

Lights Temporarily Out At Statue Of Liberty Due To 'Unplanned' Outage March 7, 2017 10:59 PM

NEW YORK (CBSNewYork) — The lights went out for Lady Liberty, or at least that's what it looked like Tuesday night.

Aside from the crown and torch, an EarthCam live stream showed the Statue of Liberty standing in New York Harbor cloaked in darkness for several hours.

"A portion of the lighting system that illuminates the Statue of Liberty experienced a temporary, unplanned outage tonight," National Park Service spokesman Jerry Willis said in a statement to CBS2.

"The outage was most likely due to work related to an ongoing project to activate a new emergency backup generator that is part of our last remaining Hurricane Sandy recovery projects," the statement continued.

The official cause of the outage will be determined when crews return to the island Wednesday, according to Willis.

