

ATTACHMENT C. TSUNAMI WARNING RESPONSE TIMELINE

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Tsunami Warning Issued

SCEMD WILL UPDATE COUNTIES AT 30 MINUTE INTERVALS OR IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIPT OF TIME SENSITIVE INFORMATION

- State Warning Point emails Tsunami Warning message to counties
- SCEMD activates the SEOC at OPGON 1
- SCEMD notifies adjacent States and FEMA of activation
- SCEMD requests ESFs to activate response procedures to include:
 - Obtaining information on road conditions and evacuation routes.
 - Reviewing status of communication systems in the evacuation area.
 - Identifying and opening shelters outside the evacuation area.
 - Obtaining tourist count in the threatened area.
 - Implementing evacuation procedures.
 - Coordinating and establishing traffic control points.
 - Staging emergency equipment outside of inundation area.
 - Repositioning ships to deeper waters, as time allows.
 - Clearing of potentially impacted waterways.
 - Moving search and rescue equipment to staging area outside risk area.
 - Securing or closing of ports and boat landings.
 - Deploying first responders to assembly sites.
- SCEMD JDIAC assembles available information on status of the Tsunami Warning. Sources of information:
 - NOAA/Local NWS Forecast Office
 - National Tsunami Warning Center
 - FEMA
- SCEMD facilitates a conference call with coastal counties and SERT.
 - Discuss county response actions, their resource needs, and their decision to evacuate.
 - Discuss county recommended evacuation areas.
 - Coordinate the need to implement evacuation routes and any necessary assembly points.
 - Inform counties of State actions.
- SCEMD requests Executive Order for State of Emergency and Evacuation from the Governor's Office.
- SCEMD issues Public Information Statements and provides counties with Governor's Declaration.
- SCEMD monitors evacuations and provides assistance to counties as required. Advises counties and agencies that evacuations should be maintained until a minimum of two hours after the last damaging wave has arrived.

- JDIAC continues to coordinate with partners to evaluate potential impacts.

Initial Tsunami Arrival

- SCEMD advises counties to maintain full evacuation until the evacuation order has been rescinded and a minimum of two hours has passed since the arrival of the last damaging wave (additional waves may occur).

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- SCEMD establishes response priorities and mutual aid requirements.
- SERT members compile ESF impacts in Palmetto
- JDIAC coordinates with SERT to determine status of community lifelines.
- Counties initiate initial damage assessment. SCEMD Recovery compiles county data.
- SCEMD requests aerial reconnaissance of damaged areas.
- ESF-15 prepares major PIO effort to disseminate information to public about event.
- SCEMD prepares a request for a major disaster declaration and submits to the Governor for signature as required.
- SCEMD convenes the South Carolina Recovery Task Force and State RSFs.
- Joint Field Office and/or Public Assistance Processing Center is established, in coordination with FEMA, in the event of a federally declared disaster.
- Advanced Evaluation Team (AET) assessment is initiated to determine need for Federal Disaster Recovery Coordinator (FDRC) and a follow-on Mission Scoping Assessment (MSA) with State and Federal RSF leads.