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October Flooding Incident

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Columbia, S.C. (Monday, October 5, 2015, 10:40 p.m.) – As flooding continues in the wake of heavy rains across South Carolina, initial assessments have begun. Meanwhile, the S.C. Emergency Operations Center remains fully activated at Operating Condition 1.

As of 10:00 p.m. Monday, October 5, 2015

§ Ten counties continue to operate under a State of Emergency.

§ All but two dams in the Forest Lake area have breached, causing additional flooding. Local law enforcement agencies have implemented a mandatory evacuation for neighborhoods in the immediate area.

§ A total of 19 dams have breached statewide

§ The S.C. Highway Patrol reports here have been 3,196 TOTAL calls for service, including 1,112 collisions as of 4 p.m., October 5. There have been FOUR traffic fatalities statewide that were weather-related since the emergency declaration began. There now have been SEVEN weather-related fatalities involving drowning, including two additional drowning fatalities that were announced today in Richland County. This now brings the TOTAL weather-related fatalities to 11.

§ The S.C. Department of Natural Resources has successfully completed 150 swift water rescues today.

§ Nearly 1,000 people have reported to 34 shelters open around the state.

§ The S.C. Highway Patrol reports 374 roads and 161 bridges closed.

§ Numerous reports have been received about drivers moving barricades away from blocked roadways.

§ The S.C. Department of Transportation is monitoring the Interstate 26 bridge at the Saluda River in Richland County which remains closed.

§ The S.C. Army National Guard flew 24 missions today.

§ Fewer than 3,500 customers are without power.

§ The Public Information Phone System has fielded 3,800 telephone requests for information.

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