



# State of South Carolina

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Lieutenant General Thomas P. Bostick  
Commanding General and Chief of Engineers  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
441 G Street N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20314

Dear General Bostick,

Beginning October 1, 2015, South Carolina experienced the largest weather event in a generation. The historic rains stripped tons of sand from beaches up and down the South Carolina coast, causing significant erosion. This erosion can result in the devaluation of individual property and negatively affect communities that rely on their beaches for economic viability.

In response to the storm, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) has already initiated emergency regulatory permitting procedures to assist persons with repairing property damaged by erosion, helping expedite individual recovery. And while long-term beach nourishment is an issue that will be addressed at both the state and local level, a number of the affected beaches are federally-authorized shore protection works, qualifying them for restoration and renourishment by the Corps. In the wake of this disaster, I am requesting your assistance to expedite the restoration and renourishment process for eligible beaches.

Any effort to improve the speed and efficiency of programs and services available for beach renourishment will greatly improve South Carolina's recovery effort, especially as we move into the tourist season next year. Thank you for your consideration of this matter. If I may be of assistance, please contact Joshua Baker in my office at 803.734.5153 or [joshbaker@gov.sc.gov](mailto:joshbaker@gov.sc.gov).

My very best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nikki R. Haley".

Nikki R. Haley

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