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Subject: Hurricane Joaquin/Flood Update

Good Day All

Hurricane Joaquin is currently forecast to move northeast and stay off shore. We continue to focus on the rain and flood forecast for our area so Horry County remains at OPGON 4. NWS Wilmington forecast is for 5-10 inches of rain through Sunday and I am expecting a new river forecast later today for the Waccamaw and Little Pee Dee Rivers. Current river levels are low so we can take quite a bit of rain before hitting flood stage. Coastal flooding continues to be a significant issue through the weekend during high tide along with beach erosion.

SCEMD will move to OPGON 3 at Noon today activating the state EOC in support of the anticipated flooding state wide. Horry County will remain at OPGON 4 and monitor rain fall as well as flooding should it occur. Flash flooding will be an issue throughout the county as rainfalls amounts may exceed 2 inches per hour at times. The big question remains to be how much total rain and what areas may be impacted. We are prepared to move to OPGON 3 and activate the EOC as needed in support of local response efforts. We have a shelter plan in place if folks need to be moved due to high water.

My future updates will be centered on the rain and flood forecasts. I will send them as needed especially if there is new information which indicates an increase in concern for significant impacts. Otherwise, I won't fill your inbox with repeated information. EMD staff is on duty monitoring all weekend. Horry County crews such as Public Works, Storm Water and Public Safety are ready to respond as needed over the weekend. Should the EOC need to activate, I will send out an email to those ESF groups that I need. Please keep in mind that should the rain reach the high end numbers as forecast, we may have more of a long-term flooding event starting the first of the week as the river basins fill up. For those that were here, I have been using the 1999 Floyd flood event to help gauge our response and recovery planning efforts. Hopefully it won't get to that level.

If you have any questions, or concerns please let me know.

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