

# DeBordieu Colony Community Association

## REQUEST FOR EMERGENCY PERMITTING PROCEDURES FOR HURRICANE JOAQUIN

December 10, 2015

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

RE: DeBordieu Colony Community Association

Dear Gov. Haley:

On behalf of our residents, we are requesting that DHEC permitting procedures be altered for damages resulting from Hurricane Joaquin. The Governor's Office issued a similar but shorter notice after Hurricane Dennis several years ago.

The Governor of South Carolina can request that DHEC issue a temporary permit to coastal counties affected by the Presidential Disaster Declaration of Hurricane Joaquin in response to the conditions resulting from possible beach erosion and beach storm damage. In this case an "emergency" is a "situation which would result in an unacceptable hazard to the health and safety of SC residents, a significant loss of property, or an immediate, unforeseen, and significant economic hardship if corrective action requiring a permit is not undertaken within a time period less than the normal time needed to process the application under standard procedures."

This permitting procedure would be utilized until April 30, 2016. This action is necessary due to the substantial damage of beach sand loss experienced by our coastal communities as a result of Hurricane Joaquin. Coastal beaches damaged by loss of sand would be further impacted during the prevailing winter storms and the environmentally challenged time frame to get work completed before turtle nesting season.

This action was discussed with DHEC last week and they are receptive to the Governor making such a request. The US Army Corp of Engineers is altering their permitting process, as well.

With kind regards, I remain

Respectfully,



James Christian, Board President