



State of South Carolina  
Office of the Governor

NIKKI R. HALEY  
GOVERNOR

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COLUMBIA 29201

January 6, 2017

Mr. George Cleveland  
Inmate No. 357770  
Evans Correctional Institute  
640 Highway 9 West  
Bennettsville, South Carolina 29512

Dear Mr. Cleveland,

Our office received your Freedom of Information Act request for “the letter sent to President Obama requesting an emergency declaration for parts of South Carolina during the State of Emergency in the early part of October of 2016 for Hurricane Matthew and any and all responses from the White House regarding Gov. Haley’s request.”

Enclosed are records responsive to your request. Due to the low volume of records, our office will not charge for the costs associated with producing the request as is allowed pursuant to Section 30-4-30(b) of the South Carolina Code of Laws.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richele K. Taylor" followed by a stylized monogram.

Richele K. Taylor  
Chief Legal Counsel

Enclosures

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY  
 FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY  
**REQUEST FOR PRESIDENTIAL DISASTER DECLARATION**  
**MAJOR DISASTER OR EMERGENCY**

OMB No. 1660-0009 Expires March 31, 2015

1. Request Date Oct 3, 2016

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3. Governor's or Tribal Chief Executive's Name Nikki R. Haley	4. Designation of State or Tribal Coordinating Officer upon declaration (if available) and phone number Kim Stenson, Emergency Management Director, (803) 737-8566
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5. Designation of Governor's Authorized Representative or Tribal Chief Executive Representative upon declaration (if available) and phone number  
 Kim Stenson, Emergency Management Director, (803) 737-8566

6. Declaration Request For:     Major Disaster (Stafford Act Sec. 401)     Emergency (Stafford Act Sec. 501(a))

7. Incident Period:    Beginning Date    End Date    or     Continuing    *If requesting a "continuing" incident period, enclose an official statement from a qualified Federal Government agency acknowledged as a national authority in a specific incident field (e.g., United States Geological Survey for seismic incidents, the National Weather Service for flooding).*

7b. Type of Incident (Check all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Drought	<input type="checkbox"/> Earthquake	<input type="checkbox"/> Explosion	<input type="checkbox"/> Fire	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Flood	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hurricane	<input type="checkbox"/> Landslide	<input type="checkbox"/> Mudslide
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Severe Storm <small>(rain, high water, wind-driven rain, hail, lightning)</small>	<input type="checkbox"/> Snowstorm <small>(Must include Enclosure D Historic and Current Snowfall Data)</small>	<input type="checkbox"/> Straight-Line Winds					
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8. Description of damages (Short description of impacts of disaster on affected area and population). Include additional details in enclosed Governor's or Tribal Chief Executive's cover letter.  
 I request that you declare an emergency declaration for the State of South Carolina to support response operations in anticipation of Hurricane Matthew. The entire state is threatened by the potential effects of Hurricane Matthew as it is currently forecast.

9. Description of the nature and amount of State and local or Indian tribal government resources which have been or will be committed. Include additional details in enclosed Governor's or Tribal Chief Executive's cover letter.  
 Under state law, I directed the execution of the State Emergency Operations Plan on October 3, 2016, as well as declared a State of Emergency to exist throughout the State of South Carolina in accordance with Section 501 (a) of the Stafford Act. Dozens of state agencies and voluntary organizations are engaged in preparedness and response activities in anticipation of the historic rainfall.

10. Joint Preliminary Damage Assessment\*

Individual Assistance    Dates Performed    Requested \_\_\_\_\_    Start \_\_\_\_\_    End \_\_\_\_\_

Individual Assistance Accessibility Problems (Areas that could not be accessed, and why)

Public Assistance    Dates Performed    Requested \_\_\_\_\_    Start \_\_\_\_\_    End \_\_\_\_\_

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11. Programs and Areas Requested

Individual Assistance     N/A     Individuals and Households Program     Crisis Counseling Program     Disaster Unemployment Assistance  
 All     Disaster Case Management     Disaster Legal Services

For the following jurisdictions, specify programs and areas (counties, parishes, independent cities, for Indian tribal government, list tribe(s) and/or tribal area(s)) If additional space is needed, please enclose additional documentation).

N/A

For States, identify Federally-recognized Tribes in the requested counties (if applicable).

Please see Enclosure A: Supplemental Information for Individual Assistance for additional information in support of this request\*.

\*Not Required for Emergency Declaration Request

**11. Programs and Areas Requested (Continued)**

Public Assistance     N/A     Debris Removal (Category A)     Emergency Protective Measures (Category B)     Permanent Work (Categories C-G)\*  
(not available for Emergency Declaration Requests)

For the following jurisdictions, specify programs and areas (counties, parishes, independent cities; for Indian tribal government, list tribe(s) and/or tribal area(s)). If additional space is needed or your request includes different categories of work for different jurisdictions; please enclose additional documentation.

Abbeville, Aiken, Allendale, Anderson, Bamberg, Barnwell, Beaufort, Berkeley, Calhoun, Charleston, Cherokee, Chester, Chesterfield, Clarendon, Colleton, Darlington, Dillon, Dorchester, Edgefield, Fairfield, Florence, Georgetown, Greenville, Greenwood, Hampton, Horry, Jasper, Kershaw, Lancaster, Laurens, Lee, Lexington, Marion, Marlboro, McCormick, Newberry, Oconee, Orangeburg, Pickens, Richland, Saluda, Spartanburg, Sumter, Union, Williamsburg, York

For States, identify Federally-recognized Tribes included in the requested counties (if applicable).  
 Catawba Nation

Please see **Enclosure B: Supplemental Information for Public Assistance** for additional information in support of this request\*.

**Indemnification for Debris Removal Activity**

I do not anticipate the need for debris removal.

I anticipate the need for debris removal, which poses an immediate threat to lives, public health and safety. Pursuant to Sections 403 and 407 of the Stafford Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5170b & 5173, the State or Indian tribal government agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the United States of America for any claims arising from the removal of debris or wreckage for this disaster. The State or Indian tribal government agrees that debris removal from public and private property will not occur until the landowner signs an unconditional authorization for the removal of debris.

**Request for Direct Federal Assistance**

I do not request direct Federal assistance at this time.

I request direct Federal assistance for work and services to save lives and protect property, and:

a. I request the following type(s) of assistance:

We are requesting Direct Federal Assistance in the forms of an Incident Management Assistance Team, ground transportation management assistance, air transportation support, medical evacuation transportation, generators (to provide for the energy needs of critical facilities and associated operations in the impacted area after the storm), water and food operations, mass care technical and logistical support, search and rescue (inland areas not under the Coast Guard's jurisdictions), swift water rescue, and debris removal to support response and initial recovery operations in the impacted areas.

b. List of reasons why State and local or Indian tribal government cannot perform, or contract for, required work and services.

The immediate need for life saving and life sustaining resources exceeds the capacity that exists within local and state resources. Such valuable assets as transportation support and swift water rescue teams are likely to be needed on a scale not available within the state.

c. In accordance with 44 C.F.R. § 206.208, the State or Indian tribal government agrees that it will, with respect to direct Federal assistance: (1) Provide without cost to the United States all lands, easements, and rights-of-ways necessary to accomplish the approved work; (2) Hold and save the United States free from damages due to the requested work, and shall indemnify the Federal Government against any claims arising from such work; (3) Provide reimbursement to FEMA for the non-Federal share of the cost of such work in accordance with the provisions of the FEMA-State or FEMA-Tribe Agreement; and (4) Assist the performing Federal agency in all support and local jurisdictional matters.

**Request for Snow Assistance**

N/A     I request snow assistance.

Snow assistance for the following jurisdictions (Specify counties, independent cities or tribes and/or tribal areas).

Please see **Enclosure D: Historic and Current Snowfall Data** for additional information in support of this request\*.

\*Not Required for Emergency Declaration Request

11. Programs and Areas Requested (Continued)

Hazard Mitigation\*  Statewide OR

For the following specific counties, parishes, independent cities or tribes and/or tribal areas.

12. Mitigation Plan Information\*

a. Mitigation Plan Expiration Date October 2018 b. Type of Plan  Enhanced  Standard

13. Other Federal Agency Programs

I do not anticipate requirements from Other Federal Agencies  I do anticipate requirements from Other Federal Agencies

Please see Enclosure C: Requirements for Other Federal Agency Programs for additional information in support of this request\*

14. Findings and Certifications

I certify the following:

a. I have determined that this incident is of such severity and magnitude that effective response is beyond the capabilities of the State and the affected local government or Indian tribal government and that supplementary federal assistance is necessary.

b. In response to this incident, I have taken appropriate action under State or tribal law and have directed the execution of the State or Tribal Emergency Plan on Oct 3, 2016 in accordance with the Stafford Act.

c. The State and local governments, or Indian tribal government will assume all applicable non-Federal share of costs required by the Stafford Act.

15. List of Enclosures and Supporting Documentation

Cover Letter  Enclosure A (Individual Assistance)\*  Enclosure B (Public Assistance)\*  
 Enclosure C (Requirements for Other Federal Agency Programs)  Enclosure D (Historic and Current Snowfall Data)  
 Additional Supporting Documentation National Weather Service Hurricane Center Forecast ; HAZUS predictive modeling

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Governor's or Tribal Chief Executive's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

If anyone except the Governor or Tribal Chief Executive signs this document, please provide the documentation that establishes that this individual has the legal authority to act on behalf of the Governor or Tribal Chief Executive.

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7b. Type of Incident (Check all that apply)

Drought  Earthquake  Explosion  Fire  Flood  Hurricane  Landslide  Mudslide

Severe Storm (rain, high water, wind-driven rain, hail, lightning)  Snowstorm (Must include Enclosure D: Historic and Current Snowfall Data)  Straight-Line Winds

Tidal Wave  Tornado  Tropical Depression  Tropical Storm  Tsunami  Volcanic Eruption  Winter Storm

Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

8. Description of damages (Short description of impacts of disaster on affected area and population). Include additional details in enclosed Governor's or Tribal Chief Executive's cover letter.  
I request that you declare an expedited major disaster declaration for the State of South Carolina to support response and recovery operations for Hurricane Matthew. The areas affected by this disaster include Beaufort, Berkeley, Charleston, Colleton, Darlington, Dillon, Dorchester, Florence, Georgetown, Horry, Jasper, Marion, and Williamsburg counties.

9. Description of the nature and amount of State and local or Indian tribal government resources which have been or will be committed. Include additional details in enclosed Governor's or Tribal Chief Executive's cover letter.  
Under state law, I directed the execution of the State Emergency Operations Plan on October 3, 2016, as well as declared a State of Emergency to exist throughout the State of South Carolina in accordance with Section 501 (a) of the Stafford Act. Dozens of state agencies and voluntary organizations are engaged in response and initial recovery activities in response to the damage caused by Hurricane Matthew.

10. Joint Preliminary Damage Assessment\*

Individual Assistance    Dates Performed    Requested 201610-09    Start 201610-11    End \_\_\_\_\_

Individual Assistance Accessibility Problems (Areas that could not be accessed, and why)

Public Assistance    Dates Performed    Requested 201610-09    Start 201610-11    End \_\_\_\_\_

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11. Programs and Areas Requested

Individual Assistance     N/A     Individuals and Households Program     Crisis Counseling Program     Disaster Unemployment Assistance  
 All     Disaster Case Management     Disaster Legal Services

For the following jurisdictions, specify programs and areas (counties, parishes, independent cities; for Indian tribal government, list tribe(s) and/or tribal area(s)) If additional space is needed, please enclose additional documentation.

The State of South Carolina is requesting all Individuals and Households programs for Beaufort, Berkeley, Charleston, Colleton, Darlington, Dillon, Dorchester, Florence, Georgetown, Horry, Jasper, Marion, and Williamsburg counties.

For States, identify Federally-recognized Tribes in the requested counties (if applicable).

Please see Enclosure A: Supplemental Information for Individual Assistance for additional information in support of this request\*.

\*Not Required for Emergency Declaration Request

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Public Assistance     N/A     Debris Removal (Category A)     Emergency Protective Measures (Category B)     Permanent Work (Categories C-G)\*  
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Beaufort, Berkeley, Charleston, Colleton, Darlington, Dillon, Dorchester, Florence, Georgetown, Horry, Jasper, Marion, and Williamsburg counties

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**Indemnification for Debris Removal Activity**

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**Request for Direct Federal Assistance**

I do not request direct Federal assistance at this time.

I request direct Federal assistance for work and services to save lives and protect property, and:

a. I request the following type(s) of assistance.

We are requesting Direct Federal Assistance in the forms of an Incident Management Assistance Team, ground transportation management assistance, air transportation support, medical evacuation transportation, generators (to provide for the energy needs of critical facilities and associated operations in the impacted area after the storm), water and food operations, mass care technical and logistical support, search and rescue (inland areas not under the Coast Guard's jurisdictions), swift water rescue, and debris removal to support response and initial recovery operations in the impacted areas.

b. List of reasons why State and local or Indian tribal government cannot perform, or contract for, required work and services.

The immediate need for life saving and life sustaining resources exceeds the capacity that exists within local and state resources. Such valuable assets as transportation support and swift water rescue teams are likely to be needed on a scale not available within the state.

c. In accordance with 44 C.F.R. § 206.208, the State or Indian tribal government agrees that it will, with respect to direct Federal assistance: (1) Provide without cost to the United States all lands, easements, and rights-of-ways necessary to accomplish the approved work; (2) Hold and save the United States free from damages due to the requested work, and shall indemnify the Federal Government against any claims arising from such work; (3) Provide reimbursement to FEMA for the non-Federal share of the cost of such work in accordance with the provisions of the FEMA-State or FEMA-Tribe Agreement; and (4) Assist the performing Federal agency in all support and local jurisdictional matters.

**Request for Snow Assistance**

N/A     I request snow assistance.

Snow assistance for the following jurisdictions (Specify counties, independent cities or tribes and/or tribal areas).

Please see Enclosure D: Historic and Current Snowfall Data for additional information in support of this request\*.

\*Not Required for Emergency Declaration Request

11. Programs and Areas Requested (Continued)

Hazard Mitigation\*  Statewide OR

For the following specific counties, parishes, independent cities or tribes and/or tribal areas.

12. Mitigation Plan Information\*

a. Mitigation Plan Expiration Date 10/18/18 b. Type of Plan  Enhanced  Standard

13. Other Federal Agency Programs

I do not anticipate requirements from Other Federal Agencies  I do anticipate requirements from Other Federal Agencies

Please see Enclosure C: Requirements for Other Federal Agency Programs for additional information in support of this request\*.

14. Findings and Certifications

I certify the following:

a. I have determined that this incident is of such severity and magnitude that effective response is beyond the capabilities of the State and the affected local government or Indian tribal government and that supplementary federal assistance is necessary.

b. In response to this incident, I have taken appropriate action under State or tribal law and have directed the execution of the State or Tribal Emergency Plan on Oct 3, 2016 in accordance with the Stafford Act.

c. The State and local governments, or Indian tribal government will assume all applicable non-Federal share of costs required by the Stafford Act.

15. List of Enclosures and Supporting Documentation

- Cover Letter  Enclosure A (Individual Assistance)\*  Enclosure B (Public Assistance)\*  
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Date

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October 10, 2016

The Honorable Barack Obama  
The President  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Via: Ms. Gracia Szczech  
Regional Administrator, Region IV  
Federal Emergency Management Agency  
3003 Chamblee Tucker Road  
Atlanta, Georgia 30341

Dear President Obama,

Under the provisions of Section 501 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5121-5207 (Stafford Act), and implemented by 44 CFR § 206.35, I request that you declare an expedited major disaster for the State of South Carolina as a result of the devastating effects of Hurricane Matthew. In addition to providing information below, I have enclosed South Carolina's Request for Presidential Disaster Declaration Major Disaster or Emergency.

In response to the situation, I consulted with the impacted counties, took appropriate action under state law, and directed the execution of the State Emergency Operations Plan on October 4, 2016. I also declared a State of Emergency to exist for the State of South Carolina in accordance with Section 501 (a) of the Stafford Act. An emergency disaster declaration was granted on October 4, 2016, and was limited to Direct Federal Assistance. However, I have determined that this incident is of such severity and magnitude that effective response exceeds the capability of the State and impacted local governments, and that further supplemental Federal assistance is required. Therefore, I am requesting Direct Federal Assistance and Public Assistance (Categories A-G) for Beaufort, Berkeley, Charleston, Colleton, Darlington, Dillon, Dorchester, Florence, Georgetown, Horry, Jasper, Marion, and Williamsburg counties, and Hazard Mitigation statewide. I further request 100% Federal funding for the first 72 hours for Direct Federal Assistance as well as Debris Removal and Emergency Protective Measures under the Public Assistance Program. I am requesting an incident period beginning October 4, 2016 and continuing. I am also requesting all Individual Assistance programs including the Individuals and Households Program, Disaster Unemployment Assistance, Crisis Counseling, Disaster Case

Management, Disaster Legal Services, and the Small Business Administration Disaster Loan Program for Beaufort, Berkeley, Charleston, Colleton, Darlington, Dillon, Dorchester, Florence, Georgetown, Horry, Jasper, Marion, and Williamsburg counties.

The below information describes actual and ongoing effects from Hurricane Matthew as reported by the National Weather Service, National Hurricane Center, United States Army Corps of Engineers, Federal Emergency Management Agency, the State of South Carolina, along with our counties and local jurisdictions.

On October 8, 2016, Hurricane Matthew made landfall near McClellanville, South Carolina as a Category 1 hurricane with maximum sustained winds of 75 mph, with gusts of up to 88 mph and tropical storm force winds for 12 hours extending inland to Pickens and Greenville counties in the upstate portion of our State. This hurricane has caused three fatalities to date, and brought associated surge ranging between 4 and 8 feet, and combined with record tide levels of nearly 13 feet in some areas, leaving several of the impacted areas with surge and tide associated inundation throughout coastal South Carolina. Rainfall totals associated with this storm range between 10 and 11 inches, resulting in extensive flooding and watersheds that threaten additional flooding. The following rivers continue to rise and will exceed flood stage this week as follows:

- The Waccamaw River is projected to crest in Horry County during the weekend of October 15<sup>th</sup>, at 17 feet. If this projection holds true, the Waccamaw will crest at 6 feet above flood stage.
- The Little Pee Dee River is projected to reach its crest today in Marion County at 13 feet: 9 feet above flood stage.

The combination of wind, current and projected flooding, as well as debris located on public and private property has resulted in extreme disruptions of public services and critical infrastructure, business interruption, and extensive damage to public and private property. It should also be noted that the vast majority of the areas impacted by Hurricane Matthew are still engaged in ongoing recovery efforts from the devastating floods of October 2015. Flood waters and wind caused damage to thousands of private homes, and businesses, and a total of 861,000 customers suffered power outages during and immediately after the storm. Over 500,000 customers continue to await power restoration. Debris continues to clog public rights of way and private property in widespread areas of our coastal communities and in concentrated areas through the midland portion of our State, and debris clearance and removal operations have begun.

The following information is furnished on the nature and amount of State and local resources that have been or will be used to alleviate the conditions of this emergency:

1. The State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) activated all Emergency Support Functions as of October 5, 2016. The SEOC continues the following actions: monitor unmet needs, and coordinate and provide resources to local and state agencies impacted by Hurricane Matthew. The SEOC continues to disseminate public information and guidance to safeguard citizens and property; respond to media inquiries; and coordinate with partner states aligned with our mutual aid compact for additional resources. The South Carolina Emergency Management Division (SCEMD) has encumbered nearly \$11 million in response to the event, and projected expenditures continue to increase.

October 10, 2016

2. It is estimated that 355,000 individuals evacuated from our coastal areas as a result of my evacuation order, with 77 total shelters in operation (including 7 shelters for special medical needs) occupied by 6,733 individuals at the height of the storm. The State also opened 3 pet shelters caring for an estimated 200 pets. Additionally, the South Carolina Food Bank Association has provided 84,862 pounds of food and 67,890 meals to affected populations, and the American Red Cross has served 20,000 meals and 10,000 snacks in addition to delivering 55,000 MREs to shelters. Voluntary agencies report that they are struggling to meet the demand of recently declared events along with the demands of multiple states impacted by Hurricane Matthew. In order to ensure the ongoing safety of the public, schools continue to be closed in Beaufort, Charleston, Colleton, Dorchester, and Hampton as well as County Government closures in Beaufort, Charleston, and Dorchester. Curfews are in effect for multiple counties.
3. The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) in coordination with State law enforcement agencies, municipal and county law enforcement agencies are managing evacuation routes and coordinating re-entry into evacuated zones of the State. SCDOT is also providing debris clearance and removal activities throughout the State.
4. The South Carolina National Guard in coordination with the SEOC has deployed over 2,400 troops to provide continuing public safety support and assist in providing security to the citizens of our State.
5. State Agencies, counties and municipalities are actively involved in debris removal and other activities to eliminate or lessen immediate threats to the public and are estimated quantities and expenditures are still pending.
6. Since this event is still unfolding, we anticipate additional requests for State and Federal resources to assist with responding to and recovering from riverine flooding projected to happen later this week.

I appreciate your review of this information as part of South Carolina's request that you declare an expedited major disaster for the State of South Carolina as a result of the devastating effects of Hurricane Matthew. I have designated Kim Stenson as the State Coordinating Officer for this event. He may be reached at 803-737-8566 or [kstenson@emd.sc.gov](mailto:kstenson@emd.sc.gov). He will work with the Federal Coordinating Officer and may provide additional justification on my behalf.

My very best,



Nikki R. Haley

Enclosures (3)

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**7b. Type of Incident (Check all that apply)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Drought   | <input type="checkbox"/> Earthquake   | <input type="checkbox"/> Explosion           | <input type="checkbox"/> Fire           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Flood    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hurricane | <input type="checkbox"/> Landslide    | <input type="checkbox"/> Mudslide |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Tidal Wave  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tornado   | <input type="checkbox"/> Tropical Depression | <input type="checkbox"/> Tropical Storm | <input type="checkbox"/> Tsunami             | <input type="checkbox"/> Volcanic Eruption    | <input type="checkbox"/> Winter Storm |                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) _____  |   |  |   |  |   |                                       |                                   |

8. Description of damages (Short description of impacts of disaster on affected area and population). Include additional details in enclosed Governor's or Tribal Chief Executive's cover letter.  
 I request that you declare an expedited major disaster declaration for the State of South Carolina to support response and recovery operations for Hurricane Matthew. The areas affected by this disaster include Beaufort, Berkeley, Charleston, Colleton, Darlington, Dillon, Dorchester, Florence, Georgetown, Horry, Jasper, Marion, and Williamsburg counties.

9. Description of the nature and amount of State and local or Indian tribal government resources which have been or will be committed. Include additional details in enclosed Governor's or Tribal Chief Executive's cover letter.  
 Under state law, I directed the execution of the State Emergency Operations Plan on October 4, 2016, as well as declared a State of Emergency to exist throughout the State of South Carolina in accordance with Section 501 (a) of the Stafford Act. Dozens of state agencies and voluntary organizations are engaged in response and initial recovery activities in response to the damage caused by Hurricane Matthew.

10. Joint Preliminary Damage Assessment\*

Individual Assistance    Dates Performed    Requested Oct 9, 2016    Start Oct 11, 2016    End \_\_\_\_\_

Individual Assistance Accessibility Problems (Areas that could not be accessed, and why)

Public Assistance    Dates Performed    Requested Oct 9, 2016    Start Oct 11, 2016    End \_\_\_\_\_

Public Assistance Accessibility Problems (Areas that could not be accessed, and why)

11. Programs and Areas Requested

Individual Assistance     N/A     Individuals and Households Program     Crisis Counseling Program     Disaster Unemployment Assistance Program  
 All     Disaster Case Management     Disaster Legal Services

For the following jurisdictions, specify programs and areas (counties, parishes, independent cities, for Indian tribal government, list tribe(s) and/or tribal area(s)) If additional space is needed, please enclose additional documentation).

The State of South Carolina is requesting all Individuals and Households programs for Beaufort, Berkeley, Charleston, Colleton, Darlington, Dillon, Dorchester, Florence, Georgetown, Horry, Jasper, Marion, and Williamsburg counties.

For States, identify Federally-recognized Tribes in the requested counties (if applicable).

Please see Enclosure A: Supplemental Information for Individual Assistance for additional information in support of this request\*.

\*Not Required for Emergency Declaration Request

**11. Programs and Areas Requested (Continued)**

Public Assistance     N/A     Debris Removal (Category A)     Emergency Protective Measures (Category B)     Permanent Work (Categories C-G)\*  
(not available for Emergency Declaration Requests)

For the following jurisdictions, specify programs and areas (counties, parishes, independent cities; for Indian tribal government, list tribe(s) and/or tribal area(s)). If additional space is needed or your request includes different categories of work for different jurisdictions, please enclose additional documentation.

Beaufort, Berkeley, Charleston, Colleton, Darlington, Dillon, Dorchester, Florence, Georgetown, Horry, Jasper, Marion, and Williamsburg counties.

For States, identify Federally-recognized Tribes included in the requested counties (if applicable).

Please see Enclosure B: Supplemental Information for Public Assistance for additional information in support of this request\*.

**Indemnification for Debris Removal Activity**

I do not anticipate the need for debris removal.

I anticipate the need for debris removal, which poses an immediate threat to lives, public health and safety. Pursuant to Sections 403 and 407 of the Stafford Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5170b & 5173, the State or Indian tribal government agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the United States of America for any claims arising from the removal of debris or wreckage for this disaster. The State or Indian tribal government agrees that debris removal from public and private property will not occur until the landowner signs an unconditional authorization for the removal of debris.

**Request for Direct Federal Assistance**

I do not request direct Federal assistance at this time.

I request direct Federal assistance for work and services to save lives and protect property, and:

a. I request the following type(s) of assistance:

We are requesting Direct Federal Assistance in the forms of an Incident Management Assistance Team, ground transportation management assistance, air transportation support, medical evacuation transportation, generators (to provide for the energy needs of critical facilities and associated operations in the impacted area after the storm), water and food operations, mass care technical and logistical support, search and rescue (inland areas not under the Coast Guard's jurisdictions), swift water rescue, and debris removal to support response and initial recovery operations in the impacted areas.

b. List of reasons why State and local or Indian tribal government cannot perform, or contract for, required work and services.

The immediate need for life saving and life sustaining resources exceeds the capacity that exists within local and state resources. Such valuable assets as transportation support and swift water rescue teams are likely to be needed on a scale not available within the state.

c. In accordance with 44 C.F.R. § 206.208, the State or Indian tribal government agrees that it will, with respect to direct Federal assistance: (1) Provide without cost to the United States all lands, easements, and rights-of-ways necessary to accomplish the approved work; (2) Hold and save the United States free from damages due to the requested work, and shall indemnify the Federal Government against any claims arising from such work; (3) Provide reimbursement to FEMA for the non-Federal share of the cost of such work in accordance with the provisions of the FEMA-State or FEMA-Tribe Agreement; and (4) Assist the performing Federal agency in all support and local jurisdictional matters.

**Request for Snow Assistance**

N/A     I request snow assistance.

Snow assistance for the following jurisdictions (Specify counties, independent cities or tribes and/or tribal areas).

Please see Enclosure D: Historic and Current Snowfall Data for additional information in support of this request\*.

\*Not Required for Emergency Declaration Request

11. Programs and Areas Requested (Continued)

Hazard Mitigation\*  Statewide OR

For the following specific counties, parishes, independent cities or tribes and/or tribal areas.

12. Mitigation Plan Information\*

a. Mitigation Plan Expiration Date 10/18/18 b. Type of Plan  Enhanced  Standard

13. Other Federal Agency Programs

I do not anticipate requirements from Other Federal Agencies  I do anticipate requirements from Other Federal Agencies

Please see Enclosure C: Requirements for Other Federal Agency Programs for additional information in support of this request\*.

14. Findings and Certifications

I certify the following:

a. I have determined that this incident is of such severity and magnitude that effective response is beyond the capabilities of the State and the affected local government or Indian tribal government and that supplementary federal assistance is necessary.

b. In response to this incident, I have taken appropriate action under State or tribal law and have directed the execution of the State or Tribal Emergency Plan on Oct 3, 2016 in accordance with the Stafford Act.

c. The State and local governments, or Indian tribal government will assume all applicable non-Federal share of costs required by the Stafford Act.

15. List of Enclosures and Supporting Documentation

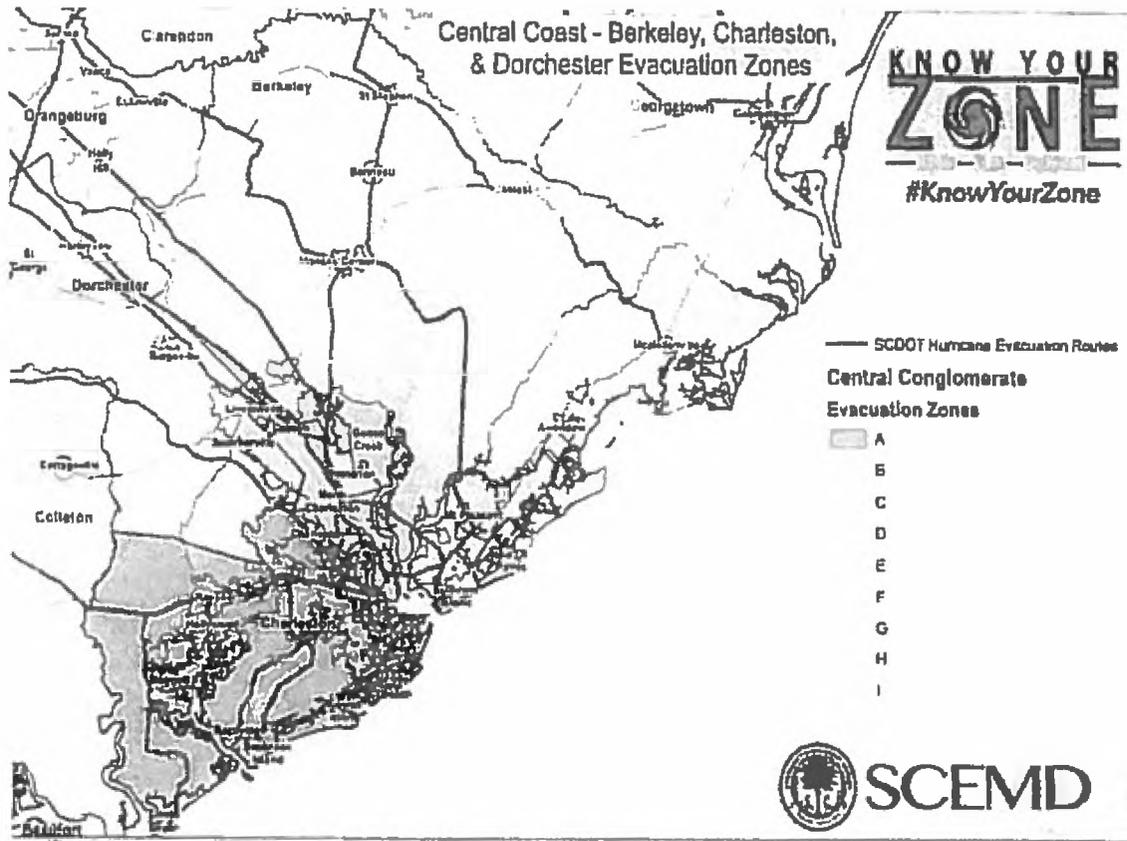
- Cover Letter  Enclosure A (Individual Assistance)\*  Enclosure B (Public Assistance)\*
- Enclosure C (Requirements for Other Federal Agency Programs)  Enclosure D (Historic and Current Snowfall Data)
- Additional Supporting Documentation \_\_\_\_\_

  
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 Governor's or Tribal Chief Executive's signature

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

If anyone except the Governor or Tribal Chief Executive signs this document, please provide the documentation that establishes that this individual has the legal authority to act on behalf of the Governor or Tribal Chief Executive.

\*Not Required for Emergency Declaration Request



SCDOT Hurricane Evacuation Routes  
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Executive Department

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OCT 04 2016

Mark Hammond  
SECRETARY OF STATE



Office of the Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO.

2016-26

WHEREAS, the National Hurricane Center has determined that the State of South Carolina may be vulnerable to the effects of Hurricane Matthew, currently a category 4 moving northwest towards South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, I have been advised that Hurricane Matthew, the heavy rain, and flash flooding may represent a threat to the safety, security, welfare and property of citizens and transients living in South Carolina, the preparation and response for which require assistance and support from the State.

NOW THEREFORE, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me as Governor, pursuant to the Constitution and Statutes of the State of South Carolina, effective at 7:30 AM, October 4, 2016, I hereby declare that a State of Emergency exists in South Carolina. I direct that the South Carolina Emergency Operations Plan be placed into effect. I direct that all prudent preparations be taken at the individual, local, and state levels to protect against the possible effects of Hurricane Matthew.

FURTHER, I hereby place specified units and/or personnel of the South Carolina National Guard on State Active Duty pursuant to my authority under Section 25-1-1640 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, and I will do so by directing the Adjutant General to issue supplemental orders. I further order the activation of the South Carolina National Guard personnel and utilization of appropriate equipment at the discretion of the Adjutant General and in coordination with the Director of the South Carolina Emergency Management Division, to take necessary and prudent actions to assist the citizens of this state.

I also order Dual Status Command to allow the Adjutant General or in his designee to serve as commander over both federal (Title 10) and state forces (National Guard in Title 32 and/or State Active Duty status) as necessary.

I further order that all licensing and registration requirements regarding private security personnel or companies who are contracted with South Carolina security companies in protecting property and restoring essential services in South Carolina be



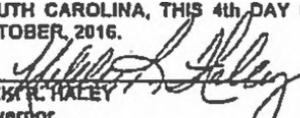
suspended, and State Law Enforcement Division (SLED) shall initiate an emergency registration process for those personnel or companies for a period specified, and in a manner deemed appropriate, by the Chief of SLED

I also note that the prohibitions against price gouging stated in Section 39-5-145 of the South Carolina Code of Laws are in effect due to the State of Emergency.

Further proclamations and regulations deemed necessary to insure the fullest protection of life and property during this state of emergency shall be issued orally by me and thereafter reduced to writing within the succeeding 24-hour period.



GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE  
GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA, THIS 4th DAY OF  
OCTOBER, 2016.

  
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NIKKI R. HALEY  
Governor

  
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MARK HAMMOND  
Secretary of State





**FEMA**

October 10, 2016

The Honorable Nikki R. Haley  
Governor of the State of South Carolina  
The Office of the Governor  
State House  
1205 Pendleton Street  
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Governor Haley:

This acknowledges receipt of your form and letter dated October 10, 2016, addressed to President Obama requesting an expedited major disaster declaration for the State of South Carolina as the result of the impacts of Hurricane Matthew beginning October 4, 2016 and continuing.

You specifically request the implementation of Individual Assistance and Public Assistance, Categories A-G, including direct Federal assistance, for the counties of Beaufort, Berkeley, Charleston, Colleton, Darlington, Dillon, Dorchester, Florence, Georgetown, Horry, Jasper, Marion, and Williamsburg. In addition, you request a 100 percent Federal share of funding for the first 72 hours for Public Assistance-Categories A and B, including direct Federal assistance. Finally, you request the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, statewide.

We understand that while your request is being considered that you will be providing assistance to your citizens and taking steps to reestablish government services. To the extent that you are engaging in work that may be eligible for reimbursement if the requested Federal assistance is approved, the applicant and sub-applicants must comply with all applicable laws and regulations, including applicable environmental and historic preservation requirements. We especially note the contracting requirements of 2 C.F.R. Part 200 and the necessity to obtain applicable permits. We are available for technical assistance, if needed.

Your request is being processed and you will be notified once a decision is made. If this office can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gracia B. Szczech". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Gracia B. Szczech  
Regional Administrator

# Declared: October 11, 2016

## SUMMARY

STATE: South Carolina  
NUMBER: FEMA-4286-DR  
INCIDENT: Hurricane Matthew  
INCIDENT PERIOD: October 4, 2016, and continuing  
DATE REQUESTED BY GOVERNOR: October 10, 2016  
FEDERAL COORDINATING OFFICER: W. Michael Moore  
National FCO Program

### DESIGNATIONS AND TYPES OF ASSISTANCE:

#### INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE (Assistance to individuals and households):

Under Review. Pending further assessments.

#### PUBLIC ASSISTANCE (Assistance for emergency work and the repair or replacement of disaster-damaged facilities):

Beaufort, Berkeley, Charleston, Colleton, Darlington, Dillon, Dorchester, Florence, Georgetown, Horry, Jasper, Marion, and Williamsburg Counties for debris removal and emergency protective measures (Categories A and B), including direct federal assistance, under the Public Assistance program.

#### HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM (Assistance for actions taken to prevent or reduce long term risk to life and property from natural hazards):

All areas in the State of South Carolina are eligible to apply for assistance under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

OTHER: Additional designations may be made at a later date if requested by the state and warranted by the results of further damage assessments.