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## HURRICANE DENNIS

### Situation Report #5

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**TO:** Governor's Office, Chief of Staff  
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OTAG  
FEMA, Region IV, Atlanta  
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**FROM:** State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC)

#### **A. SITUATION:**

South Carolina continues to monitor Hurricane Dennis. Hurricane Dennis, a category 1 storm, poses a possible threat within the next three days, depending on course and speed. Some preparatory actions are being taken in anticipation of Dennis possibly making landfall along the South Carolina coast.

The public is being encouraged to watch as the situation develops, be alert, and be aware.

FEMA Region IV plans to establish a mobilization center at Shaw Air Force Base. Part of the Initial Response Resources (IRR); ice, water, generators and tarps may be brought in as necessary.

FEMA Region IV State Liaison, Steve Brown, has arrived.

#### **B. STATUS OF DECLARATIONS:**

The Governor has issued an executive order outlining the threat, calling for implementation of the South Carolina Emergency Operations Plan and calling to state duty a limited number of national guard troops.

**C. WEATHER REPORT/FORECAST: TROPICAL ACTIVITY**

Hurricane Dennis: As of 0500 today Hurricane Dennis continues as a category 1 hurricane. Dennis has sustained winds near 80 mph and is slowly moving toward the west-northwest near 7 mph. *and this motion is expected to continue tonight with a gradual turn to the northwest on Saturday. Dennis is located 250 miles southeast of Cape Canaveral, Florida*

**D. STATUS OF EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTERS:**

State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC). The SEOC has gone to OPGON-3 at 1000 hours and is conducting a limited activation. Dennis is being closely monitored by the SEOC. The heightened state of awareness continues.

The following Counties are at OPGON 4 with limited activation:

Clarendon  
Colleton  
Darlington  
Dillon  
Georgetown  
Horry  
Jasper  
Lee  
Marion  
Marlboro  
Richland

The following Counties are at OPGON 3 with limited activation:

Beaufort  
Berkeley  
Charleston  
Dorchester  
Florence

**E. STATUS/ESF SUMMARY:**

**ESF 1 (TRANSPORTATION) SUMMARY:**

State Highway Emergency Program (SHEP) vehicles are on standby to be deployed to assist in evacuation as necessary. 900 safety vests have been allocated for National Guard

use. 183 school buses have been allocated to Parris Island and 45 buses to Beaufort County.

ESF 2 (COMMUNICATIONS) SUMMARY:

According to OIR Telecommunications all systems are on alert and ready to go.

ESF 6 (MASS CARE) SUMMARY:

All county shelters are prepared to open on an as needed basis.

ESF 7 (RESOURCE SUPPORT) SUMMARY:

1000 National Guard members are mobilized at home station armories and are waiting to support a possible evacuation.

ESF 8 (HEALTH & MEDICAL SERVICES) SUMMARY:

Health Regulation EOC put on standby for possible operation on Saturday. All appropriate health districts have been alerted and are on standby. DHEC Health Services personnel notified for possible staffing of shelters and special needs shelters. Agency EOC is operational.

Department of Mental Health: Four coastal mental health centers have been fully alerted regarding potential landfall. Mental health center Go Teams have been identified and are on full alert.

ESF11 (FOOD) SUMMARY:

No report.

ESF13 (LAW ENFORCEMENT) SUMMARY:

The following agencies have personnel deployed at five staging areas in Beaufort, Colleton, St. George, Georgetown and Horry Counties: SLED has 111, DNR has 95, SCHP has 232, and DPS has 30.