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Hurricane Joaquin #1

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COLUMBIA, S.C. (Wednesday, September 30, 2015, 4:55 p.m.) - The South Carolina Emergency Management Division is paying close attention to Hurricane Joaquin, and as a result of the storm's projected movement, key agencies in South Carolina government have been notified to be ready to respond if the need arises.

"There's a lot of uncertainty in the forecasts from the National Hurricane Center. We are preparing for the possibility that this storm could affect South Carolina, we're asking residents to do the same," SCEMD Director Kim Stenson said.

People in potentially vulnerable areas should review their plans and consider actions to take if the storm threatens the state:

- Be sure your emergency supplies kit has enough bottled water and non-perishable food to sustain each family member for three to seven days. Include a weather radio, flashlight, extra batteries, toiletries, change of clothes, blankets or sleeping bag, rain gear and appropriate footwear. Also include copies of important documents, such as birth certificates and insurance policies.
- Plan for your pets. Gather supplies for your pet and put them in an easily-accessible container.
- Determine if you are in a flood plain or flood-prone area.
- Know evacuation routes for your area. Pay attention to emergency warnings and evacuate if instructed to do so. Visit www.scemd.org/KnowYourZone for more information.
- Stay tuned to local news for the latest advisories from the National Weather Service and National Hurricane Center (NHC), as well as state and local emergency management officials.
- Follow trusted and verified social media feeds for information, such as @SCEMD and @NHC_Atlantic.

A copy of the **2015 S.C. Hurricane Guide** is available at all state welcome centers along South Carolina interstates, Walgreen's stores and for download on SCEMD's website at scemd.org.

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