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NEWS RELEASE

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SCEMD Announces Winter Weather Reporting Tool For State and County Government Offices

COLUMBIA, S.C. (Wednesday, January 14, 2015, 6:30 a.m.) - The South Carolina Emergency Management Division has created a new online tool for checking the winter weather schedules of state and county offices. This new reporting feature at scemd.org/closings is updated as quickly as severe winter delayed opening or closing decisions are reported to the State Emergency Operations Center. This page will be the most accurate, official reporting method for inclement weather decisions.

Currently, as of 6:15 a.m. on 1-14-15, all state and county government offices in Fairfield and Lancaster Counties will operate on a two-hour delay today, 1-14-15.

Governor Nikki Haley has ordered all state government offices to follow the same closing/delay schedule as county governments. SCEMD is urging everyone to take proper safety measures to handle frozen precipitation, hazardous road conditions including patchy black ice.

Resources

SCDOT's web site to check road conditions and traffic cameras: www.scdot.org
The Highway Patrol's web site to get real-time traffic information: www.schp.org
SCEMD's social media: www.facebook.com/scemd, www.twitter.com/scemd (@SCEMD)

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