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Floods rage through America's north-eastern states in the latest of this year's mounting weather disasters on the Atlantic seaboard. New England communities which were devastated only two months ago now find their restoration work swept away again in a few terrible hours. Rescue work goes on with every boat that can be pressed into service.

The toll of dead and missing rises, and damage runs into millions of dollars.

Coastguard ducks join in the rescue. In the words of civil defence chief Val Petersen, "we're throwing the whole Government resources at these floods".

Communications disrupted, bridges swept away, railways out of action - all these add to the tremendous difficulties facing the rescue workers. Crippled by the relentless floods, a derailed freight train bears witness to the immense problem of restoration waiting to be tackled.

Hurricanes and floods have brought terrible havoc this summer along the coast from New England to the Caribbean. The world's sympathy goes out to the victims of this series of disasters.