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## South Carolina Emergency Management Division

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October Flooding Incident

### NEWS RELEASE #16

#### *For Immediate Release*

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## Flooding Persists; Assessments Underway

**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 there 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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