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Emergency Support Function 15 – External Affairs FEMA-4241-DR-SC Weekly Communications Summary 1/4/2016 – 1/10/16

- Registration has ended. Individuals who were unable to register before the Jan. 4 deadline may register must explain and demonstrate the extenuating circumstances that prevented them from registering with 90-day application period. FEMA will consider such applications on a case-by-case basis.
- Many services available at disaster recovery centers are also available by calling the FEMA helpline. Survivors can get help by calling 800-621-3362 or TTY 800-462-7585; those who use 711/VRS can call 800-621-3362. Lines are open 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. seven days a week until further notice.
- Disaster recovery centers will be closed Jan. 18 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Other Federal Agencies

Small Business Administration (SBA)

- The U.S. Small Business Administration's Economic Injury Disaster Loan program is available to eligible farm-related and nonfarm-related entities that suffered financial losses. With the exception of aquaculture enterprises, SBA cannot provide disaster loans to agricultural producers, farmers or ranchers. For more information, visit <https://www.sba.gov/offices/disaster/dfoce/resources/1495740>.
- There are four business recovery centers open in Charleston, Horry, Richland and Sumter counties.
- Small businesses and most private nonprofit organizations are eligible to apply for SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loans. The deadline to return economic injury applications is July 5.

U.S. Department of Labor

- The South Carolina Department of Employment and Workforce has received a \$3.2 million National Dislocated Workers Grant from the U.S. Department of Labor. The grant will be used to assist with cleanup, recovery and humanitarian efforts in areas impacted by the flooding of Oct. 1-23. The projects will create temporary jobs to help with the recovery efforts. Counties must be declared eligible for Public Assistance by FEMA to receive the funds. Thirty-five counties in South Carolina are eligible for this assistance.

FEMA Program Operations

Individual Assistance

- There are currently 13 open DRCs. Columbia and Lake City DRCs are scheduled to close Wednesday, Jan. 13 at 6 p.m.
- There are five proposed DRC closures for Friday, Jan. 15 with the governor's office for concurrence.
- All DRCs will be closed on Monday, Jan. 18 for Martin Luther King Jr., Day.
- The registration deadline passed on Jan. 4. There have been more than 575 late registrations. They are handled on a case-by-case basis.

Mitigation

- The NFIP has received 5,075 claims to-date and closed 4,466. Nearly \$110 million has been paid in claims.
- Hazard Performance Analysis completed site visits in Charleston and Richland counties.

FEMA External Affairs Operations

Congressional Affairs

- Congressional Affairs will host a conference call with the South Carolina delegation on January 12. PA branch director and coastal engineers will provide an overview of beach restoration and the PA program.

Tomorrow, Jan. 12

Time	Event	Lead Organization
2:00 p.m.	Congressional Conference Call	EA

Wednesday, Jan. 13

Time	Event	Lead Organization
3:00 p.m.	EA Hot Wash	EA

"We're very hopeful and God has just surrounded us with friends and strangers who have helped us immensely," says Cynthia Pierce, Midlands disaster survivor.

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ISSUES

- Opponents of a hotly debated sewer project for Lower Richland County say they're angered by the recent way the county is getting word out about it. The group 'Hopkins and Lower Richland Citizens United' is fiercely against the project. Members have also filed a lawsuit against the county over it.

PRODUCTS

FEMA

Press Releases:

- NR 069 [Help Remains Available After Disaster Recovery Center Closes in Lake City](#) (1/11/16)
- NR 068 [Help Remains Available After Disaster Recovery Center Closes in Columbia](#) (1/11/16)
- NR 067 [Helps Remains Available After Disaster Recover Center Closes in Eastover, Gadsden](#) (1/6/16)
- NR 066 [Help Remains Available After Disaster Recovery Center Closes in Berkeley](#) (1/6/16)
- NR 065 [3 Months After Flooding Federal Assistance to South Carolina Continues](#) (1/5/15)

Small Business Administration

Press Releases:

- SC 14495/14496 SBA Opens Business Recovery Center in Horry County (10/19/15)
- SC 14495/14496 SBA Opens Business Recovery Center in Richland County; Newberry County added to the D

Declaration (10/16/15)
