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## **FYSA- Media Monitoring Report for DR 4241 SC 02/10/16**

### *NEWS CLIPS*

SOUTH CAROLINA-DR-4241

Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2016

There is very little content for today's South Carolina News Clips, except for a story reported on South Carolina Public Radio. To listen to the report:

- Click on the link below
- Scroll down the page and click on the blue icon alongside the word "Listen"

<http://etvradio.org/post/mullins-residents-still-recovering-november-flood#stream/0>

**PLEASE NOTE:** The reporter has been contacted and acknowledged her error in reporting the incident period as Oct. 3 – Oct. 23. She assured me she will correct both the audio and the text on the South Carolina Public Radio web site.

### **Mullins Residents Still Recovering from November Flood**

By Laura Hunsberger • 2 hours ago

The residents of the Genesis II Apartment complex in the city of Mullins faced a tough situation when a sudden storm flooded their homes in early November. South Carolina Public Radio's Laura Hunsberger explores what happened and what help is available for residents who experience flooding beyond the major October storm. A little more than 500 square feet, each apartment is home to a senior resident.

Barbara Sellers has lived at the Genesis II Apartment complex in the city of Mullins for 6 years. Genesis II is a community for low-income seniors, subsidized by HUD, or the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Barbara says they were thankful when they got through the October floods without damage, but they never expected what happened just one month later. On November 4, as a heavy rain fell on Mullins, a neighbor told her they had to evacuate. South Carolina Public Radio's Laura Hunsberger has the story.

#### **Understanding FEMA's Role**

- According to the Robert T. Stafford Act (hyperlink: <https://www.fema.gov/media-library->

[data/1383153669955-21f970b19e8eaa67087b7da9f4af706e/stafford\\_act\\_booklet\\_042213\\_508e.pdf](https://www.fema.gov/data/1383153669955-21f970b19e8eaa67087b7da9f4af706e/stafford_act_booklet_042213_508e.pdf)), there must be at least 100 uninsured homes or business that have been totally destroyed or have major damage for FEMA to get involved.

- The Small Business Administration can get involved if at least 25 homes or businesses have major damage.
- The incident period for the Disaster Declaration pertaining to the October floods is October 3 – 23, 2015. Any damage that happens after that has to be considered separately and must again meet the minimum criteria for FEMA to get involved.
- This applies both to situations like the flood in Mullins (where they had little to no damage during the October event) and to recurrent flooding (where a property already impacted during the October floods has additional damage due to new flooding).
- However, “if you’ve received federal assistance, you have a case number [and] you’ve already registered, your case can still be ongoing. So it’s worth it to call and ask the questions and have that discussion with an individual assistance coordinator.” (Derrec Becker, SCEMD)
- Where FEMA cannot help, officials hope non-profit and volunteer agencies will step in.
- For help (or to offer help), call 211 or visit <http://www.sc211.org/>