

From: Taylor, Richele  
To: Schimsa, Rebecca <RebeccaSchimsa@gov.sc.gov>  
Date: 10/26/2016 11:46:51 AM  
Subject: FW: Contacts

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From: Veldran, Katherine  
Sent: Wednesday, October 26, 2016 10:06 AM  
To: Taylor, Richele  
Cc: Patel, Swati  
Subject: Fwd: Contacts

Are you able to respond to Tom's email below?  
Thank you, Katherine

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Tom Davis <[tdavis@harveyandbattey.com](mailto:tdavis@harveyandbattey.com)>  
**Date:** October 25, 2016 at 4:46:49 PM EDT  
**To:** "Ryan, Elizabeth" <[eryan@emd.sc.gov](mailto:eryan@emd.sc.gov)>  
**Cc:** "Veldran, Katherine" <[KatherineVeldran@gov.sc.gov](mailto:KatherineVeldran@gov.sc.gov)>  
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Elizabeth:

I have a copy of that county resolution. Notwithstanding the county's action, its council chairman advises that a gubernatorial declaration that a Public Health Emergency exists is critical to its petition to FEMA for relief. Is this something the governor is willing to provide? The county and municipal governments are trying hard to bolster their requests for relief and more is better than less in terms of supporting documentation. Please check with the governor and let me know. Thx.

Tom

On Oct 25, 2016, at 4:05 PM, Ryan, Elizabeth <[eryan@emd.sc.gov](mailto:eryan@emd.sc.gov)> wrote:

Tom and Katherine,

As a follow up, the counties and Town who are currently working through the FEMA eligibility process for private property debris removal are working to establish that a threat to public health exists, that it is in the public interest to eliminate that threat and therefore the debris must be removed. The FEMA policy on this topic says the following:

“Public Interest Determination: The Applicant must provide the basis for the determination that removing the debris from the private property requested is in the public interest. The determination must be made by the State, Territorial, Tribal, county, or municipal government’s public health authority or other public entity that

has legal authority to make a determination that disaster-generated debris on private property in the designated area constitutes an immediate threat to life, public health, or safety, or to the economic recovery of the community at large. Additionally, the Applicant must submit its established, specific legal requirements for declaring the existence of a threat to public health and safety.”

Based on the policy, it is not required for the Governor to declare that a Public Health Emergency exists. Also, at last night’s Council meeting, Beaufort County made a local proclamation of public health threat which I have attached to this email.

Please let me know of any questions.

Thanks!

Elizabeth

Elizabeth Ryan

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From: Tom Davis [<mailto:tdavis@harveyandbattey.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, October 25, 2016 1:20 PM

To: Veldran, Katherine <[KatherineVeldran@gov.sc.gov](mailto:KatherineVeldran@gov.sc.gov)>

Cc: Ryan, Elizabeth <[eryan@emd.sc.gov](mailto:eryan@emd.sc.gov)>

Subject: RE: Contacts

Thanks. Please provide the list of contractors at your earliest convenience. I appreciate it. Tom

From: Veldran, Katherine [<mailto:KatherineVeldran@gov.sc.gov>]

Sent: Tuesday, October 25, 2016 1:18 PM

To: Tom Davis

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Subject: Contacts

Importance: High

Senator Davis,

Attached are the requested contacts. Elizabeth will follow up with contacts for contractors that the State has used previously.

Please let me know if our office can help in anyway.

Thank you,

Katherine

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