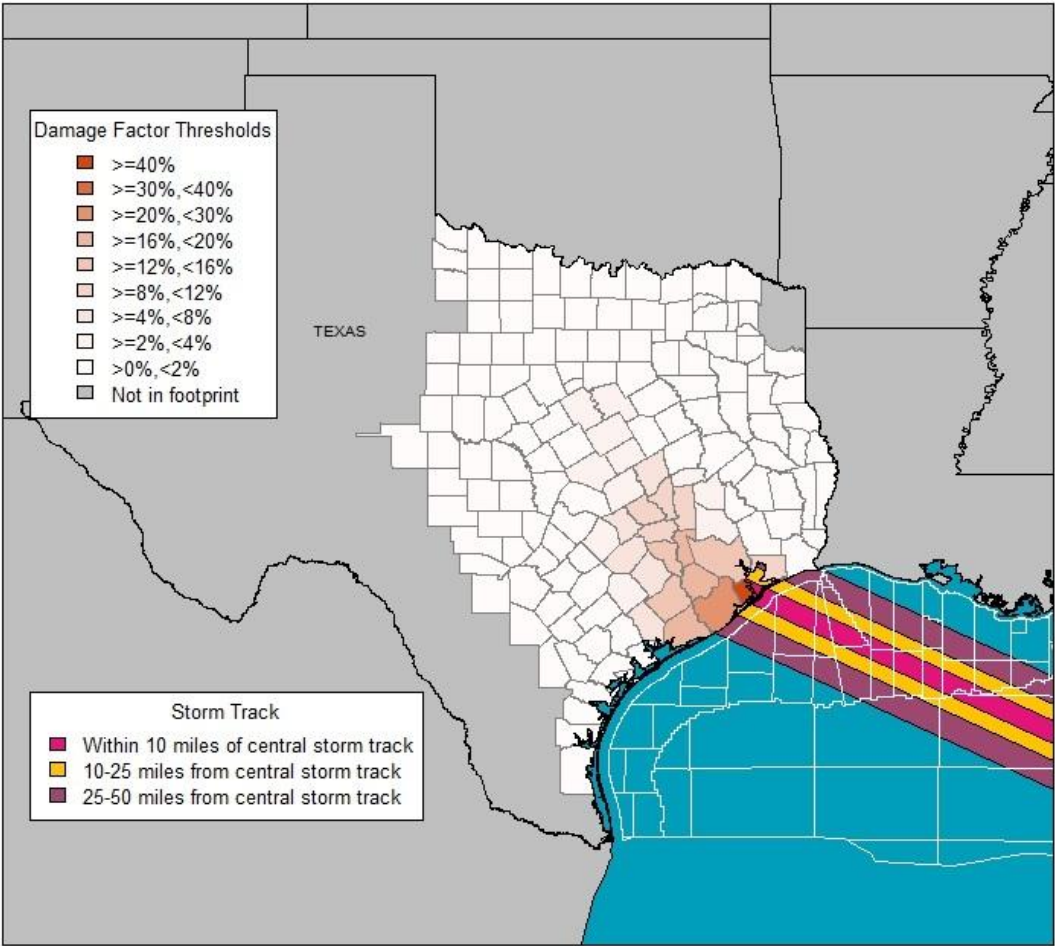
- mainland property losses including the consideration of demand surge and storm surge; and
- offshore energy insured losses.

Managing agents should return a single combined loss (onshore and offshore) for this scenario.

## 5.2 Offshore component

### 5.2.1 Storm track

Map 5 below illustrates the damage track of the windstorm in the Gulf of Mexico.



Map 5

Position of centre of damage track:

Start	Latitude 25° 50' 30.8401" North	Longitude 86° 00' 50.0400" West
End	Latitude 30° 52' 53.7600" North	Longitude 98° 43' 16.3200" West

Table 13

### 5.2.2 Industry Loss Levels - offshore

This event results in offshore energy insured loss of USD7.1bn (estimated USD17bn insurable loss).

## 5.3 Onshore component

### 5.3.1 Storm track - onshore

The map in section 5.2 highlights the footprint and combined damage levels for the onshore component of the affected counties. These damage levels are detailed in the RDS Damage Factor Tables that are available from Lloyd's.

### 5.3.2 Industry Loss Levels - onshore

This event results in onshore insured loss of USD113bn including consideration of storm surge and demand surge. Managing agents should assume the following components of the loss:

Residential Property	\$67.5bn
Commercial Property	\$43.5bn
Auto	\$1.00bn
Marine	\$1.00bn

Table 14

Managing agents should also consider all other lines of business that would be affected by the event. Particular consideration should be given to losses arising from:

- 1) Specie/Fine Art
- 2) Personal Accident
- 3) Aviation
- 4) Liability
- 5) Cancellation

## 5.4 Exposure information

### 5.4.1 Major Ports

Table 15 lists the main ports in Texas that would be affected by the windstorm, which managing agents should consider in assessing syndicate potential exposures. They should also have regard to exposures in smaller ports that fall within the footprint of the event.

Port	County
Beaumont	Jefferson
Freeport	Brazoria
Galveston	Galveston
Houston	Harris
Matagorda Ship Channel	Calhoun
Orange	Orange
Port Arthur	Jefferson
Texas City	Galveston
Victoria	Victoria

Table15

### 5.4.2 Major Airports

Table 16 lists the main airports in Texas that would be affected by the windstorm, which managing agents should consider in assessing their potential exposures. They should also have regard to exposures in smaller airports that fall within the footprint of the event.

<b>Airport</b>	<b>County</b>
Brazoria County	Brazoria
Clover Field	Brazoria
David Wayne Hooks Memorial	Harris
Easterwood Field	Brazos
Ellington Field	Harris
George Bush Intercontinental	Harris
Killeen Municipal	Bell
Robert Gray Army Air Field	Bell
Salaika Aviation	Brazoria
Scholes International	Galveston
Southeast Texas Regional	Jefferson
Sugar Land Municipal	Fort Bend
Victoria Regional	Victoria
Waco Regional	Mclennan
William P. Hobby	Harris

Table 16

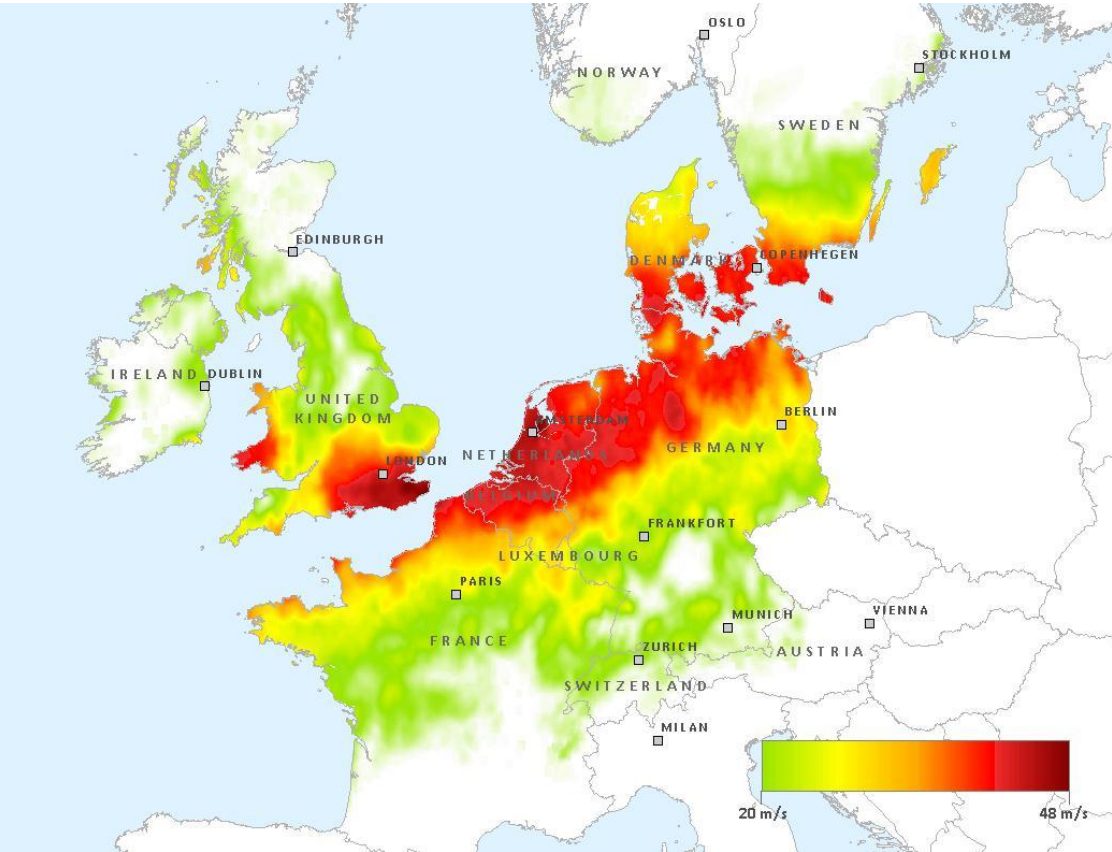
# 6 European Windstorm

## 6.1 Event definition

This event is based upon a low-pressure track originating in the North Atlantic basin resulting in an intense windstorm with maximum/peak gust wind speeds in excess of 20 metres per second (45 mph or 39 knots). The strongest winds occur to the south of the storm track, resulting in a broad swath of damage across southern England, northern France, Belgium, Netherlands, Germany and Denmark.

### 6.1.1 Storm track

Map 6 illustrates the windstorm track and affected regions (image courtesy of AIR Worldwide).



Map 6

### 6.1.2 Industry Loss Levels

This event results in an estimated Industry Loss of €25bn. Managing agents should assume the following components of the loss:

Residential Property	€16.00bn
Commercial Property	€6.5bn
Agricultural	€1.50bn
Auto	€0.75bn
Marine	€0.40bn

Table 17

Managing agents should consider all other lines of business that would be affected by the event, including:

- 1) Specie/Fine Art
- 2) Personal Accident
- 3) Aviation
- 4) Liability

## 6.2 Exposure information

### 6.2.1 Property value distribution

Tables outlining Lloyd's assumptions for the distribution of property values for this event are listed in the RDS Damage Factors that are available from Lloyd's.

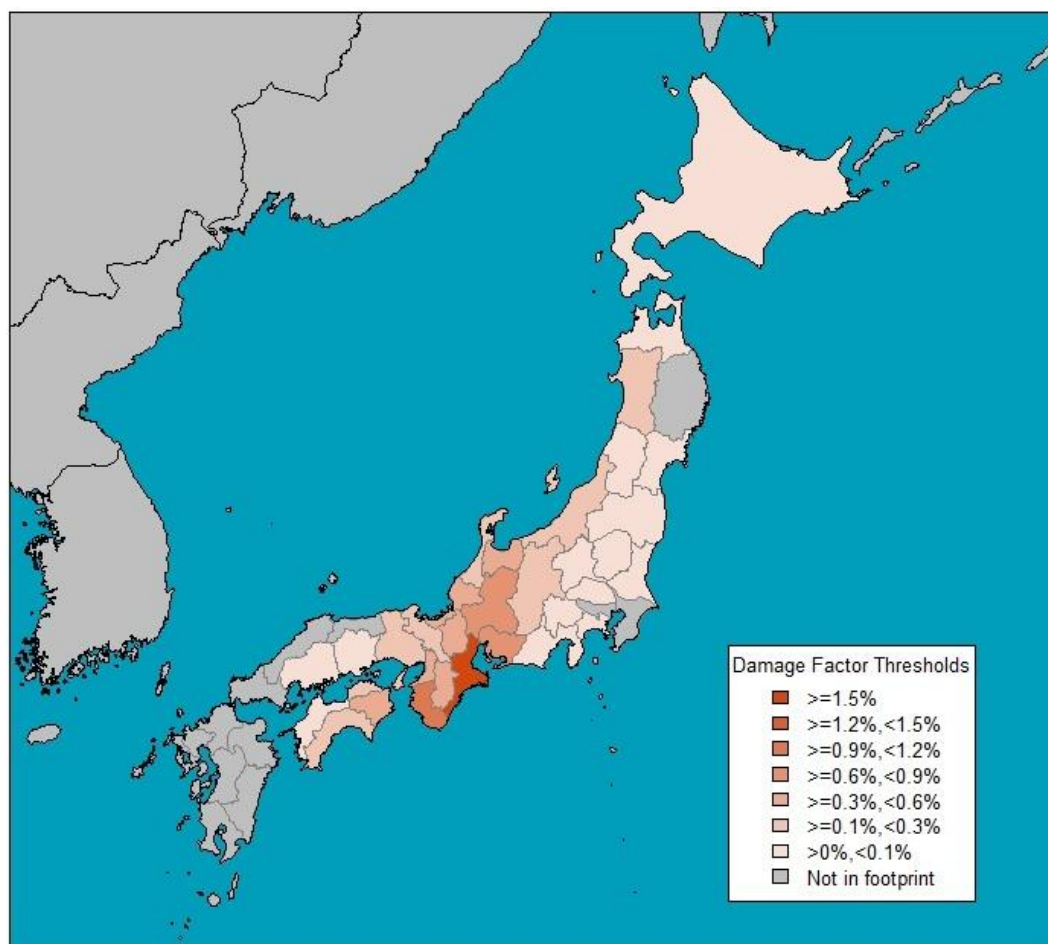
## 7 Japanese typhoon

### 7.1 Event definition

This event is based on the Isewan ('Vera') typhoon event of 1959.

#### 7.1.1 Storm track

Map 7 highlights the footprint and residential ground-up damage levels for the Japanese typhoon event. These damage levels are detailed in the RDS Damage Factor Tables that are available from Lloyd's.



Map 7

#### 7.1.2 Industry Loss Levels

This event results in a present-day Industry Loss estimate of ¥1.75trn. Managing agents should assume the following components of the loss:

Residential Property	¥750bn
Commercial Property	¥950bn
Marine	¥50bn

Table 18

Managing agents should also consider all other lines of business that would be affected by the event, including particularly:

- 1) Specie/Fine Art
- 2) Personal Accident
- 3) Aviation
- 4) Liability
- 5) Marine

## 7.2 Exposure information

### 7.2.1 Property value distribution

Lloyd's assumptions for the distribution of property values at prefecture level are detailed in the RDS Damage Factors that are available from Lloyd's.

### 7.2.2 Major Ports

Table 19 below lists the main Japanese ports in the Typhoon Isewan (Vera) footprint, which managing agents should consider in assessing syndicate potential exposures. They should also have regard to exposures in smaller ports that fall within the footprint of the event.

Port
Chiba Port
Nagoya Port
Yokohama Port
Kawasaki Port
Mitzushima Port
Kitakyushu Port
Tokyo Port
Osaka Port
Tomakomai Port
Kobe Port

Table 19

### 7.2.3 Major Airports

Table 20 lists the main international and domestic airports potentially impacted by the Typhoon, which managing agents should consider in assessing syndicate potential exposures.

Airport
Narita International Airport
Central Japan International Airport
Kansai International Airport
Tokyo International Airport
Osaka International Airport

Table 20

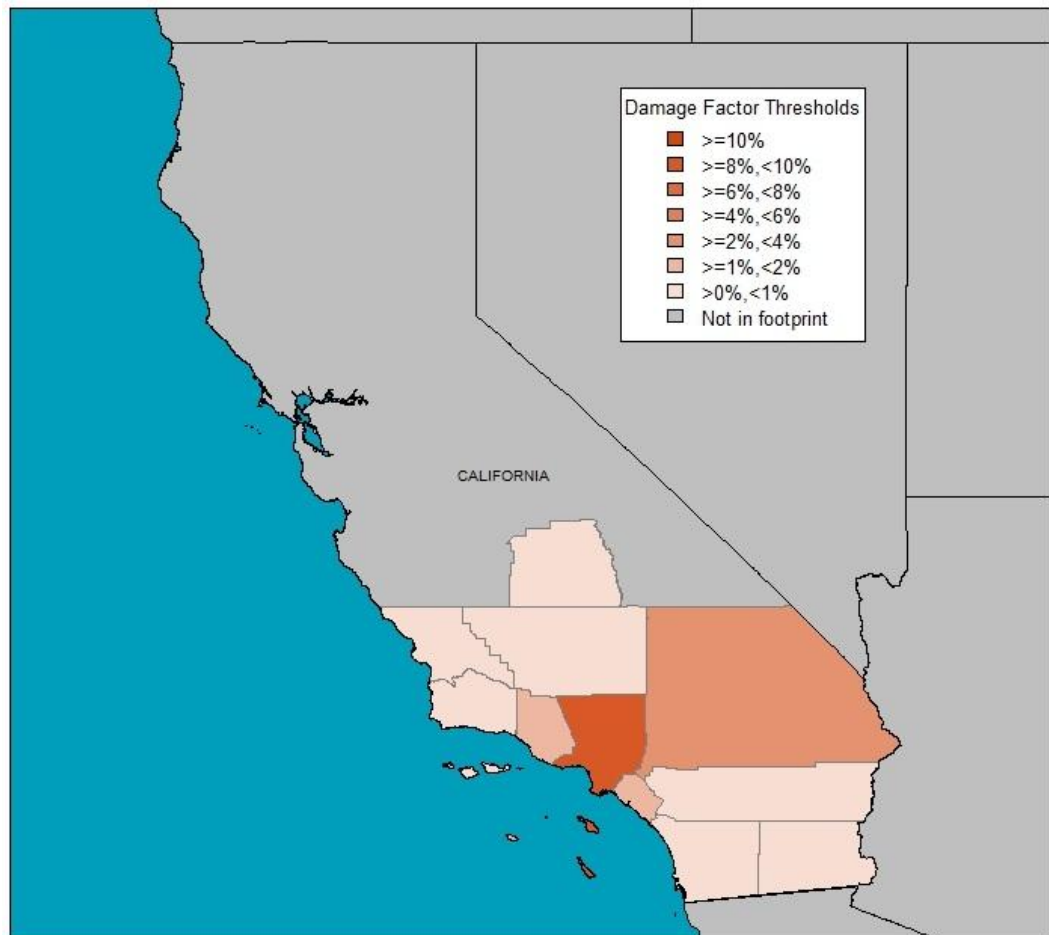
## 8 California Earthquake: Los Angeles

### 8.1 Event definition

An earthquake causing major damage to Los Angeles from shake and fire-following, gross of take-up rates and including consideration of demand surge.

#### 8.1.1 Event footprint

Map 8 illustrates the footprint and residential, ground-up shake damage levels for the Los Angeles earthquake event.



Map 8



### 8.1.2 Industry Loss Levels

This event results in an estimated USD88bn Industry Loss (shake and fire following), *after* taking into account take-up rates but *before* applying policy terms. Demand surge is included. Managing agents should assume the following components of the loss:

Residential Property	\$36.00bn
Commercial Property	\$42.00bn
Workers Compensation	\$5.50bn
Marine	\$2.25bn
Personal Accident	\$1.00bn
Auto	\$1.00bn

Table 21

Managing agents should also consider all other lines of business that would be affected by the event. Particular consideration should be given to losses arising from:

- 1) Specie/Fine Art
- 2) Liability
- 3) Cancellation
- 4) PA and WCA losses – it should be assumed that there will be 2,000 deaths and 20,000 injuries as a result of the earthquake. Managing agents should assume that 50% of those injured will have PA cover.
- 5) Estimation of Aviation Hull losses – Lloyd's has commissioned research that indicates that minimal Aviation Hull losses would be expected to arise from an earthquake. Managing agents should take account of these findings in calculating syndicate loss estimates.

## 8.2 Exposure information

### 8.2.1 Property value distribution

Lloyd's assumptions for the distribution of property values are detailed in the RDS Damage Factors spreadsheet available from Lloyd's.

### 8.2.2 Major Ports

Table 22 lists the main ports in California, which managing agents should consider in assessing their potential exposures. They should also give regard to exposures in smaller ports that fall within the footprint of the events.

Port	County
Long Beach	Orange
Los Angeles	Los Angeles
Oakland	Alameda
Port Hueneme	Ventura
Richmond	Contra Costa
San Diego	San Diego
San Francisco	San Francisco
Stockton	San Joaquin

Table 22

### 8.2.3 Major Airports

Table 23 lists the main international airports in California, which managing agents should consider in assessing their potential exposures. They should also have regards to exposures in smaller airports that fall within the footprint of the events.

<b>Airport</b>	<b>County</b>
Los Angeles (LAX)	Los Angeles
San Diego-Linderbergh (SAN)	San Diego
San Francisco (SFO)	San Francisco
San Jose (SJC)	San Jose

Table 23

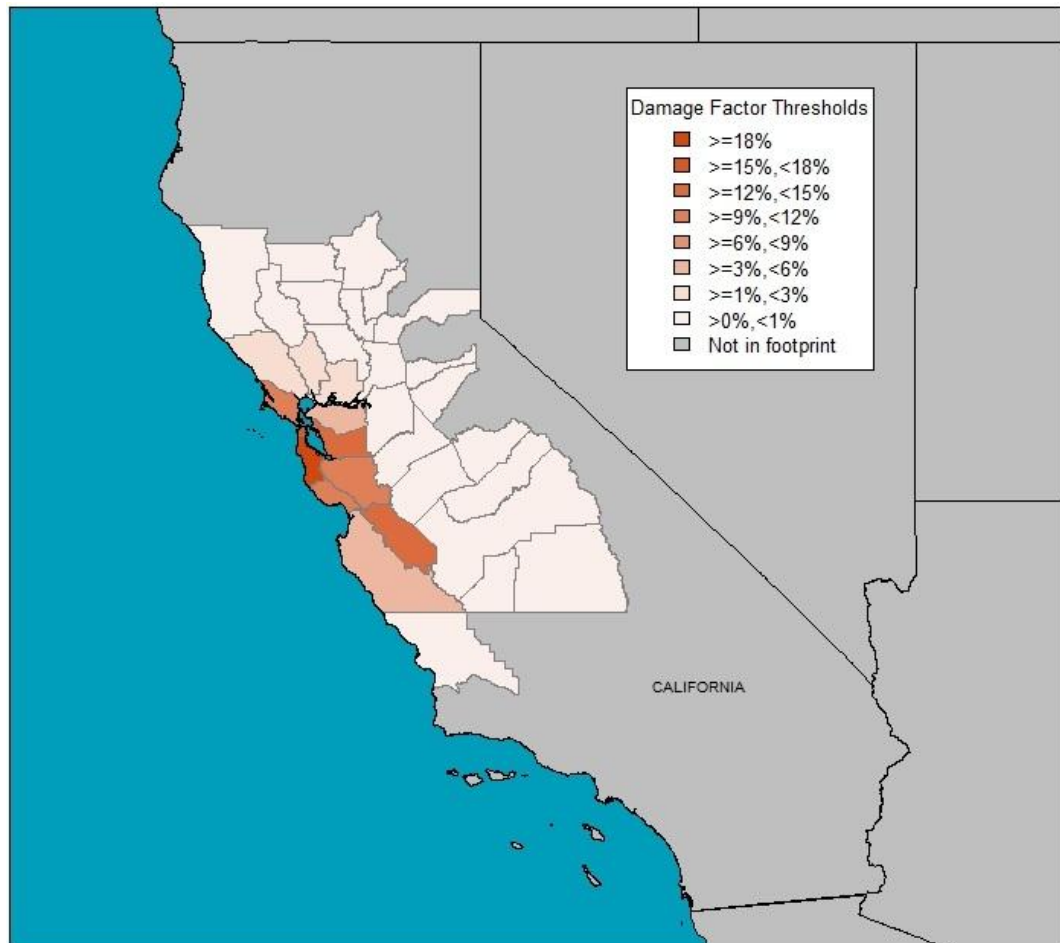
## 9 California Earthquake: San Francisco

### 9.1 Event definition

An earthquake causing major damage to San Francisco, from shake and fire-following, gross of take-up rates and including consideration of demand surge.

#### 9.1.1 Event footprint

Map 9 illustrates the footprint and residential, ground-up shake damage levels for the San Francisco earthquake event.



Map 9

#### 9.1.2 Industry Loss Levels

This event results in an estimated USD90bn Industry Loss (shake and fire following), *after* taking into account take-up rates but *before* applying policy terms. Demand surge is included. Managing agents should assume the following components of the loss:

Residential Property	\$40.00bn
Commercial Property	\$40.00bn
Workers Compensation	\$5.50bn
Marine	\$2.25bn
Personal Accident	\$1.00bn
Auto	\$1.00bn

Table 24

Managing agents should also consider all other lines of business that would be affected by the event. Particular consideration should be given to losses arising from:

- 1) Specie/Fine Art
- 2) Liability
- 3) Cancellation
- 4) PA and WCA losses – it should be assumed that there will be 2,000 deaths and 20,000 injuries as a result of the earthquake. Managing agents should assume that 50% of those injured will have PA cover.
- 5) Estimation of Aviation Hull losses – Lloyd's has commissioned research that indicates that minimal Aviation Hull losses would be expected to arise from an earthquake. Managing agents should take account of these findings in calculating syndicate loss estimates.

## 9.2 Exposure information

See section 8.2.

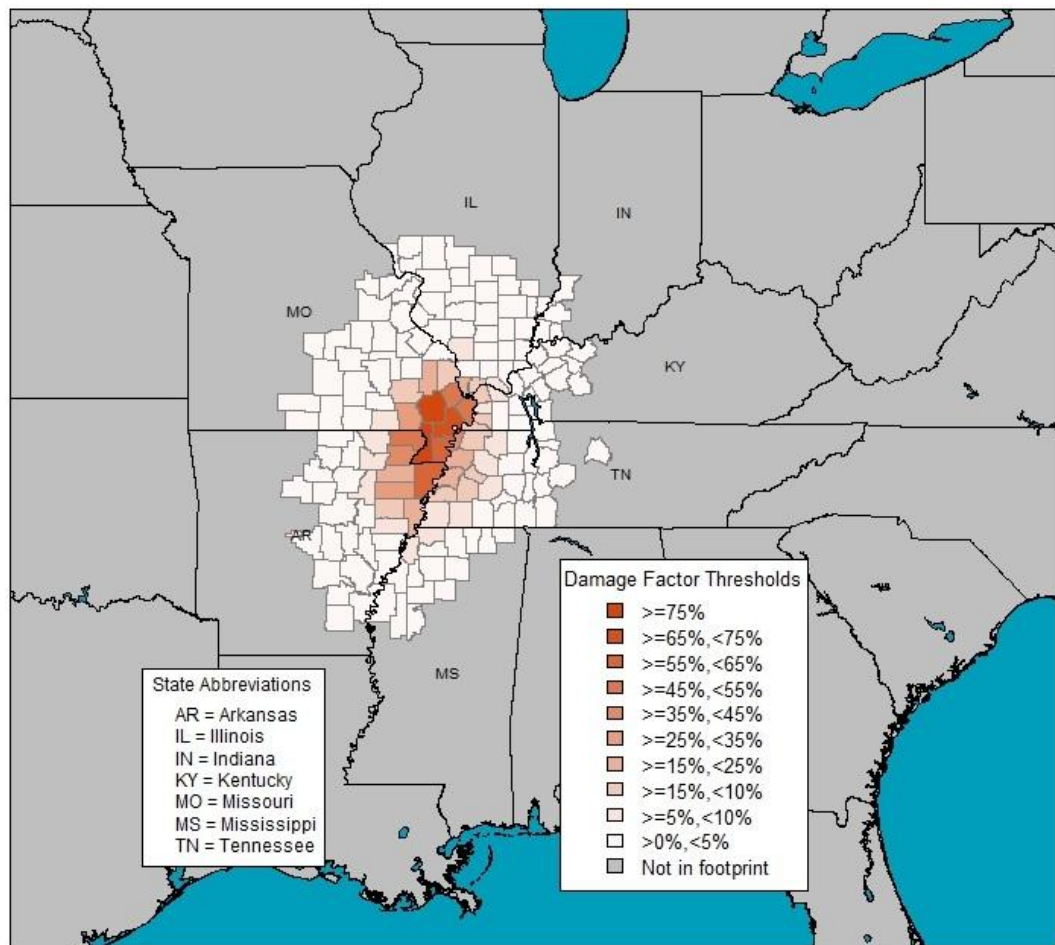
## 10 New Madrid earthquake

### 10.1 Event definition

An earthquake causing major damage within the New Madrid Seismic Zone ('NMSZ'), from shake and fire-following, gross of take-up rates and including consideration of demand surge.

#### 10.1.1 Event footprint

Map 10 illustrates the footprint and residential, ground-up shake damage levels for the New Madrid earthquake event.



Map 10

#### Industry Loss Levels

This event results in an estimated USD49bn Industry Loss (shake and fire following), *after* taking into account take-up rates but *before* applying policy terms. Demand surge is included. Managing agents should assume the following components of the loss:

Residential Property	\$30.50bn
Commercial Property	\$13.50bn
Workers Compensation	\$2.50bn
Marine	\$1.50bn
Personal Accident	\$0.50bn
Auto	\$0.50bn

Table 25

Managing agents should also consider all other lines of business that would be affected by the event. Particular consideration should be given to losses arising from:

- 1) Specie/Fine Art
- 2) Liability
- 3) Cancellation
- 4) PA and WCA – it should be assumed that there will be 1,000 deaths and 10,000 injuries as a result of this earthquake. Managing agents should assume that 50% of those injured will have PA cover.
- 5) Aviation – Lloyd's has commissioned research that indicates that minimal Aviation Hull losses would be expected to arise from an earthquake. Managing agents should take account of these findings in calculating syndicate loss estimates.
- 6) Business Interruption – overland transport systems are severely damaged and business impacted, leading to significant business interruption exposure for a period of 30 days. This is restricted to the inner zone of maximum earthquake intensities (highlighted on the event footprint).

## 10.2 Exposure information

### 10.2.1 Property value distribution

Lloyd's assumptions for the distribution of property values are detailed in the RDS Damage Factors spreadsheet available from Lloyd's.

### 10.2.2 Major Ports

Table 26 lists the main ports in the NMSZ, which managing agents should consider in assessing syndicate potential exposures. They should also have regard to exposures in smaller ports that fall within the footprint of the events.

Port	County	State
Pascagoula	Jackson	Mississippi
Gulfport	Harrison	Mississippi
South Louisiana	St John the Baptist	Mississippi
Baton Rouge	West Baton Rouge	Louisiana
Mobile	Mobile	Alabama
Memphis	Shelby	Tennessee
St. Louis	St Louis	Missouri

Table 26

### 10.2.3 Major Airports

Table 27 lists the main domestic and international airports in the NMSZ, which managing agents should consider in assessing syndicate potential exposures. They should also have regard to exposures in smaller ports that fall within the footprint of the events.

Airport	County	State
Jonesboro Municipal	Craighead	Arkansas
Cape Girardeau Regional	Scott	Missouri
Barkley Regional	McCracken	Kentucky
McKellar-Sipes Regional	Madison	Tennessee
Memphis International	Shelby	Tennessee
Lambert-St Louis International	Saint Louis	Missouri

Table 27

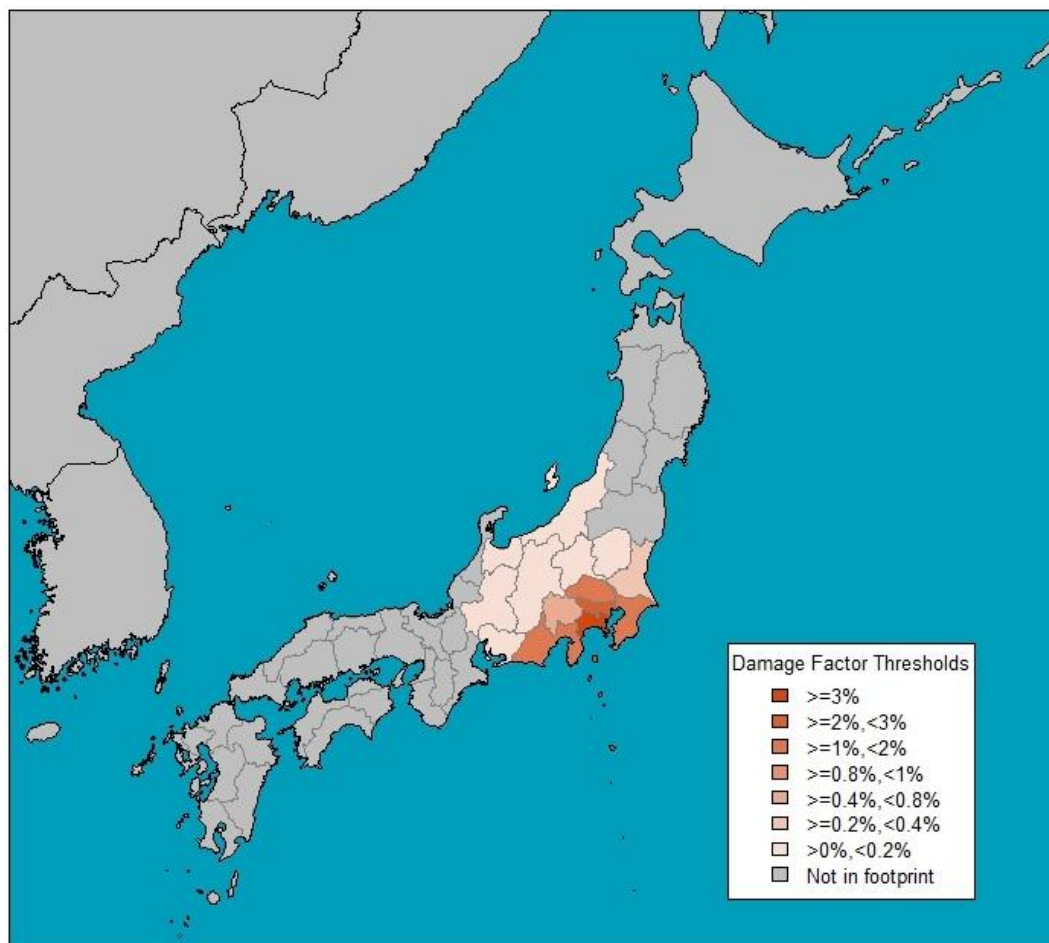
# 11 Japanese earthquake

## 11.1 Event definition

This event is based on the Great Kanto earthquake of 1923.

### 11.1.1 Event footprint

Map 11 illustrates the footprint and residential, shake only damage levels for Japan, which are detailed in the RDS Damage Factor Tables that are available from Lloyd's.



Map 11

### 11.1.2 Industry Loss Levels

This event results in a present-day Industry Loss estimate of ¥8.2trn. Managing agents should assume the following components of the loss:

Residential Property	¥2.5trn
Commercial Property	¥5.5trn
Marine	¥150bn
Personal Accident	¥50bn

Table 28

Managing agents should also consider all other lines of business that would be affected by the event. Particular consideration should be given to losses arising from:

- 1) Personal Accident - it should be assumed that 2,000 deaths and 20,000 injuries will arise as a result of this major earthquake. Assume that 50% of those injured will have PA cover.
- 2) Liability Business
- 3) Aviation - following research undertaken by Lloyd's, managing agents should assume that minimal Aviation Hull losses will arise from an earthquake of this magnitude.
- 4) Business Interruption - overland transport systems are severely damaged and businesses impacted, leading to significant business interruption exposure for a period of 60 days. This is restricted to the inner zone of maximum earthquake intensities (highlighted on Event footprint).

## 11.2 Exposure information

### 11.2.1 Property value distribution

Lloyd's assumptions for the distribution of property values at prefecture level are detailed in the RDS Damage Factors that are available from Lloyd's.

### 11.2.2 Major Ports

Table 29 lists the main ports in the Great Kanto footprint, which managing agents should consider in assessing syndicate potential exposures. They should also have regard to exposures in smaller ports that fall within the footprint of the event.

Port
Chiba Port
Nagoya Port
Yokohama Port
Kawasaki Port
Mizushima Port
Kitakyushu Port
Tokyo Port
Osaka Port
Tomakomai Port
Kobe Port

Table 29

### 11.2.3 Major Airports

Table 30 below lists the main international and domestic airports potentially impacted by the Great Kanto earthquake event, which managing agents should consider in assessing syndicate potential exposures. They should also have regard to exposures in smaller airports that fall within the footprint of the event.

Airport
Narita International Airport
Central Japan International Airport
Kansai International Airport
Tokyo International Airport
Osaka International Airport

Table 30



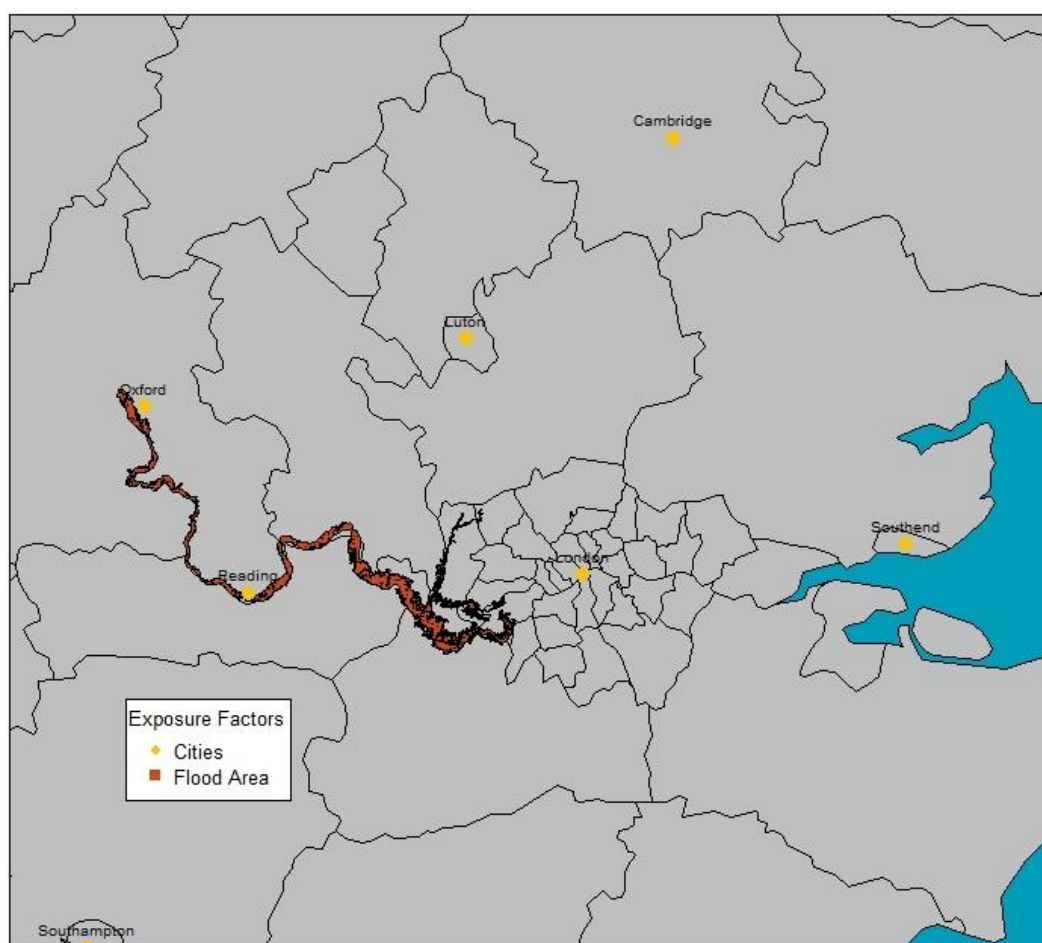
## 12 UK Flood

### 12.1 Event definition

This scenario is based on a heavy rainfall event moving from west to east across south east England resulting in extensive flooding of the River Thames from Oxford to Teddington with secondary flooding on the River Colne from Ruislip south and surface flooding on the western and southern edges of Heathrow. The total flood extent covers 194 km<sup>2</sup> and causes significant impact on the major populated areas of Oxford, Reading, Slough, and the Henley areas of western London.

#### 12.1.1 Event footprint

Map 12 illustrates the flood footprint for the UK flood event.



Map 12

#### 12.1.2 Industry loss levels

This event results in an Industry Loss of £6.2bn. Managing agents should assume the following components of the loss:

Residential	£4.50bn
Commercial/Industrial	£1.60bn
Agriculture	£0.05bn
Motor	£0.05bn

Table 31

Managing agents should also consider other lines of business that may be affected by the event. Particular consideration should be given to the potential for losses arising from:

- 1) Cargo
- 2) Specie/Fine Art
- 3) Cancellation (Event/Travel)

### 12.1.3 Event duration

Managing agents should assume that the flood event does not exceed 168 hours.

## 12.2 Other loss characteristics

### 12.2.1 Major roads

Table 32 lists the major roads within the flood footprint which managing agents should consider in assessing business interruption:

Major Roads
M25
M3
M4
A40
A34
A404
A437
A4180

Table 32

### 12.2.2 Major rail

Rail disruption occurs between London (Waterloo) and western services towards Oxford, Bristol, and Cardiff. There is little disruption to the London Underground system except for flooding of Pinner station on the Metropolitan line.

### 12.2.3 Heathrow airport

Surface flooding causes disruption to Heathrow Airport with flooding from the west encroaching into Terminal 5 and the end of both runways. Further flooding from the south affects cargo transit and handling facilities.

### 12.2.4 Treatment of pollution

Managing agents are advised that pollution may follow the flood event. Although no specific details are provided here, managing agents should consider the impact and operation of Seepage and Pollution exclusions, and consider the impact of pollution as an aggravating factor in residential losses. Managing agents may wish to refer to historical analogues, including the Carlisle floods of 2005. The impact of pollutants should also be considered for indirect losses at London Heathrow airport. Liability associated with potential pollution episodes will be difficult to calculate and as such should not be included in managing agents' assumptions.

### 12.2.5 Contingent Business Interruption Losses

Wherever possible, managing agents should consider the potential for additional losses from Named Customer/Supplier extensions in respect of policies identified as sustaining direct losses. For the purpose of the RDS, the potential for CBI losses from policies not directly affected by the flood event can be discounted.

## 13 Terrorism: Rockefeller Center

### 13.1 Event definition

The Midtown Manhattan area, New York, at 11:00am on 1 January 2026 suffers a 2 tonne bomb blast attack causing:

Zone	Impact Description	Damage Zones	Property Damage	Fire Loss
1	Collapse and fire following	Inner zone, radius 200m	100%	10%
2	Massive debris damage to surrounding properties	400m radius	25%	2.5%
3	Light debris damage to surrounding properties	500m radius	10%	1%

Table 33

Radii measurements are taken from the Rockefeller Center as a reference point.

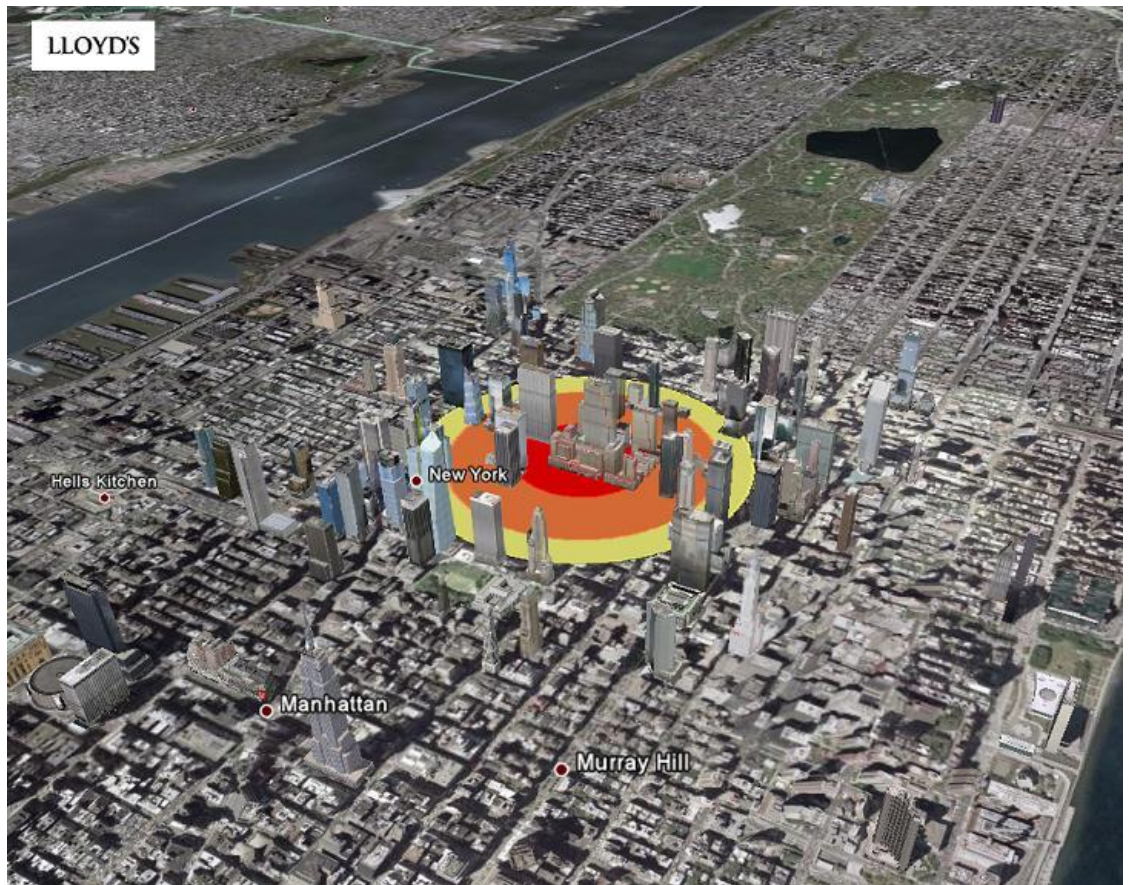


Figure 1

## 13.2 Loss characteristics

### 13.2.1 Number of Deaths and Injuries

1,000 blue/white collar worker deaths in total and 2,500 injuries in total. Managing agents to determine a worst case split across lines of business (WCA, PA, Group PA, etc.) and document assumptions using the commentary facility in CMR form 990. The following percentage split should be used for non-fatal injuries:

- 14% life threatening
- 35% moderate
- 51% minor

### 13.2.2 Business Interruption

Overland/underground transport systems are partially damaged, leading to significant business interruption exposure for a period of three months.

### 13.2.3 Affected Classes of Business

All possible affected business classes should be included in the calculations, such as Contingent Business Interruption and Specie/Fine Art.

### 13.2.4 Fire Following

Taking 'Fire Following' into consideration, managing agents should assume the same damage zones with the appropriate Fire Loss percentage applied. Managing agents should assume that all property policies are impacted, given the New York state ruling that property policies cannot exclude fire. Any assumptions concerning Fire-Following Terrorism are to be documented using CMR form 990.

### 13.2.5 'CBRN' Status

It should be assumed that there are no Chemical, Biological, Radiological or Nuclear hazard exposures arising from these events.

### 13.2.6 Granularity of Treaty Exposures

Syndicates with low resolution treaty exposure data should use a damage factor based upon claims experience from the World Trade Center attacks of 2001.



## 14 Terrorism: One World Trade Center

### 14.1 Event definition

The lower Manhattan area, New York, at 11:00am on 1 January 2026 suffers a 2 tonne bomb blast attack causing:

Zone	Impact Description	Damage Zones	Property Damage	Fire Loss
1	Collapse and fire following	Inner zone, radius 200m	100%	10%
2	Massive debris damage to surrounding properties	400m radius	25%	2.50%
3	Light debris damage to surrounding properties	500m radius	10%	1%

Table 34

Radii measurements are taken from One World Trade Center as a reference point.

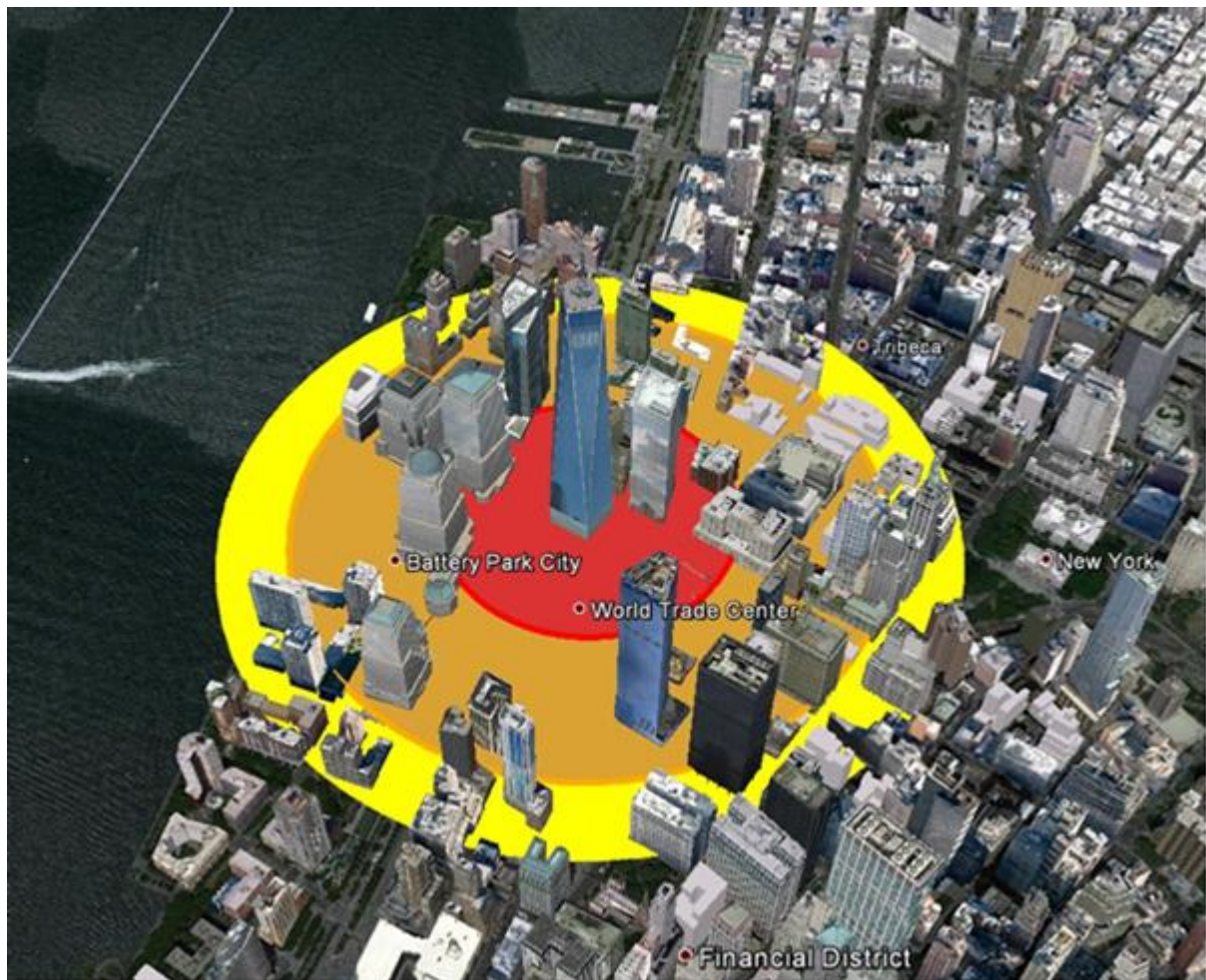


Figure 2

### 14.2 Loss characteristics

The loss characteristics for this event are the same as for Terrorism: Rockefeller Plaza. Please see section 13.2 above for details.

## 15 Alternative scenarios A & B

Managing agents should report two further realistic events that represent the most material accumulation risks that are not already covered by compulsory or *de minimis* scenarios.

Examples include:

- 1) Earthquakes other than those occurring in the US (California, New Madrid) and Japan – for example in China, Australia, South America or New Zealand
- 2) A 'Selby-type' liability loss
- 3) A major flood incident outside of the UK
- 4) Accumulation of casualties to members of sports team
- 5) Caribbean/USA hurricane windstorm clash
- 6) Pandemic risk
- 7) Terrorism accumulations other than Manhattan

## 16 Cyber - Major Data Security Breach

### 16.1 Event definition

A series of simultaneous cyber-attacks are launched on large multinational organisations across one industrial sector<sup>1</sup> with the intention of causing major disruption and financial loss to organisations. During the attacks, exfiltrated customer data (e.g. IP, credit card details and other information) is also destroyed.

The attacks target vulnerabilities in the operating systems, web applications and/or software used by these organisations. For the purposes of this exercise, it is assumed that multiple systems and/or multiple organisations using the same systems/software are affected.

The hacking attacks may take the form of a virus, or an alternative vector of attack.

For the purposes of this exercise, it is assumed that multiple organisations across the world in one sector come under attack at the same time.

As a result of the breach, customer management and trading systems, networks and supply chains are disrupted at these organisations for a duration of 24 hours.

### 16.2 Assumptions

Please assume that your ten largest clients (based on exposure to policies including cyber liability) worldwide are targeted, in the one sector where you expect to have the greatest exposure.

Also assume total first party losses for your top ten companies. Please also assume that class actions are pursued and you will incur third party liability claims.

For reinsurance purposes please calculate separately on the basis that these attacks are deemed both as one event and as ten separate events, returning whichever causes the largest net loss.

### 16.3 Losses

Please estimate your losses (split out as shown in 16.3.1) and taking into account the lines of business shown in 16.3.2: -

#### 16.3.1 Cyber losses

- First party loss notification, associated costs and breach management costs, including crisis management
- Business Interruption (excl. physical damage)
- Contingent business interruption
- Third party liability losses
- Regulatory defence, legal fees and fines covered amounts
- Other losses

#### 16.3.2 Other losses

- Crime
- E&O policies with cyber endorsements
- Technology E&O
- D&O
- GL / failure to supply
- Other policies that may respond

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<sup>1</sup> relating to any sector you deem relevant, including financial, retail and healthcare

## 16.4 Providing an Alternative Major Data Security Breach Scenario

Syndicates are permitted to supply their own MDB scenario as an alternative to the using the detailed assumptions prescribed by Lloyd's (in 16.2).

Where this option is taken up, syndicates must provide additional narrative to describe their scenario parameters, within the Supplementary Information template.



## 17 Lloyd's Cyber scenarios

### 17.1 Introduction

The purpose of this section is to describe in summary the specifications for each of Lloyd's four Cyber scenarios.

Lloyd's recognises that cyber-attacks can cause a wide variety of types of loss and these scenarios are designed to impact business written across the breadth of the Lloyd's market.

Lloyd's is interested in testing the level of loss that could arise should the scenarios occur. The scenarios often resemble events that have either not occurred, or not to the same degree given the limited history and evolution of Cyber risk. The plausibility of these scenarios will be tested in the future; at this stage, the tests should be carried out assuming the events have occurred.

#### 17.1.1 Construction and calculation of the scenarios

For each RDS, Lloyd's describes the scenario and then provides detail on how the scenarios could occur. The aim is not to provide an exhaustive background, but to enhance market understanding of methods by which the scenarios could occur, based on knowledge at the time of derivation.

Respondents are encouraged to engage with relevant experts to understand how their portfolios may be impacted by these, and similar, scenarios, and the impact of specific policy wordings.

Lloyd's reserves the right to test extreme losses without commenting on their likelihood or indeed whether they can arise at all.

The scenarios should be carried out assuming that none of the events are classified as acts of War.

Lloyd's prescribed Cyber scenarios for data collection are:

1. Business Blackout II
2. Cloud Cascade
3. Ransomware Contagion

A technical specification document and calculation template accompany each of Lloyd's most recent Cyber scenarios. The calculation template is intentionally simplistic and its use is not mandatory; respondents are encouraged to interpret each scenario and its impact their portfolio. If deemed appropriate, parameters within the calculation templates can be adjusted; syndicates must notify Lloyd's where this has been done.

The scenarios and calculation templates were originally produced in 2020, by Guy Carpenter and CyberCube.

#### 17.1.2 Further information

Please note that the technical specifications and calculation templates are the property of Lloyd's and are strictly private and confidential to managing agents.

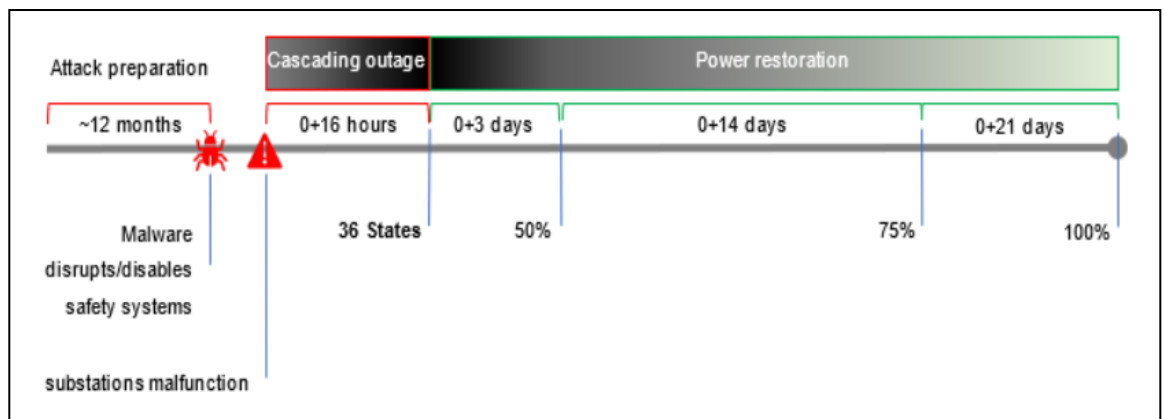
All other Cyber related reporting requirements remain unchanged.

For further information about the scenarios, please contact Lloyd's Exposure Management.

## 17.2 Business Blackout II

### 17.2.1 Event Description

At 09:00 EST on a Tuesday in June, the lights go out in 36 states<sup>2</sup> of the USA. Homes and businesses in dispersed areas report power cuts, and it becomes apparent that a cascading outage is sweeping the Eastern United States. The outage is not total, however, and some areas are unaffected as existing infrastructure technology mitigates the spread, and responders work to contain the impact. Power is gradually restored to the affected areas, with 50% restored after three days. This timeline was determined given the widespread geographical scope of the blackout while still taking into consideration past electricity restoration processes after major disruption events in the US. Full restoration occurs three weeks after the initial outage. The timeline of the outage is shown diagrammatically below.



The combination of capability and motive means it is likely that such an attack would be perpetrated by an actor able to call on the support of a Nation State, but it is not possible to attribute the attack definitively to a Nation State. Syndicates should therefore assume the event is *not* classified as an act of War (as noted in 17.1.1).

Similarly, critical infrastructure exclusions related to Cyber attacks do not hold. The key driver of losses is the business interruption.

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<sup>2</sup> Plus Washington DC. The Eastern Interconnection also incorporates small parts of an additional 3 states, but these do not include any metropolitan / industrial areas.

### 17.2.2 Detailed narrative

The disruption originates with transmission infrastructure. This means that grid electricity transmission and distribution systems are severely disrupted, and impacts are felt across the connected transmission infrastructure of all the 36 States of the Eastern Interconnection, with some regions suffering more extensive outages than others. Even undamaged substations across the region are shut down until the cause of the damage can be understood.

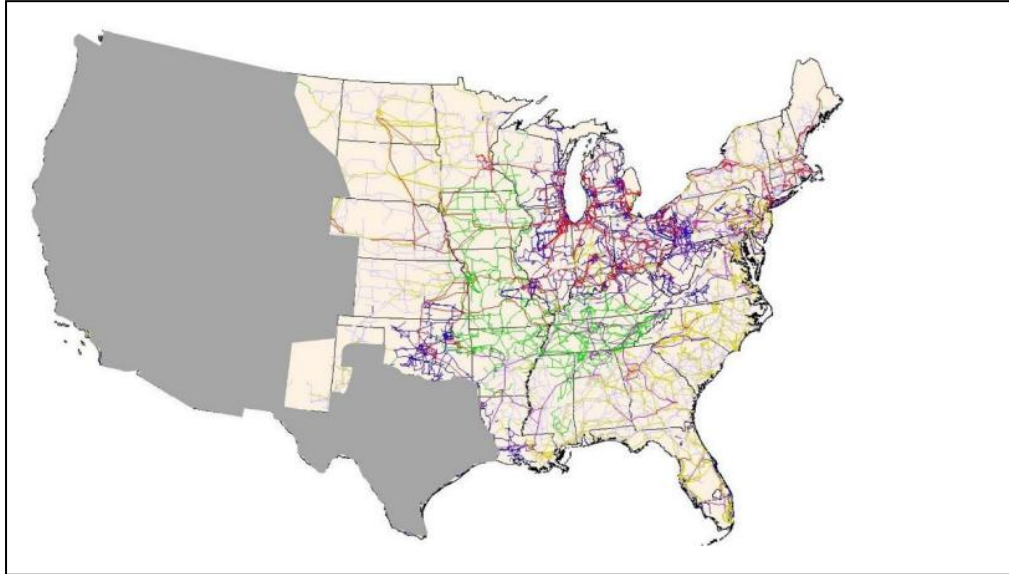


Figure 3: The Eastern Interconnection region with major power transmission lines

### 17.2.3 Threat Actor

An attack of this nature requires highly sophisticated expertise across a range of disciplines, together with significant resources. The motivation of such an attack would be to inflict major disruption to the USA (economic, social, and political). It is plausible that a sophisticated actor would engage the assistance of the hacking community and purchase the services of skilled programmers who are knowledgeable of how to reverse engineer and penetrate vulnerabilities in the US domestic electricity sector and grid systems. This combination of capability and motive means it is likely that such an attack would be perpetrated by an actor able to call on the support of a Nation State, but this does not imply that the attack could definitively be attributed to a given Nation State.

### 17.2.4 Threat Vector

A sophisticated actor would enforce effective operational security, meaning that hired hackers would have very little idea of what they were working on as a collective. They would conduct months of research and reconnaissance focused on the US electricity markets, control systems and networks. Once they had identified critical information flows, networks, devices and companies, they would design bespoke malware designed to disable safety systems within substations which would usually protect the power transformers from some of these types of events. Not all the deployed malware attack attempts would be successful, owing to the range of variables affecting success against a given substation target. The malware has the capability to propagate within the transmission infrastructure, and in the scenario the malware successfully penetrates enough substations to generate a cascading power outage.

### 17.2.5 Precedents

The scenario uses the 2003 'North East blackout' as a baseline for assessing the duration and footprint of a realistic disaster. A further reference point is the power outage and restoration rates following Superstorm Sandy in 2011. Cyber-attacks against Ukrainian power companies in 2015 and 2016 demonstrated the potential for hostile actors to successfully target the industrial control systems of power distribution utilities, causing widespread power outages. Threat intelligence points to a credible threat of

cyber-attack against power infrastructure worldwide and specifically in the USA; see for example 'Cyber Threat and Vulnerability Analysis of the US Electric Sector' published by the Idaho National Laboratory.

### 17.2.6 Plausibility

The 2003 'North East blackout' is used as a baseline for assessing how realistic an attack of this nature on transmission and distribution can be. Lessons learned from the 2003 blackout not only indicate that transmission and distribution is a major vulnerability in the security of the US electricity system, but also assist in the understanding of how easily cascading blackouts can spread across the US grid infrastructure. Note that a "cascading event" on the grid's transmission and distribution system refers to a power outage event that originates at the targeted infrastructure (select substations) and spreads across the grid for a duration of time, leading to power outages as it spreads. During a cascading event, automated and manual communication between grid operators across states and utilities may be disrupted, preventing the ability to mitigate the spread of an outage.

Lloyd's fully recognises that the nature of the electricity grid has changed significantly since the 2003 blackout with much greater dispersion of power generation including off-grid capabilities. Whilst this reduces the plausibility of a 36 statewide outage today, there still exists a need for grid security to be improved. A coordinated attack on the scale described, but using alternative methods, is not an impossibility.

The 2003 blackout involved a combination of human and technical error/ It started with software problems, followed by physical and computer equipment failures. These issues were then exacerbated by the human error of failing to recognize the appropriate course of remediation.

The scenario proposed notes the potential for such initial human and technical failures to result in cascading blackouts which can then spread across the Eastern grid system, with voltage surges leading to physical damage to the lines as well.

Electricity transmission across the US, whilst fragmented and having evolved significantly over the past decade, is heavily interconnected and thus interdependent, with transmission operators working together to communicate, coordinate and move power across the country. However, the electrical grid in the US is constructed in three separate regions: Western, Eastern, and Texas. The blackout does not cascade into the Western or Texan grid Interconnection systems due to the physical structure of the United States electrical grid system, as the three grid interconnects are disconnected from each other with only limited shared connections for power transfers. While this attack is limited to the Eastern Interconnect region, this region is by far the largest, encompassing major infrastructure sectors vital for economic activity across the country. An outage of this scope (three days for 50% restoration and three weeks for full restoration) is extreme but not unrealistic, especially when considering the duration of electricity outages caused by major natural disasters (such as Superstorm Sandy) and the vast geographical region being impacted in the event.

The historical parallels of the Ukrainian grid attacks in 2015 and 2016 serve as an indicator that with an organized and well-funded group behind the attack, the initial malware can go undetected for months, even after being deployed to explore the utility's industrial controls. Past evidence from targeted campaigns against electricity infrastructure (in Ukraine and elsewhere) indicate that attackers can enter operator systems via initial access methods such as credential-stealing, phishing, drive-by download, social engineering, etc. From there, attackers can use tools to scan, map, and find vulnerabilities within the network of interest to target. This level of access allows the disruptions to cascade further across grid infrastructure, causing disruptive and confusing communication between equipment and operators.

It should be noted that more extreme scenarios could result from the following changes to the scenario, all of which are highly plausible but not part of the scenario for this specified RDS:

- Time of year changing to one where power generation is more critical to the ability to retain a normal life
- The blackout leading to strikes, riots and civil commotion. This is also more likely if the bad actor simultaneously launches a disinformation campaign.
- Timing changing to being post a significant weather event.
- The inclusion of physical damage which may also result in some element of demand surge for the repairs and replacements required, increasing costs and prolonging outage times.

- This scenario could result in data loss or corruption due to ungraceful shutdowns due to the widespread nature of the electricity supply disruption and power outages.
- Some types of business may have significantly extended levels of interruption due to an inability to immediately operate following an uncontrolled and extended shut down.

The key compounding assumptions that contribute to this scenario being of the level of a Realistic Disaster Scenario are:

- 36 States plus Washington D.C. impacted – This considers that every US state in the Eastern Interconnect is impacted, so is at the extreme end for this scenario. This could however be amplified if the attack region extended into Canada, to round out the full extent of the Eastern Interconnect's reach. Doing so would increase the economic loss, while only moderately increasing the estimated return period. However, the US region was chosen to focus on the market exposure concentration.
- 16-hour cascading outage – This preliminary cascading outage duration was chosen as a moderate duration and not extreme for an outage given precedent of past cascading outages that can occur before remediation efforts take effect. This outage period could be extended to 24 hours, but this lessens the likelihood as utility workers, system operators, and other responders would have been assembled and deployed to actively try to mitigate the cascade in this event, and this would require additional outside factors (dangerous weather conditions etc.) to compound the effect.
- 21-days of restoration – This total downtime reflects the more extreme period of recovery for the grid after considering past cascading outages, blackouts, and electricity disruptions in the US. Increasing this assumption would significantly exacerbate the return period for this scenario.
- 50% power restoration after 3 days – This 3-day restoration period whereby 50% of power is restored is utilised based on past extreme events in the US previously cited. The initial and partial restoration for electricity availability is most rapid in the first few days, and then declines as more nuanced recovery efforts take place

## 17.3 Cloud Cascade

### 17.3.1 Event Description

On 20th December, a weekday, at 09:00 EST, a major cloud service provider (CSP) operating in multiple US regions experiences system down-time and service degradation (as a result of network congestion) for a duration of 48 hours across all its regions.

The minimum down-time for cloud users is 48 hours. By 7 days from the initial outage the cloud service is fully online but some companies experience up to 20 days of disruption as their application and platform providers are unable to provide service amongst other causes of interruption. Revenues are impacted to varying degrees depending on the reliance on the cloud of the company which differs by industry and size.

Businesses suffer business interruption and data loss, among other impacts including litigation. Business impacts are felt particularly heavily by online retailers due to the proximity of the outage to the Christmas holiday period.

Investigation shows that the outage was triggered by misconfigured cluster management software and exacerbated by malicious code.

### 17.3.2 Detailed narrative

On 20th December, a major cloud service provider (CSP) operating in multiple US regions experiences system down-time and service degradation (as a result of network congestion) for a duration of 48 hours. Cloud platform and application services from various providers and dependent on the cloud service providers' affected hub(s) are also impacted. Core infrastructure services (IaaS) are affected until mitigation is completed for each region (representing up to a 2-day outage in some cases). Cloud platform services (PaaS) and cloud software services (SaaS) from several major providers that rely on the impacted cloud infrastructure experience significant disruption. End users experience data loss and business interruption.

### 17.3.3 Threat Actor

The malicious code design and delivery necessary for this scenario is not highly sophisticated and thus aligned to the capability and motives of several categories of threat actor, including organised criminal groups, hacktivists, insiders and nation states. These actors often operate in combination, and we assess that this scenario would most likely be executed by sophisticated hackers in combination with malicious and non-malicious insiders.

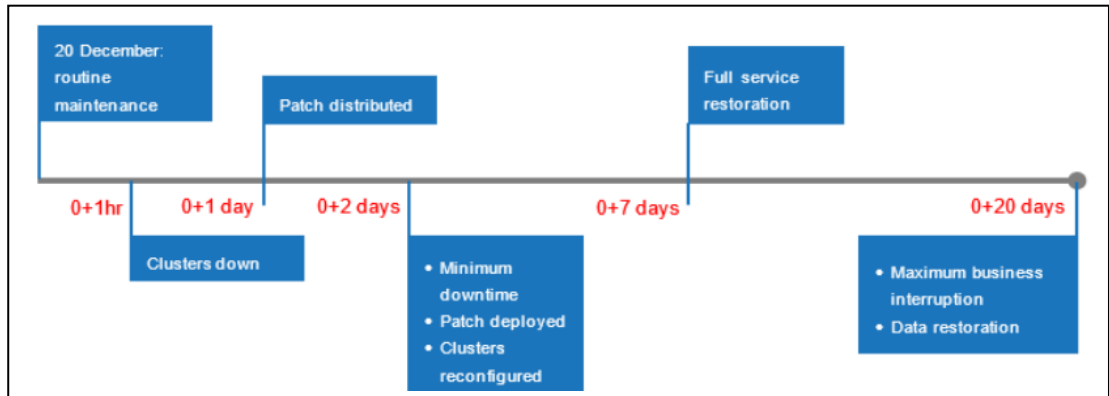
### 17.3.4 Threat Vector

The outage is caused by a coincidence of malicious code and human error in the Cluster Management System (CMS).

- Malicious code could plausibly enter the CMS via a number of routes; one particularly common route is via a 'software supply chain' attack. The malicious code has the effect of increasing the severity of the event. An example of how the outage time could be exacerbated is by the malicious code causing 'ungraceful' shutdown of the CSP clusters. Such events may lead to further outage time owing to the need for investigation and remediation.
- Misconfigured CMS. The outage is exacerbated because of human error in the coding of the CMS management of maintenance tasks. This causes the CMS to effectively 'transmit' the shutdown across datacentres during scheduled maintenance.

### 17.3.5 Duration of event

The timeline of the event is shown below:



Initial Impact: the outage of 48 hours is an extreme event. By comparison, cloud outages have lasted up to 20 hours but not with this level of widespread impact to cloud services. Amazon is the dominant cloud service provider and it is considered that, for most respondents, Amazon would be the greatest exposure. Amazon outages have typically been far shorter in length than the longest outages seen.

The severity of this scenario derives from the addition of a hostile actor: well-written, malicious code can severely disrupt online systems and confuse those struggling to find a root-cause, leading to the long outages. The most extreme incidents to date have been non-malicious.

Effect on customers: despite the CSP restoring systems within 48 hours, some companies experience up to 20 days of disruption. This could be a result of their application and platform providers being unable to provide service and also data corruptions caused by “ungraceful” system shutdowns and abrupt application failure.

- The root-cause (cloud infrastructure failure) has precedents (as cited earlier), and cloud independence and dependence research confirms that this scenario is realistic.
- Ungraceful system shutdown has often been seen to corrupt data. The nature of a Cluster Management Software failure through malicious attack would mean that many systems (both within the CSP’s data centres and as part of SaaS providers estates) could fail “ungracefully”.

Systems unexpectedly shutting down can corrupt data where live transactions are occurring at the point of shutdown; this is sometimes referred to as a “dirty shutdown”.

- Another source of potential data loss/corruption would be the sudden failure of SaaS applications due to catastrophic loss of cloud infrastructure. SaaS application failure of this kind has been seen in the past.

### 17.3.6 Precedents

The scenario has similarity to an event that affected Google Cloud in 2019. Google’s willingness to share the detail of the event provides the basis for lessons to be learned and for improved risk management around the world.

### 17.3.7 Plausibility

The cloud cascade scenario is based, at its core, on a well-documented outage at Google in 2019. That outage was important in the context of building a narrative here for several reasons. Firstly, the outage proved that a major cloud services provider can experience a systematic issue across more than one region as part of one outage event. Secondly, the outage showed that, as is often the case in such instances, multiple failures can combine to amplify the impact of an outage (in Google’s case, the failures were associated with human error combined with a software bug). It is very often not one issue that serves to cause an IT failure but several combining factors. Thirdly, the Google event demonstrated a common configuration factor that, when mis-configured, could cause major disruption, again across multiple sites. This was the Cluster Management Software referenced in our narrative.

This scenario is brought into the realm of 'disaster' by further exacerbating certain underpinning elements. In particular, the project team introduced a piece of malicious code into the narrative that deliberately causes the CMS software to shut systems down in an ungraceful fashion. This is important to the narrative for two reasons:

- Firstly, a piece of malicious code (introduced here through a software supply chain attack) would be unexpected by the cloud service provider and consequently harder to trace.
- Secondly, the deliberate "crashing" of systems and applications by the actor would cause more damage to data than if the CMS software were to shut systems down in a proper fashion.

The deliberate and malicious crashing of hundreds of systems would most likely lead to extended disruptions to the cloud eco-system, not least because these ungraceful shutdowns have been seen in the past to severely corrupt data and application configuration files, causing extended downtime and data loss. An additional justification to the 48 hours of downtime experienced by the cloud service provider in this scenario comes, once again, from documentation associated with the 2019 Google outage and several other outages experienced by cloud service providers. This is related to the service degradation and bandwidth issues that tend to be experienced by the cloud provider when major systems fail. Significant extra demand on internal networks (caused largely by increased customer demand on certain locations) means that system operators find it very difficult to communicate with one another and to diagnose problems due to slow network and systems access.

The key compounding assumptions of the scenario that contribute to it being significantly greater in impact than historically seen and relevant for a Realistic Disaster Scenario are:

- CSP 48-hour downtime – The designated 48 hours is reasonable based on both precedent and expert judgment of response time for a malicious scenario given that the history consists of non-malicious scenarios. (This is discussed further in the Duration section above.) This downtime could be amplified to 7 days based on additional extenuating circumstances such as availability and other disruptions to staff trying to fix the issue. However, that would dramatically decrease the likelihood of the overall event.
- SaaS Provider and End-User – up to 20-day aggregate downtime – This downtime is dependent upon the range of downtime for the SaaS provider that an end-user is relying upon, the end-user's dependency on that provider and assumptions about the outage and ability for a given company to respond.



## 17.4 Ransomware Contagion

### 17.4.1 Event Description

At 08:00 EST on a Tuesday in June, a ransomware payload triggers. It has exploited a vulnerability in an operating system (OS) to infect the IT network of a major global corporation. The Ransomware encrypts files and presents users with a ransom demand. The OS has a dominant market share, and over the next 3 days the ransomware spreads all around the world.

The OS provider issues a patch to the vulnerability, but the ransomware is already affecting companies around the world. Organisations in every sector are unable to access critical files and many victims pay the ransom. However, due to faults and errors in the decryption code, most victims are unable to restore their systems even after ransom is paid, with affected machines being bricked. On average, victims experience 7 days of system downtime.

Victims suffer business interruption and first party costs including data restoration and hardware replacement in addition to third party costs.

Attribution to a nation state is not possible for this attack.

### 17.4.2 Threat Actor

An attack of this nature would require significant planning, funding and engineering effort. Nevertheless, access to the necessary capabilities is becoming easier, and several threat actor groups have the necessary capability and motive. Recent surveys have suggested that cyber-attacks aimed at destruction or disruption – as opposed to financial gain – are an increasing threat.

It is also plausible that more than one actor could be involved. Combinations of state actors and criminal gangs, activists and malicious insiders are common and any combination of these could be responsible for an attack of this nature. It is most likely that this scenario would be orchestrated by an actor linked to a Nation State (such as the Lazarus Group) but with the possible involvement of criminals or insiders.

### 17.4.3 Threat Vector

The malware propagates in a similar way to that seen in the NotPetya and WannaCry attacks: it is designed to exploit a 'zero-day' vulnerability in an OS, and even though a patch is issued, variable patching practices means that the malware is able to penetrate many of the systems it finds.

### 17.4.4 Duration of event

Initial Impact: NotPetya and WannaCry demonstrated the potency of destructive, self-replicating malware and the effects it can have on a broad array of companies relying on a particular Operating System.

The scenario uses historical attacks as a baseline and gives them greater potency through the application of other, feasible technique attributes (such as use of a 'zero-day' vulnerability). In the scenario, the malware proliferates rapidly. The dominant market share of the OS allows the malware to reach almost every country in the world, mirroring the impact of WannaCry, which reached over 150 countries in the first stage of infection.

The average of 7 days of system downtime is a conservative average estimate based on more common historical examples.

### 17.4.5 Precedents

The scenario is similar to the WannaCry ransomware and NotPetya malware attacks of 2017. The threats and vulnerabilities described are also based on current intelligence and actual events.

The WannaCry ransomware was curtailed by the discovery of a 'kill switch' (this was a web address that the malware would check automatically; when a researcher discovered the address and registered the domain as his, the malware stopped further activity). The ability for this kill switch to be controlled by a person external to the threat actor group is assessed to be less likely in future attacks by sophisticated threat actors. WannaCry also contained errors which allowed some files to be recovered even without a decryption key.

#### 17.4.6 Plausibility

The ransomware scenario is based on the WannaCry and NotPetya events which shook the world in 2017. While this scenario is based on these precedents, it is brought into the realm of 'disaster' by further exacerbating certain elements of each. For instance, WannaCry would have been more disastrous if the malware code was more carefully developed. In actuality, the attack failed, in many cases, to successfully collect ransoms and the code was susceptible to a "kill-switch", discovered by an amateur hacker in the UK who successfully disabled it with a simple internet domain registration. This scenario assumes a high degree of maturity in the software coding and testing procedures associated.

Additionally, the ransomware scenario specifies the use of a zero-day vulnerability which, by its very nature, means a patch does not exist when criminals first leverage the vulnerability. This means that the attackers are able to take advantage of a window of opportunity and hone their attack methods as well as exploit the fact that (even in the event that the OS provider has discovered and patched the new vulnerability at the point of outbreak) many systems will remain unpatched during the timeline of the attack. This typically leads to high infection rates (as seen in this scenario) and was illustrated during the WannaCry outbreak where the zero-day vulnerability used by criminals had been patched by Microsoft for several months but many systems were not updated with the patches provided.

The average downtime of 7 days for any given company is plausible as an average assumption. Much longer periods of interruption have been experienced by individual companies, including as a result of the NotPetya attack.

The key compounding assumptions of the scenario that result in a likelihood that would be relevant to a Realistic Disaster Scenario are:

- **Flaws in Decryption Code** –This assumption could be modified to suggest that the decryption code works. This would, however, alter the average downtime companies experience globally and the overall industry losses, as companies would be able to more rapidly recover their systems, thus reducing the return period.
- **Global Malware** – This assumption was chosen based on expanding upon past precedent. Decreasing the footprint to a much more focused and concentrated area would shorten the expected return period. However, changes to the footprint (such as stating that this will only impact North America and Europe) would not produce a realistic outcome. This overall assumption is demonstrative of the overall impacts seen globally by vulnerabilities in ubiquitous operating systems.
- **Demand surge** - A widespread scenario would further lengthen outage times compared to the historic durations of interruption due to insufficient availability of specialist support and replacement hardware. This demand surge would also impact recovery costs.
- **Limited footprint** - Ransomware may be limited to specific versions of a particular software, reducing the footprint. However, it is possible that it can impact multiple versions of a particular software and also other software within the same category. As a result it is difficult to have certainty over the potentially impacted footprint and historical events are unlikely to reflect the potential extent of the footprint.

# Scenarios subject to *de minimis* reporting

## 18 Marine scenarios

Managing agents should return a marine loss scenario for both of the following incidents. In both scenarios, excess layers of liability, hull and cargo should be included, based on maximum aggregate exposures.

Please note that for both scenarios, liability costs exceed the coverage afforded by the International Group Programme. Please consider any other covers in force at 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026 that may be impacted, both Marine and Non-Marine, e.g. Personal Accident and D&O.

### 18.1 Scenario 1 - Marine Collision in US waters

A cruise vessel carrying 2,000 passengers and 800 staff and crew is involved in a high energy collision with a fully laden tanker of greater than 50,000 DWT with 20 crew.

The incident involves the tanker sinking and spilling its cargo; there are injuries and loss of lives aboard both vessels.

Assume 30% tanker owner/70% cruise vessel apportionment of negligence, and that the collision occurs in US waters.

Assume that the cost of pollution clean-up and compensation fund amounts to USD2bn. This would result in claims against the International Group of P&I Associations' General Excess of Loss Reinsurance Programme, and any other covers that might be in force.

Assume an additional compensation to all passengers and crew for death, injury or other costs of USD1.15bn and removal of wreck for the Tanker of USD100m. The cruise ship is severely damaged but is towed back to a safe harbour (repair estimate USD50m and USD10m for salvage operations).

### 18.2 Scenario 2 - Major Cruise Vessel Incident

A US owned cruise vessel carrying 4,000 passengers and 1,500 staff and crew is sunk with attendant loss of life, bodily injury, trauma and loss of possessions.

Assume a final settlement of USD3.2bn for all deaths, injuries and other associated costs. In addition, assume an additional Protection and Indemnity loss of USD1.15bn to cover removal of wreck and USD75m for Pollution.

## 19 Loss of major complex

Assume a total loss to all platforms and bridge links of a major complex.

Include property damage, removal of wreckage, liabilities, loss of production income and capping of well.

Managing agents should use the commentary facility in form 990 (supplementary scenario information) to name the complex and to provide details of modelling assumptions. Should a mobile drilling rig present potential material exposure to a syndicate, managing agents may wish to report this under the Alternative A or B scenario.

## 20 Aviation collision

Assume a collision between two aircraft over a major city, anywhere in the world, using the syndicate's two highest airline exposures. Assume a total liability loss in line with your own assumptions\*. Consider including losses from major product manufacturer's product liability policy(ies) and/or an air traffic control liability policy(ies), where applicable.

Consideration should also be given to other exposures on the ground.

**\*It is imperative that the following are clearly stated using the event commentary facility in form 990:**

An outline of the methodology used to generate an appropriate scenario PML

All assumptions applied, including but not limited to:

1. The name of the major city over which the event occurs
2. The name of the airlines involved in the collision
3. The airlines policy limits and syndicate's line and exposure per policy
4. Maximum hull value per aircraft involved
5. Maximum liability per aircraft involved
6. Name of each product manufacturer and the applicable policy limits
7. Name of the air traffic control authority and the applicable policy limit

## 21 Satellite risks

Managing agents should return satellite loss information relating to the single largest loss from the following events, if this figure produces a loss in excess of the *de minimis* reporting level.

Managing agents should also consider any other lines of business that would be affected by the following events and in particular exposure under any live satellite third party liability policies that may accumulate.

### 21.1 Space weather – Solar energetic particle event

#### 21.1.1 Event description

A solar energetic particle event such as a solar flare or coronal mass ejection produces a vast outpouring of protons, electrons and other charged particles which will cause permanent damage to semiconductor devices. This scenario specifically considers the effect of such events on the solar cells of a satellite. A certain number of solar energetic particle events are allowed for in the design of every satellite, but an anomalously large event, such as the Carrington event of 1859, could result in a significant number of satellites simultaneously incurring a reduction in operational capability due to the degradation of the satellite power source.

Satellite age and construction will also determine how an event will affect a particular satellite. However, a single large event (or a number of smaller events in close succession) has the potential to affect all geosynchronous satellites and could result in a loss of power on a majority of satellites.

#### 21.1.2 Loss estimation

For the purposes of this RDS, it should be assumed that either a single anomalous event or a number of events in quick succession results in a loss of power to all satellites in geosynchronous orbit. All live exposures in this orbit will be affected by the proton flare. Managing agents should assume a 5% insurance loss to all affected policies.

The loss under this RDS will therefore be the sum of the following calculation for all live policies covering geosynchronous satellites:

(Insured Satellite Value) x (Loss to Policy)

Therefore, if a syndicate's share of two geosynchronous satellites is USD 10m on the first and USD 8m on a second, the loss to the syndicate would be calculated as:

$(\text{USD } 10,000,000 + \text{USD } 8,000,000) \times 5\% = \text{USD } 900,000$

Managing agents should note that under this RDS, "Total Loss Only" policies, component specific policies and policies not covering power losses will not be triggered.

Frequency: the frequency of this type of scenario is considered to be 1-in-100 years.

### 21.2 Space weather – Design deficiency

In 1994 two satellites of the same type were severely affected by a large space weather event, subsequently attributed to a design deficiency which made the satellites abnormally sensitive to this particular phenomenon. One of the satellites was ultimately a total loss. In 2010 a similar space weather event led to control of a satellite being lost for a period of eight months before the satellite was recovered.

#### 21.2.1 Event description

For the purposes of this scenario, it should be assumed that a design deficiency leaves a particular geosynchronous satellite type vulnerable to space weather events. Such a deficiency should be assumed to leave the satellite, or component part thereof, prone to the effects of deep di-electric charging, surface charging, electrostatic discharge, total radiation dose or other similar effect which could be triggered by a large solar energetic particle event or related disturbances in the Earth's geomagnetic field. In a disaster scenario it is assumed that an anomalously large space weather event results in four satellites of the same type being declared total losses.

### 21.2.2 Loss estimation

To calculate the loss under this RDS, managing agents should consider all live policies covering geosynchronous satellites. The four largest lines for each satellite type (from the types listed below) should be summed and the largest of these figures reported as the Space Weather Design Deficiency RDS figure.

The following specific satellite types should be considered individually:

- Airbus Eurostar 3000 and Eurostar NEO (all variants)
- Antrix / ISRO I-2k and I-3k (all variants)
- Boeing Space Systems 702 (all variants)
- CAST DFH-4 and DFH-5 (all variants)
- ISS Reshetnev Express 1000 and Express 2000 (all variants)
- Lockheed Martin A2100 (all variants)
- Mitsubishi Electric DS2000 (all variants)
- Maxar LS500 and LS1300 (all variants)
- Northrup Grumman Star 2 and Star 3 (all variants)
- Thales Alenia Space Spacebus 4000 and Spacebus NEO (all variants)

Frequency: the frequency of this type of scenario is considered to be 1-in-50 years.

## 21.3 Generic defect

Supply chain consolidation means that many satellite prime manufacturers purchase subsystem units and component parts from small numbers of suppliers. Traveling wave tube amplifiers, reaction wheels, command receivers, solar cells and batteries are typically available from only two suppliers.

### 21.3.1 Event description

A generic defect that develops in one of these supplied parts has the potential to affect a number of different satellites. For any satellite commencing coverage in good health with all redundant units and margin intact it is considered that a total loss would be unlikely and a worst case loss of 50% is assumed. The likelihood of such a loss is considered to be directly related to the remaining coverage period of the insurance policy. From past experience with generic defects, it is considered safe to assume that after satellites have been in orbit for five years they have passed the point at which a generic defect is likely to occur. Based on the current build rates of the major manufacturers it is reasonable to assume that a generic defect could affect a maximum of ten satellites.

### 21.3.2 Loss estimation

For all live policies covering each of the satellite types listed under section 21.2.2 and which have not surpassed the fifth anniversary of their launch date, managing agents should calculate a generic defect loss as follows and sum the ten largest resultant figures:

(Insured Satellite Value) x (Risk Period Factor) x (50% Loss)

The Risk Period Factor should be calculated from the following table:

Period Remaining on Policy	Risk Period Factor
Greater than 24 Months	100%
18 Months – 24 Months	80%
12 Months – 18 Months	60%
6 Months – 12 Months	40%
Less than 6 Months	20%

Table 35

Frequency: the frequency of this type of scenario is considered to be 1-in-20 years.



## 21.4 Space debris

Space debris poses an increasing threat to satellite assets in all orbits. The only collisions to have occurred to date were in low Earth orbit [LEO].

A satellite break up or collision in LEO results in the generation of a cloud of debris that progresses, over time, both around the orbit and above and below the orbit. The debris cloud then poses an increased threat for other satellites in LEO. Experience from the Iridium 33 / Cosmos 2252 collision of 2009 illustrated that debris from such a collision could reach up to +/- 200 km from the altitude at which the collision took place. Following a collision, the growth of the debris cloud and the likelihood of further collisions is considered to be directly related to remaining policy period of the insurance coverage provided.

### 21.4.1 Event description

Considering insured assets in LEO, two groups can be considered. It is considered unlikely that a single event within one of these groups would result in a debris cloud expanding sufficiently to affect the other group. The two groups are as follows:

Group 1: Satellites with orbits in the range of altitudes between 400km and 800km (i.e. +/- 200km of 600km). This group encompasses the majority of imaging satellites as well as a number of communication constellations, including the Iridium Next and Orbcomm. All insured satellites known to orbit within this altitude range should be included in the RDS calculation.

Group 2: Satellites with orbits in the range of altitudes between 1200km and 1600km (i.e. +/- 200km of 1400km). This group encompasses some communication constellations, including Globalstar and Starlink. All insured satellites known to orbit within this altitude should also be included in the RDS calculation.

### 21.4.2 Loss estimation

For each of these two groups managing agents should sum the result of the following calculation for all satellites on live policies and report the larger of the two figures as the Space Debris RDS:

$$(\text{Insured Satellite Value}) \times (\text{Risk Period Factor}) \times (100\% \text{ Loss})$$

Risk Period Factor is the same as shown in the table in section 21.3.2 above.

Frequency: the frequency of this type of scenario is considered to be 1-in-15 years.

## 22 Liability risks

Managing agents should report two internally modelled liability Realistic Disaster Scenarios for each syndicate, subject to the *de minimis* criteria. Where exposed to both professional and non-professional lines liability scenarios, one of each type should be reported.

### 22.1 Professional lines

The following example scenarios are provided to help guide managing agents in considering the type, scale and impact of their internally modelled scenarios.

#### 22.1.1 Mis-selling of a financial product

Any systemic loss arising from the mis-selling of a financial product including the distribution of said financial product through the appropriate channels. This could comprise two distinct sources of liability attributable to: 1) product and 2) distribution channel. Regulatory investigation might be a trigger to this type of systemic loss but would not of itself be the systemic loss.

#### 22.1.2 Failure/Collapse of a Major Corporation

The failure or collapse of a major corporation listed on one or more Global Stock Exchanges.

#### 22.1.3 Failure of a Merger

The failure or collapse of a merger involving one or major corporations listed on any Global Stock Exchange.

#### 22.1.4 Failure of a Construction Project

The failure of a construction project involving all of the syndicate's casualty risk codes (for example, non-marine liability, architects, surveyors and engineers, etc.).

As an example from the past, the London 2012 Olympics represented a major exposure in terms of potential failure of a large construction project. Problems had affected construction for the Greek Olympics; during 2008 – 2011 it would have been reasonable to assume that a similar scenario could arise for the London Games.

#### 22.1.5 Recession-Related Losses

A managing agent may identify that a syndicate is exposed to a dramatic fall in the housing market, associated with high negative equity, mortgage shortfalls and defaults. It could model syndicate exposures by utilising casualty risk codes, including: Independent Financial Advisors (IFAs), Solicitors, Surveyors, Lenders, Accountants.

Modelled exposures should also consider a rising unemployment rate thus potentially increasing the exposures to Employment Practices Liability underwritten as a standalone product or as part of Directors & Officers Liability policies.

### 22.2 Non-Professional lines

The following example scenarios are provided to help guide managing agents in considering the type, scale and impact of their internally modelled scenarios:

#### 22.2.1 Industrial/Transport Incident

A managing agent may identify that it has a high potential syndicate exposure to an extreme loss arising from a release of chlorine at an industrial site or from a train travelling through a major city.

The managing agent would develop a physical model of the incident, with assumptions for the area and populations affected, and the effects of the chlorine gas itself. The model should identify the various organisations that would be held liable, including joint ventures and professional advisors that the syndicate covers.

### **22.2.2 Multiple Public/Products Losses**

An agent managing a syndicate with multiple peak exposures may determine that it would be severely impacted by catastrophe losses affecting a multiple number of contracts. Such a scenario would capture the cumulative effect of a number of vertical spikes and the impact on the syndicate's reinsurance programme.

An example of a loss scenario involving multiple products losses arising out of a common cause would be defective hip replacements which could generate a high frequency of relatively large individual payments via a series of class actions.

### **22.3 Back year deterioration**

These scenarios focus on losses arising from events occurring in 2026, and therefore do not attempt to quantify potential exposures from prior years' deterioration. The issue of reserving adequacy is subject to monitoring and review by colleagues within Lloyd's.

## 23 Political risks

Managing agents should return all Political Risks scenarios that generate losses above the *de minimis* reporting level for the events in the 2026 RDS Political Risk Scenario Specification document.

Lloyd's, in conjunction with the LMA Political Risks Panel, have agreed that Political Violence (PV) damage factors should only be considered when written in conjunction with exposures under risk codes PR, CF, CR, SB, WT, ST, FM or FG.