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Subject: Opening of Richland County shelters during first 12 hours of Oct. floods

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Rob, Chaney,

Would like comments from the governor/governor's office about any problems/delays with opening of emergency shelters in Columbia or Richland County during the early stages of the deluge. (The time frame is midnight on Sun., Oct. 4 through noon Mon., Oct. 5.)

Where there communications problems with the county emergency office or Columbia City Hall? What kinds of problems? Was there no place to take evacuees and how long did that problem last?

What effect did shelter-opening delays have on emergency response/coordination? Who's responsibility was it to be sure shelters were open? How should shelter openings have worked? What is being done to address any such difficulties in preparation for future emergencies?

Thanks for your prompt attention to this matter.

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