

SOUTH CAROLINA TSUNAMI RESPONSE PLAN

APPENDIX 11 ATTACHMENT E

ATTACHMENT E –TSUNAMI CHECKLIST - WATCH

A Tsunami Watch is issued to alert emergency management officials and the public of an event which may later impact the watch area. The watch area may be upgraded to a warning or advisory - or canceled - based on updated information and analysis.

- _____ Confirm with counties receipt of Watch message.
- _____ Discuss with counties their response actions and their resource needs.
- _____ Discuss with counties their decision to evacuate.
- _____ Assemble available information on status of the Tsunami Watch. Sources of information:
 - Local NWS Forecast Office
 - WC/ATWC
 - College of Charleston, SCEEP
 - FEMA, NOAA
- _____ Activate SEOC at OPGON 3
- _____ Facilitate a conference call with the primary ESF agencies: 1, 2, 6, 8, 9, 10, 13, 16, and 19 to discuss local actions and to be prepared to report to SEOC for possible activation.
- _____ Review maps of threatened areas to determine locations of critical facilities within or outside of the evacuation zones.
- _____ Request NWS offices to monitor tide gauges to determine the potential
- _____ Determine time remaining to estimated first wave arrival
- _____ Activate ESF-15 and issue public information statements on the Tsunami Watch and state's actions
- _____ Review status of communication systems in the evacuation area
- _____ In the event, prepare Executive Order for Evacuation.
- _____ Obtain information on weather/road condition
- _____ Obtain tourist count in the threatened area
- _____ Coordinate with local governments the evacuation routes and request local governments to identify assembly points if needed
- _____ Coordinate with ESF-6 to identify shelters and the need to place on standby notice
- _____ Consider if no action is needed until a Tsunami Warning is issued.
- _____ If not, consider:
 - Moving search and rescue equipment to staging area outside risk area
 - Determining if a voluntary evacuation of tourists is needed
 - Determine if critical facilities need evacuation assistance.
 - Consider securing or closing of:
 - ports
 - boat landings
- _____ Discuss state response actions with NWS offices, local county officials, adjacent states, and EFSSs.

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- **UPDATE JURISDICTIONS AT 30 MINUTE INTERVALS OR IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIPT OF TIME SENSITIVE INFORMATION**