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National Guard can continue restoration after Haley signs order

COLUMBIA — Gov. Nikki Haley is keeping the National Guard on active duty through Nov. 25 so units can continue helping local governments make emergency repairs.

Haley signed an order Friday allowing National Guardsmen to keep working, primarily in the capital city of Columbia and rural Clarendon County.

The governor's office says officials of those local governments requested the continued assistance. Guardsmen are needed to repair impassable roads in Clarendon County and help with breached dams at the Columbia Canal.

According to the state Department of Transportation, more than half of the 99 roads still closed nearly a month after a catastrophic storm are in hard-hit Richland and Clarendon counties.

Haley signed a state of emergency declaration in the days leading up to the Oct. 2-5 rainstorm, which dumped up to two feet of rain in some parts of the state. She signed a second state of emergency Oct. 15 that expires Friday. That applied to the 20 counties declared disaster areas by President Barack Obama.

Since the flooding began, the National Guard has completed 350 missions statewide, 125 of them involving road repairs. Others include leading helicopter, boat, and high-water vehicle rescues, transporting meals, water, and sandbags, and conducting security and traffic checkpoints.

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The state Department of Social Services, which is under orders from lawmakers to hire more caseworkers to help abused children, also has added several executive positions under the agency's new director and now has 18 employees making \$100,000 or more a year.

The agency provided the information to The Greenville News following a state Freedom of Information Act request.

DSS Director Susan Alford, who was hired by Gov. Nikki Haley last December, told members of the Senate DSS Oversight Subcommittee in late August that she is trying to modernize and reorganize the agency, which she said she found understaffed and spread too thin when she arrived.

"DSS is an agency that is recovering from a decade of budget cuts and other issues regarding its organizational structure," she explained then. "We suffer not only from a lack of resources in the department but we also have spread our functions and responsibilities across the department to the

degree that it has really interfered with good accountability."

Alford has hired a number of executives since taking office, some into new positions and some into vacant positions or modified positions. The agency employs about 3,800 workers.

The agency now has 18 staff earning \$100,000 or more a year, according to DSS and the state's salary database.

Alford's annual salary is \$159,130.

After a series of legislative hearings and a stinging audit last year prior to Alford's arrival concerning the agency's handling of child abuse and neglect cases, lawmakers provided more money so DSS could hire hundreds of new caseworkers and staff to lower caseloads.

Lawmakers authorized the hiring of 177 more staff in the current budget year and DSS has asked for \$32.6 million in next year's budget, including money to hire 157 addi-

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tional staff. Wingo said 146 of the 177 positions have been filled.

The agency currently operates at a budget of \$692 million, but only about \$133 million of that comes from the state's General Fund, according to legislative budget records. Most of the agency's budget comes from the federal government.

Lawmakers have registered concerns in the past about the hiring of supervisors along with caseworkers because they want the focus to be on lowering caseloads. Some caseworkers still handle 50 or more children each, and a handful handle 100 or more. The agency has set a goal of no more than 24 children per worker.

Sen. Tom Young, an Aiken Republican and chairman of the Senate Oversight Subcommittee, said the panel will address the salary issue at its next meeting.

"The testimony that we have received is that we need more caseworkers on the front lines to re-

duce caseloads," he said. "While it appears that the agency is making progress and 56 substandard day cares have recently been closed, this new management salary information is troubling in view of the agency's most recent budget request. Again, we will get to the bottom of it."

However, Sen. Joel Lourie, a Columbia Democrat on the panel, said legislators need to give Alford time to manage the agency. He said it is easy to criticize any agency director for adding executive positions.

"At the end of the day, what I am most concerned with is results," he said. "I think if she was coming in and making administrative requests but not adding caseworkers, I think all of us would be blowing a gasket right now. But the bulk of her requests, the significant majority of her requests, the money is going to add caseworkers and bring down caseloads. If there are some layers of management that are missing to help the agency run

more efficiently, I think we owe her that consideration."

Sen. Katrina Shealy, a Lexington County Republican who sits on the panel, said lawmakers are hoping Alford can better organize the agency.

"I think we have to give her that chance to do what she thinks is the best thing," she said. "I'm not going to question what she's done there until I see the outcome. I think we need more caseworkers. I don't think we need more supervisors."

Shealy said the agency has struggled with keeping caseworkers. The agency's turnover rate last year was 39 percent, which has dropped this year.

"We need to be working on that harder than making new positions," she said. "I don't want to tell her how to run the agency because I'm not there on a day-to-day basis. But what I would say is we need to look more at boots on the ground instead of people in supervisory positions."

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Gowdy, Mulvaney to take listeners' calls on local radio station



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Naval brig outside Charleston, Kansas fort and Colorado prison studied as possible sites to hold detainees

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When U.S. Sen. Tim Scott visited the Guantanamo Bay military prison in Cuba last month, he left with one overarching impression: The U.S. has found and created "the only location on Earth" secure enough to hold suspected terrorists.

"You walk away realizing that the world's worst terrorists are housed at a location that is isolated by an ocean, mountains



Scott

and deserts, and the deserts have old Cuban landmines," said the S.C. Republican from North Charleston. "So the enemy combatants are safer, the soldiers are safer, and anyone who wants to come rescue anybody has to go through those three major barriers."

For nearly eight years, Democratic President Barack Obama has pledged — without success — to close the Guantanamo Bay facility. It costs too much to operate and could be a recruiting tool for jihadists, Obama says.

Now, with little more than a year left in office, some worry that Obama might use an executive order to get around Congress — a move that could possibly move the detainees to a naval facility outside Charleston.

The Pentagon has scouted the U.S. Naval Consolidated Brig in Hanahan as a potential new home for the detainees. The facility is five miles from North Charleston.

The Pentagon also surveyed other domestic sites for "Guantanamo North," including the Disciplinary Barracks in Fort Leavenworth, Kan., and the country's highest-security prison, the Federal Correctional Complex in Florence, Colo., dubbed the "Alcatraz of the Rockies."

Few doubt the domestic facilities under consideration are capable of securing the detainees, many of whom never have been charged with a crime. But critics worry that having them in the United States could attract sympathizers and create imminent danger by making nearby communities a target. Charleston, for example, is a national tourist destination with a metropolitan population of almost 700,000.

It is a slap in the face to the people of South Carolina who have sacrificed so much for this country to turn around and say you're going to put these terrorists in our backyard," S.C. Gov. Nikki Haley, a Republican, said when the Pentagon announced plans to review the naval brig in August.

Human rights groups also oppose the transfer of detainees to the United States but for different reasons. Groups such as Human Rights Watch and Amnesty International, who long have called the detentions at Guantanamo a violation of international law, say transferring the detainees could worsen their existing conditions.

Holding the detainees indefinitely, without charge or trial, is the real problem, Human Rights Watch executive director Kenneth Roth said in a letter to the president last month. Transferring them to U.S. prisons would just "entrench a system of indef-

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inite detention on U.S. soil that may be used by future administrations," he wrote.

'UNLAWFUL AND ENDANGER ALL SOUTH CAROLINIANS'

A long-awaited Pentagon report to Congress outlining a plan to close Guantanamo was supposed to be released in the second week of November. But it has been delayed for more revisions.

Congress passed a \$607 billion bipartisan defense policy bill earlier this month that bans moving detainees into the United States. The White House has said the president will sign the

bill. And, in previous years, Obama also has signed bills with similar restrictions, but included a statement objecting to those provisions.

"The administration's time would be better spent on a plan to defeat ISIS than on one to move terrorist detainees to our homeland," House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., said in a statement Wednesday, joining critics who say the president has an obligation to drop campaign promises that endanger homeland security.

Any decision to select the Charleston naval brig or another location in the continental Unit-

ed States would require a long-shot approval from Congress.

But some fear Obama could attempt to close the prison by executive order.

"I am very concerned that the president is moving in the direction of giving us hints that he's going to create an executive order, which is in no one's best interest," Scott said.

In recent weeks, the White House has indicated Obama might use executive action to get around the congressional ban on spending federal money to move the detainees.

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GUANTANAMO BAY

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Nothing says "America" like "Shoo, huddled masses! Move along!"

This has been a bad week for parody.

Governors and candidates on the right of the aisle have been falling over themselves to see who can take a more hard-line stance against ... refugees fleeing Syria's civil war. Twenty-six governors – including South Carolina's own Nikki Haley – have made statements opposing letting refugees pass their borders.

Gov. Chris Christie vowed that he would oppose letting even "3-year-old orphans" come to New Jersey. Apparently Christie has been replaced with a Dickens villain.

When you are taking a hard-line stance against 3-year-old orphans, you can feel confident that you are on the right side of history. We all know of those many tales of terrorists sneaking into places disguised as 3-year-olds.

But this is not even the most cartoonishly awful remark someone has made about admitting refugees. The mayor of Roanoke, Va., cited internment of Japanese Americans as a positive example of what to do.

When you are citing

internment – a hideous black spot on America's record for which the entire page in my history textbook was just a groveling apology and a picture of the Statue of Liberty looking sad – with approval, you have passed the point of parody. The mayor noted that the threat "now is just as real and serious as that from our enemies then," which is true – but not the way he means.

And don't forget Donald Trump, who keeps inveighing against the prospect of bringing 250,000 Syrian refugees to America. Good news, Donald: *No one advocated this at any point, ever. This is a number you made up.*

If the Trump campaign has taught us anything, it is that you no longer need to be low-key about your xenophobia. You can just go straight out and say "Move along! You're not welcome here."

And then of course there's Ted Cruz and Jeb(!), proposing religious litmus tests for who gets to come to safety (Christians only!) – a strategy that has historically been not associated with anything awful, of course.

Once more, with feeling: We are only supposed

to be admitting 10,000 Syrian refugees, and only 2 percent of them are males of military age. And they're undergoing a vetting process that takes 18 months – 18 months! And of the so-far-identified Paris attackers, all were European nationals.

I am not saying that bringing refugees to America is the only possible solution – or even that it is bad to want to have a solid vetting process in place for the refugees we do admit, since it is harder to do background checks on those fleeing a regime that is not going to be cooperative about sharing documents.

But do we have to be so cartoonishly awful about it? Can't we stand by the principle of being open and welcoming instead of standing up against 3-year-olds and praising internment?

Ah, America, as Emma Lazarus wrote, "that gated community where none may penetrate."

This isn't funny any more.



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

NO SYRIAN REFUGEES IN YORK COUNTY

Even before the terrorist attack in Paris, GPS Conservatives for Action and the Fort Oak Initiative have been working with our York County Council to put a stop to the Syrian refugees coming into our county.

Two other counties, Berkeley and Pickens, already passed resolutions asking Gov. Nikki Haley to stop the flow of Syrian refugees into their counties and into our state. The Greenville County Council plans to take up a similar resolution.

It is tragedy what is happening to the Syrian people trying to get away from this hell from ISIS and the civil war, which has killed hundreds of thousands of people. My prayers are with these refugees to find peace and a better way of life.

Our major concern is our own safety; the refugees can't be properly vetted, since there is no real government in Syria. Europe is a mess, as we have all seen and read that millions of people are moving to Europe in the largest mass exodus since World War II. What will happen to European culture and way of life?

Paris is burning and we need to be diligent to make sure we are not next. ISIS has a big target on the United States.

I ask you all to pray for the victims and their families in France. We ask the York County Council to support Bruce Henderson's resolution not to allow the Syrian refugees to come to York County.

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South Carolina's public health agency could fine three abortion clinics and two waste disposal companies nearly \$51,000 for violations concerning the disposal of fetuses.

The proposed fines range from \$2,200 to \$21,150 for violating state disposal regulations, Department of Health and Environmental Control Director Catherine Heigel told a House panel Thursday.

They are the latest fines stemming from an investigation requested by Gov. Nikki Haley in August. The request followed the release of secretly taped videos showing Planned Parenthood officials in other states discussing the collection of fetal organs for research.

Less than a month later, DHEC suspended the licenses of two of the state's three abortion clinics and fined them a combined \$10,250. The threatened closures marked a first for the agency. Ultimately, sanctions were lifted and neither clinic had to close.

Violations cited in the five consent orders dated Friday include paperwork

issues and fetuses being sterilized with steam and taken to a landfill, rather than incinerated as required by law – issues also cited in the clinics' suspensions.

The lowest proposed fine is against the Charleston Women's Medical Center – not among the clinics suspended – for not accurately reporting the amount of waste it generates on its registration renewal.

The orders give 30 days to pay a fine, but they note the amounts are under discussion.

GOP Rep. Gary Clary, chairman of the House Oversight panel, applauded Heigel for "tightening up" on inspections. His committee launched its own investigation into Planned Parenthood following the videos' release. Republican legislators have criticized DHEC as being too lax with the abortion clinics.

A report released by the Legislative Audit Council in May found the agency hadn't consistently inspected the clinics as required by law and had imposed no penalties for violations, with the exception of an

expired license.

Heigel, who took the DHEC's helm a month later, said Thursday the agency has better trained staff and changed how inspections are conducted, including joint inspections by the agency's infectious waste and health divisions.

"We are substantially better positioned to effectively regulate these facilities," she said. "At the end of the day, our role as regulator is to protect the health and safety of patients who use these facilities."

Rep. James Smith, D-Columbia, said the investigations have found nothing illegal or even close to the allegations that prompted the Oversight Committee to launch its own review.

"They've raised their level of scrutiny," Smith said of DHEC after Heigel's arrival. "But the bottom line is, not one iota of what was alleged has been proven true."

As for the Sept. 11 suspension orders, DHEC lifted sanctions Sept. 28 against the Greenville Women's Clinic after it addressed its six violations, paid a \$2,750

fine and submitted proof of staff training. Planned Parenthood paid a \$7,500 penalty for 21 cited violations and submitted correction plans by the Sept. 28

deadline but asked DHEC to reconsider some of the violations, putting the suspension on hold. The cited violations included incomplete staff records and abortions performed sooner than 60 minutes after an ultrasound.

DHEC cleared Planned Parenthood's Columbia clinic on Nov. 6, and the organization withdrew its request, Heigel said.

Representatives of neither the clinics nor the disposal companies immediately returned requests for comment.

Of the three abortion clinics in South Carolina, Planned Parenthood operates only the one in Columbia.

Planned Parenthood officials have repeatedly said none of the organization's clinics in the South Atlantic region – which includes the Carolinas, West Virginia and much of Virginia – participates in fetal tissue collection.