## N.C. DENR Situation Report 9 a.m. for Saturday, Aug. 27, 2011

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## WASTE MANAGEMENT

#### **Current Situation**

- A contractor in Onslow County that owns a treatment and processing facility has requested the facility be
  approved as a temporary disaster debris storage site. Actions will be taken to secure approval after this hurricane
  event.
- A landfill owner in Carteret County has requested a temporary disaster debris storage site at the landfill, which is less than two acres in size. Solid Waste Section Staff will investigate after the storm event.

Note: to clarify two items above: Land clearing waste facilities that are less than two acres and take less that 6000 cubic yards do not require a permit- so they do not need State Historic Preservation and National Heritage Program approval. However, if they want to take storm debris must have that approval or there can be a problem with reimbursement from FEMA.

- Robert Hearn, an Environmental Senior Specialist from the Solid Waste Section, will be monitoring the EOC on Saturday until 6 p.m. His phone number is (919) 609-5126.
- No tasks were posted at the EOC for the Solid Waste Section in the past 12 hours.

## PARKS AND RECREATION

#### **Current Situation:**

- All state parks east of I-95 as well as Medoc Mountain in Halifax County and Raven Rock in Harnett County are closed.
- Piedmont N.C. parks that are closed are Eno River, Umstead and Weymouth Woods and state recreation areas at Jordan, Falls and Kerr lakes.
- All 16 of these parks will remain closed until at least Monday. Rangers will evaluate damage and determine the safety of public areas before they are reopened.
- The Central Reservations System for the state parks system is notifying those with reservations about closings. Detailed updates are posted on the website, Facebook and Twitter.
- Supervisory staff have determined what field staff in affected parks remain in housing inside those parks and what field staff throughout the state are available for response through the weekend, including those available to be shifted from their normal duty stations.
- Staff have inventoried response equipment to ensure necessary items are at hand and in good working order. Those state parks nearest the projected storm path have secured equipment and facilities.

# **Operational Priorities:**

• Supervisors will identify available rangers from piedmont and western areas that may be available for deployment if such is requested by the Emergency Operations Center.

- Representatives of the ranger operations staff are manning the EOC on a rotating basis and are advising operations supervisors of current conditions.
- Conference calls are scheduled Saturday, Sunday and Monday to review reports from parks and to discuss plans for potential reopening of parks.

#### **AOUARIUMS**

# N.C. Aquarium on Roanoke Island (NCARI)

#### **Current Situation**

- Winds are currently at 25 mph with gusts to 59 out of ENE then SE.
- We have had 2.5" of rain.
- No power loss at NCARI or JP at this time
- NCARI has no exterior structural damage noted at this time.
- Wind-driven rain has created a leak in the Aquarium lobby with damage to ceiling tiles.
- Aquarium director and 2 aquarists are at the aquarium.
- JP has no exterior structural damage noted at this time.
- Wind-driven rain has caused several leaks. No location given.

## **Current Priorities**

Maintain watch for structural damage.

- NCARI director and two staff are feed and caring for all animals.
- Identifying new leaks.
- Identifying any structural damage.
- Pier Manager is monitoring the pier.

## N.C. Aquarium on Pine Knolls Shore

# **Current Situation**

- Building remains closed to the public
- Operating on diesel generator backup electrical power
- Minor roof leaks
- Numerous trees down in Roosevelt Natural Area, some close to building

#### **Operational Priorities**

• When storm abates, will have key staff visit site and assess the situation and develop a plan to correct problems.

## N.C. Aquarium at Fort Fisher

## **Current Situation**

- No damage to N.C. Aquarium at Fort Fisher building or grounds
- Staff on-site through the storm performing maintenance tasks, e.g.; feeding animals
- Staff will return later today or early tomorrow morning to prepare for re-opening
- Anticipate opening to the public at 9 a.m. Sunday morning

#### REGIONAL OFFICES

## Washington

- Storm is present.
- Some water leaks to building.
- Power out.
- One side of fence to area that holds motor fleet vehicles is down.

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## **Fayetteville**

No new information since previous situational report.

## Raleigh

No new information since previous situational report.

## Wilmington

Unable to gather assessment at this time

## WATER RESOURCES

The current situation is being monitored. There is no new information to report.

# **AIR QUALITY**

## **Current Situation**

No new information since previous situational report.

#### COASTAL MANAGEMENT

#### **Current Status**

- No known change in staff status.
- Hearing reports of pier damage in Bogue Banks area damage to Bogue Inlet Pier, Sheraton Atlantic Beach Pier, possibly Oceanana Pier.
- Have asked Bonnie Bendell in state EOC to find out further information on Waste Mgmt. 8 pm sit rep re: placing overwashed sand back onto beaches, as this would likely require DCM involvement.

## LAND RESOURCES

## **Current Situation**

- At 16:00 EM safety officer informed DENR staff at EOC that staff activities in the field are to cease when sustained tropical force winds occur.
- At 17:30 Wilmington Regional Office staff reports they are ceasing activity due to sustained tropical force winds.
- A schedule to staff the EOC 24 hours per day has been extended through Monday, Aug. 29

#### **Operational Priorities**

Remain prepared to assign and dispatch inspection teams to problem dam sites, reported or suspected.

#### **MARINE FISHERIES**

## **Current Situation**

• No updates from last update for DMF operations, equipment, facilities, or reports from the public that need DMF response.

## WATER OUALITY

#### **Current Status**

DWQ Incident Command conference call at 10 a.m. – will provide information in next report