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Correction: 10:00 a.m. call time tomorrow – NOT 9:00 a.m.

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Forecast: **The 11:00 a.m. Advisory has Erika shifting west, Gulf-side, but the cone still contains portions of South Carolina. Models are still in vast disagreement about its path and intensity.** (FYI – Advisories are issued at 11 and 5 am/pm.)

Local Actions: EMD is holding another County and ESF Staff call at 11:30 a.m. today. Coastal counties are confident with their resources but expect to need some/minimal assistance with mass transportation (nursing homes, ambulances, etc).

State Actions: The Governor will hold the Executive Group call tomorrow at 9:00 a.m. EMD will request to move to OPGON 4, declare a State of Emergency, active the EOP (Emergency Operations Plan), and sign a letter requesting Federal Assistance (just in case bussing or ambulances are needed). Other possible actions by our office tomorrow:

- Issue a press release regarding the State of Emergency.
- Email the General Assembly with an update and contact information.
- Ask the Governor to call FEMA Region IV Administrator who is new.

Projected Operational Timeline:

- Friday morning – OPGON 4 and State of Emergency;
- Saturday at 7pm – OPGON 3;
- Sunday at 7am – OPGON 2 (deploying assets);
- Sunday at midnight – OPGON 1 (lane reversals);
- Monday at 7am – Evacuation starts (24 hours to clear evacuation zones);
- Tuesday – Landfall.

Recall that this would be the first time new parts of the State Plan would be implemented:

- One Evacuation Order (no longer doing voluntary or mandatory evacuations);
- Mandatory Medical Evacuation (earlier evacuation for medical facilities);
- Automatic Lane Reversal.

