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Radio Wrap

IN THE AFTERMATH OF HURICANE ISABEL, THOUSANDS OF WASHINGTON DC AREA RESIDENTS ARE STILL WITHOUT POWER. POTOMAC ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY HAS CONSTRUCTED FIVE DRY-ICE DISTRIBUTION SITES. PEPCO HAS ORDERED THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND POUNDS OF ICE TO HELP INCONVIENCED RESIDENTS. DENA GUDAITIS REPORTS...

CROWDS OF NORTHWEST DC RESIDENTS ARE STANDING ON THE SIDEWALK OUTSIDE MERCH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WAITING FOR PEPCO TO DELIVER BAGS OF DRY ICE.

AS EACH HOUR TICKS BY, FREEZER TEMPERATURES RISE AND RESIDENTS WORRY THEIR THAWING FOOD WILL SPOIL.

CINDY ROSENCRANTZ SNATCHED ONE OF THE REMAINING BAGS:
CINDY ROSENCRANTZ (SOT: 09) "It's outrageous that people at a time like this would look at all these people. It has brought out the worst not the best."

A DC POLICE OFFICER SAYS THE FREE BAGS WERE RATIONED UNTIL A RESIDENT COMPLAINED:

MPD OFFICER LOUDSPEAKER (SOT: 10) "The higher ups in the government said to pass it out on a first come first serve - as many as you can carry."

AS MANY RESIDENTS WALK AWAY WITH EMPTY COOLERS, BOTH THEIR FOOD AND THEIR ATTITUDES ARE TURNING SOUR.
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