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Generators To Restore Power To Businesses, Schools

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CLEVELAND -- A little fire was causing some big problems Thursday for several businesses downtown. About a dozen companies and two charter schools on Euclid Avenue near East 12th Street have been without power all day.

Back-up generators were provided to get electricity to the Cleveland Athletic Club buildings.

The city engineer's office told NewsChannel5 that overnight rain caused an electric short in the power switcher of an old vault, cutting electricity to 10 companies inside and next door to the Athletic Club.

Mark and Kent Castelluccio, who run six area temp offices in northeast Ohio from their downtown headquarters, had no power for their main computer server.

In March, there was a similar problem -- rain got into the elevator shaft, forcing the building to be evacuated after another power outage.

"Everybody was walking around here with their thumb up their butt. They should have been on this. They should have been here last night so when we walked in at 7 o'clock this morning, the computers would have been up and running so they could have gone to work," said Mark Castelluccio.

Cleveland city engineers and the owners of the building said they're optimistic the problem can be fixed and the problem won't happen again.

But companies that do business in the building want to know why the Terrace Construction Company doing the Euclid Corridor work didn't have heavy blue tarps over the open vaults being filled with concrete, like they have installed at the old Halle Building.
