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Hurricane Joaquin

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South Carolina Governor Declares State of Emergency

COLUMBIA, S.C. (Thursday, October 1, 2015, 6:25 p.m.) – Governor Nikki Haley has declared a State of Emergency in advance of any potential impacts from Hurricane Joaquin and flooding from a separate weather system. The Governor's State of Emergency declaration puts state emergency plans into effect, enabling agencies to better coordinate resources jointly and respond to requests for state assistance from county emergency managers.

Hurricane Joaquin is currently a category four hurricane with an uncertain track. The storm could bring dangerous rip currents, higher tides and additional rain to the coastal areas already experiencing flood conditions. Forecasters with the National Weather Service predict that heavy rain from a separate weather system will create flash flood conditions throughout the entire state.

Everyone in South Carolina is urged to continue to monitor the developing forecasts through news media and by following trusted sources online. Pay attention to emergency warnings from local and state public safety officials and take safety actions if instructed to do so.

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