

Annex 15 (ESF-15 - Public Information) to the Darlington County Emergency Operations Plan

Primary: Emergency Services Department Public Information Officer (PIO)

Support: Department/Agency/Industry PIO; School District PIO

I. Introduction:

- A. In all disaster situations which Darlington County is subject to, whether natural or man-made, the public information function is basically the same as that which is performed routinely except that problems may be multiplied and more complex. All information received before, during, and after a disaster must be compiled, evaluated, and disseminated with the intent that the community survive and recover from that disaster. Generation of timely public information coordinated with the appropriate level of government is essential to avoid or minimize loss of life and property if a disaster is imminent or has occurred. Before, during and after emergency operations the public will be apprised through reports to the news media, through the internet and through the Emergency Alert System (EAS).
- B. County services and assistance provided under this function shall include the delegation of responsibilities and protective actions to be taken so as to provide the general public with essential information and the documentation of emergency actions and operations implemented or proposed by written, verbal or photographic means.

II. Mission: To receive, evaluate, prepare, and provide effective public information, instructions and directions through coordination with appropriate local agencies and organizations to minimize the loss of life and property for the citizens of Darlington County before, during and after a disaster or emergency situation.

III. Concept of Operations:

- A. The Darlington County Emergency Services Department Public Information Officer is responsible for all administrative, management, planning, preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation activities to include developing, coordinating and maintaining the ESF-15 Standard Operating Procedure (SOP). All ESF-15 supporting agencies will assist the County Emergency Services Department in the planning and execution of the above. Public information, public relations or public affairs personnel of any county agency or department will be made available to augment ESF-15 when requested.
- B. Official emergency information will be released from the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) through the County PIO to all appropriate news media. Public information activities will utilize telephone (commercial and cellular), radio, television and Internet to maximum extent available. All public information

releases containing an official statement from the county government shall carry as a final paragraph the sentence: "This is an official notice to the public from Darlington County Emergency Services."

- C. Disaster and emergency information from County government shall be clear, concise and contain accurate information regarding the existing situation, actions being taken by authorities and those taken by the population. Every effort will be made to prevent and counter rumors, hearsay and inaccuracies. Coordination with all appropriate departments, agencies and organizations will be performed to the maximum extent, to ensure accurate, timely and consistent emergency public information.
- D. A coordinated effort to report and document disaster and emergency operations will be conducted from the EOC and/or incident site. A joint information system (JIS) of public information personnel from all affected jurisdictions, agencies and private sector organizations may be established. If appropriate, representatives of those jurisdictions may provide emergency public information from a joint information center (JIC). Under some circumstances county agencies or departments may issue press statements. However these statements must be coordinated with the County PIO prior to release. Situation briefings, press conferences, taped messages, photographs, news accounts, statistics on injuries and fatalities and other information shall be provided to the news media as appropriate.
- E. Radio Station WJMX, Florence, is designated as the official Emergency Alert Station (EAS) station for Darlington County.
- F. Rumor control: In an attempt to ensure rumor control, all Darlington County news releases will be approved by the Emergency Management Director, County Administrator or their designees. Information that is received by the PIO that appears to be questionable or false will be verified through another source, prior to being released to the public. The verification can be a return telephone call to the information source or by having another agency or department verify the authenticity of the information. If the information cannot be verified through at least one additional source, it will not be released to the general public.
- H. All news releases about the operation and response of Darlington County activities, regardless of agency or department, will be coordinated through the County PIO and forwarded to the EOC before release to the media.

IV. Responsibilities:

- A. Preparedness Phase:
 - 1. Develop a public information program to educate the public regarding the effects of disaster and emergency situations.

2. Develop plans and procedures for rumor control.
3. Develop plans to coordinate with national, state and local news media for emergency operations, before, during and after emergency situations.
4. Develop plans to conduct a multi-agency/jurisdiction coordinated public information program during disasters and emergencies.
5. Develop plans and programs to educate news media that ESF-15 is the primary information center during emergency situations, unless otherwise directed by the Emergency Services Director.
6. Develop procedures to organize and operate a media briefing area and/or joint information center.
7. Develop and maintain pre-scripted EAS messages, news releases, and public service announcements for all hazards to include hurricanes, earthquakes, nuclear incidents and dam failures.
8. Provide evacuation information to the affected public.
9. Encourage the development of disaster plans and kits for the public.
10. Participates in an exercise at least annually to validate this annex and supporting SOPs.
11. Update public information media (print, radio and TV) listings as necessary.
12. Develop and implement a training program for all ESF members.
13. Develop and maintain a roster with contact information of all ESF personnel.
14. Ensure that all ESF-15 personnel integrate NIMS principles in all planning. All ESF-15 personnel will complete FEMA's NIMS Awareness course or an equivalent course.
15. Annually review the Department of Homeland Security Universal Task List and integrate tasks as appropriate.

B. Response Phase:

NOTE: All incidents in Darlington County will be managed using the National Incident Management System (NIMS) Incident Command System/Unified Command System.

1. Alert all agencies whose personnel, equipment or other resources may be used

to operate or support this ESF.

2. Provide timely and accurate EAS messages and news releases in common language and terminology to inform the public.
3. Provide emergency public information to special needs populations.
4. Coordinate with the news media regarding emergency operations.
5. Provide mass notifications to the populace and provide periodic media updates.
6. Execute a multi-agency/jurisdiction coordinated public information program.
7. Organize and operate a press briefing area and a joint information center, as appropriate.
8. Supplement emergency management public information operations as necessary and as resources are available.

C. Recovery Phase:

1. Continue public information activities to include updating the public on recovery efforts.
2. Anticipate and plan for the arrival of and coordination with FEMA ESF-15 personnel in the EOC and the Joint Field Office.
3. Process and disseminate disaster welfare and family reunification information.

D. Mitigation Phase:

1. Support and plan for mitigation measures.
2. Document matters that may be needed for inclusion in agency briefings, situation reports, action plans and cost incurred during the disaster or emergency.

V. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS:

A. Administration:

1. As soon as activated, the PIO will begin keeping the Emergency Services Director and County Administrator informed of significant information received from any sources.
2. After Action Report - As soon as practical following termination of any emergency in which Emergency Services forces are employed, the PIO will

submit to the Emergency Services Director a report covering significant information activities which occurred during the disaster.

- B. Logistics: Supplies, transportation, and equipment organic to the information service agencies will be fully utilized. Such additional supplies and transportation as may be needed will be requested through the Darlington County EOC.
- C. Provide a laptop computer for use in the ESF for WEBEOC access.
- D. A Joint Information Center (JIC) will be located at:
 - 1. For HBRSEP events: Progress Energy Joint Information Center
1775 Mechanicsville Road
Florence, Sc 29501
 - 2. For all other events: Darlington Middle School
160 Pinedale Road
Darlington, SC 29532

VI. Annex review and maintenance: This annex (ESF) will be reviewed annually by the primary action agency, department or individual with changes submitted to the Emergency Services Department by November 30th of each year for inclusion into the EOP. Following exercises or actual events the annex will be reviewed to determine if changes are required. If no changes are required, the primary action agency, department or individual will certify to the Emergency Services Director that the annex has been reviewed and changes are not required.

VII. Coordinating Instructions: This annex is effective for planning upon receipt and execution upon order.

Appendices:

- 1. News Media Alert Roster
- 2. S.C. EAS Operational Plan
- 3. Public Information Procedures (FNF)
- 4. Public Information Procedures (Hurricane/Tropical Storm)
- 5. Public Information Procedures (Dam Failure)
- 6. Public Information Procedures (Earthquake)

Appendix 1 (News Media Alert Roster) to Annex 15 (ESF-15 - Public Information) to the Darlington County Emergency Operations Plan

Darlington County Public Information Officer 398-4441

Radio Stations

WHEZ (93.5FM) Hartsville 24 hours	843-332-3182
WJMX (970 AM) Florence 24 hours	843-667-4600
WJMX (103.3 FM) Florence 24 hours	843-667-4600/665-1039
(Primary EAS) **Cell phone for after hours**	843-206-4468
WHSC (1450 AM) Hartsville 5:30 AM - 12 PM	**843-319-0572
WYNN (540 AM) Florence 24 hours	**843-319-0572
WYNN(106.3 FM) Florence 24 hours	**843-319-0572

NOTE: Cell phone number for Operations Manager, Matt Scurry

TV Stations

WIS (CH 10) Columbia, SC	803-758-1261
WBTW (CH 13) Florence, SC	843-317-1342
WJPM (CH 33) Florence, SC (8:30AM until 5:00PM only	1-800-922-5437
WPDE (CH 15) Florence, SC	843-234-9733, Ext 212

Newspaper

Hartsville Messenger	332-6545
News & Press (Darlington)	393-3811
Florence Morning New	317-6397

State EOC

Warning Point	803-737-8500
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Appendix 2 (SC EAS Operations Plan) to Annex 15 (ESF-15 - Public Information) to the Darlington County Emergency Operations Plan

NOTE: The following is an extract from the South Carolina EAS Operational Plan which was approved in November 1996.

I. GENERAL CONSIDERATION

The listening and viewing habits of the general public are conducive to the positive effectiveness of the South Carolina Emergency Alert System (EAS). The instinctive reaction of the average person is to turn on his radio or television set in time of emergency. However, continuing public education is required to increase public awareness of the South Carolina Emergency Alert System (EAS) as an established medium for the receipt and/or distribution of emergency information to the general public at the local, state and national levels.

II. DEFINITIONS

EMERGENCY: A situation posing an extraordinary threat to the safety of life and property. Examples are, but not limited to: tornadoes, flash floods, icing conditions, hurricanes, heavy snows, widespread fires, discharge of toxic gases, widespread power failures, industrial explosions, civil disorders and nuclear incidents.

SEVERE WEATHER WATCH: A severe weather WATCH indicates that the probabilities of a particular severe weather storm are high, and is an alert to the public of such severe weather conditions.

SEVERE WEATHER WARNING: A severe weather WARNING indicates that a particular severe weather storm has actually been sighted in an area or indicated by radar, and serves notice to the public that severe weather conditions are almost certain to occur.

DESIGNATED GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS: The person or persons designated to request activation of the Emergency Alert System (EAS) and to make emergency announcements/broadcasts.

III. ACTIVATION

The South Carolina Emergency Alert System (EAS) is activated by a request from authorized officials to the state's Originating Primary Relay Station WCOS-FM. WCOS-FM is the key station with respect to activation of the EAS at the state level.

IV. GENERAL PROCEDURES FOR USE OF BROADCASTING FACILITIES

- A. When a severe weather WATCH is issued by the National Weather Service (NWS) for the State of South Carolina, all radio stations in South Carolina can receive copy of the WATCH over the following networks: Associated Press (AP), United Press International (UPI), the NOAA Weather Wire, or the NOAA Weather Radio.
- B. When a severe weather WARNING is issued by the National Weather Service (NWS) for the State of South Carolina, the Governor or another designated official will notify the Originating Primary Relay Station (ORIG PRI RELAY), radio station WCOS-FM.
- C. When any situation exists such as widespread fires, the Governor or other designated official will determine whether or not to request activation of the South Carolina Emergency Alert System through the Originating Primary Relay Station.
- D. For emergency situations not involving the entire state, authorities may request activation of the Emergency Alert System through the Operational Area Common Program Control Station or Primary station(s) serving the affected area.

V. IMPLEMENTATION

- A. Procedures for Activating State Officials
 - 1. Request activation of the EAS facilities through WCOS-FM, Telephone Number 803-255-7066 as soon as possible.
 - 2. Work out broadcast details (i.e., live or recorded, immediate or delayed) with broadcast station personnel.
 - 3. It is recommended that government officials use the following format when delivering the emergency announcement. The format is deliberately general in nature to allow for the uniqueness of each emergency situation, yet broad enough to insure completeness.
 - a. "This is _____, Darlington County Emergency Services, with a request to activate the South Carolina Emergency Alert System.
 - b. Situation summary (describe the nature of the emergency).
 - c. Instructions or message to the public.
 - d. Actions being taken by state and/or local government(s).
 - 4. Keep line open if necessary.

5. Issue South Carolina EAS Termination

- B. County/municipality officials activating local EAS stations should follow the same procedures as listed above.

VI. THE FOLLOWING RADIO STATIONS MAY PARTICIPATE IN EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM (EAS) ANNOUNCEMENTS IN AN EMERGENCY.

A. EAS Network - Florence

- WHLZ-FM (SR-1) State Relay
WRJA-FM (SR-2) Alternate State Relay
WJMX-FM (LP-1) Monitors: WHLZ-FM, WRJA-FM, WYNN-FM, and NOAA.
WYNN-FM (LP-2) Monitors: WHLZ-FM, WRJA-FM, WJMX-FM, and NOAA.

All radio and television stations with city license and cable operators with their franchise agreements in the counties of Chesterfield, Darlington, Dillon, Florence, Lancaster, Lee, Marion and Marlboro which compose the Florence Local Area will monitor WJMX-FM, WYNN-FM and NOAA.

B. For EAS activation for Darlington County:

<u>Station & Location</u>	<u>Contact & 24-Hr. Telephone</u>
WJMX (Florence)	667-4600/206-4468
WIS (Columbia, SC)	803-758-1261

SC-ETV Follow-up Public Information Stations

<u>Station</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Counties Covered</u>
WJPM (ETV-CH 33)	Florence	Darlington
WIS (CH 10)	Columbia, SC	Darlington

Appendix 3 (Public Information Procedures - FNF) to Annex 15 (ESF-15 - Public Information) to the Darlington County Emergency Operations Plan

A. General

Upon confirmed notification of an accident at the H.B. Robinson Steam Electric Plant (HBRSEP), the Darlington County Emergency Services Director, with the approval of the County Administrator, will immediately activate the County Emergency Public Information (EPI) System to the degree warranted by plant conditions.

B. Procedures

1. The Emergency Services Director will notify the Public Information Officer (PIO) of existing plant conditions as well as brief the PIO on the state and/or facility recommendations.
2. According to the emergency classification, the PIO will either place the Emergency Public Information staff on standby or request that canned information be readied for publication and broadcast.
3. Should conditions at the HBRSEP escalate, the EPI system will immediately intensify its dissemination of protective action measures to insure public safety.
4. Close coordination between the PIO, Emergency Services Director, and the County Administrator must be maintained to insure the accuracy and the credibility of all official news releases. No releases will be made without the approval of the Emergency Services Director, County Administrator or their designees.
5. The timely exchange of information among designated spokespersons will be established by the PIO and the Emergency Services Director, County Administrator or their designees.
6. If plant conditions warrant the dissemination of public protective actions, the HBRSEP will open and maintain a Joint Information Center (JIC). When the JIC is activated, a county spokesman will be dispatched to establish liaison with the utility, Federal and State spokespersons. Communications with the County EOC will be maintained to insure that the local government is aware of all jointly coordinated news releases.
7. The following criteria will be used in giving news releases:

- a. State government will exercise primary responsibility and authority for the release of information relating to the off-site impact of a nuclear facility incident, requirements for off-site protective actions, and the operational/technical activities of state response forces.
 - b. Darlington County will be responsible for the dissemination of emergency instructions for the implementation of off-site protective actions as recommended by the state or facility as well as the release of information relating to the operational activities of local response forces within their areas of jurisdiction.
 - c. The facility will be responsible for the release of information relating to on-site conditions and response activities resulting from the incident.
 - d. Independent statements will be coordinated for informational purposes with designated spokespersons at the state/utility level.
8. If neither the JIC nor the SEOC Media Center are operational, the PIO will make all official news releases from the County EOC. Releases at the county level will be made after consultation with the Bureau of Radiological Health and/or the SCEMD.
9. The primary means for initial verbal notification of residents in the 10-mile EPZ of HBRSEP will be local Emergency Alert Stations (EAS), while the primary means for follow-up EPI will be the SC-ETV.
- a. EAS will be activated by the counties involved when an immediate General Emergency occurs and/or when the SEOC is not established.
 - b. When the SEOC is established and when public notification is required, notification will be given to EAS and ETV by the State Public Information organization.
 - c. Activation of the SC-ETV will be accomplished by the SCEMD.
 - d. EAS Stations for Darlington County

<u>Station & Location</u>	<u>Contact & 24-Hr.Telephone</u>
WJMX (Florence)	667-4600/206-4468
WIS (Columbia, S.C.)	803-758-1261

- e. SC-ETV Follow-up Public Information Stations

<u>Station</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Counties Covered</u>
WJPM (ETV-CH 33) WIS (CH 10)	Florence Columbia, SC	Darlington Darlington

- f. In the event of an immediate General Emergency, these station managers have agreed to disseminate information given by the PIO or designated county representative to prevent unfounded rumors. If doubt arises about the call, station manager will call back to verify the message.
- g. Once the primary EAS stations are notified, local radio stations will be alerted and will prepare to assist in disseminating EPI.
- h. If the fixed siren system is accidentally activated, the warning point will immediately notify one of the individuals in the order listed below who will activate the EAS System and request that sample message 11 be broadcast.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TELEPHONE</u>
Emergency Services Director	843-398-4450
Public Information Officer	843-398-4441
Special Programs Coordinator	843-398-4450

- 10. Public Information support teams will refer to the brochure printed by H.B. Robinson Steam Electric Plant. This brochure will be in the home of all residents in the 10-mile EPZ as well as posted in the County Emergency Services Office and other open locations for dissemination to transient populations. It will list evacuation routes, reception centers, protective action guidelines, local radio/TV Emergency Alert Stations, means of public warning, and other pertinent information. Residents without transportation will be told what phone numbers to call for help, and those agencies available to answer all questions will be cited. The H.B. Robinson Steam Electric Plant Safety Information Brochure is updated and distributed annually.
- 11. If evacuation is necessary, residents without transportation, particularly homebound or handicapped people, will be instructed to telephone the Darlington County Emergency Services office.
- 12. Residents will be instructed to telephone neighbors about the event to insure thorough notification. Residents will be asked to limit calls to the EOC.
- 13. Broadcasts will reassure parents whose children are in 10-mile EPZ schools

that these students are being bused to the Florence Civic Centers for pickup.

14. Protective Actions guidelines, particularly items needed for sheltering as well as the use of radiological-protective drugs and methods for respiratory protection, will be broadcast extensively to the public.
15. Maps of all evacuation routes, sectors, and reception centers will be available for EPI stations at the Darlington County EOC. Every effort will be made to have this information in place prior to an accident and annually updated.
16. The PIO, in coordination with the Emergency Services Director, will annually conduct programs to acquaint the EPI staff with emergency plans, information concerning radiation, and points of contact for release of public information in an emergency.
17. See also Emergency Public Information Procedures to SCORERP, Annex C; Annex A, H.B. Robinson Steam Electric Plant Site Specific.
18. The following messages have been pre-scripted using the pre-scripted messages in the SCOREP as a guide. These messages will be used during an actual event in conjunction with messages released by SCEMD.

HBRSEP Emergency Alert System (EAS) Message - Event Declaration

Darlington County Emergency Services Emergency Alert System Message

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H. B. Robinson Steam Electric Plant Unit 2
EAS Pre-scripted **Message # 1A (STAY TUNED)**

Emergency Classification Level: **(Alert) (Site Area Emergency) (General Emergency)**

Point of Contact: Public Information Office, Darlington County EOC 843-398-4448

Re-broadcast Time: _____ Date: _____

LP-1 Station: WJMX (103.3) 843-667-4600/665-1039

LP-2 Station:

REPEAT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE EVERY 15 MINUTES UNLESS DIRECTED OTHERWISE.

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TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT

South Carolina Emergency Management Division Officials and Darlington County Emergency Services report that a **(ALERT) (SITE AREA EMERGENCY) (GENERAL EMERGENCY)** was declared at the H.B. Robinson Steam Electric Plant Unit 2, located in Darlington County, South Carolina AT _____.
(ENTER DATE AND TIME)

The facility reports that **(NO) or (LOW LEVEL)** radioactive materials **HAVE** been released. **There is no danger to the public at this time.**

Residents within the 10-mile Emergency Planning Zone (EPZ) of the plant should stay tuned to this station for more information as the situation develops. Residents should also refer to the **Safety Information Brochure** provided by the plant. The primary EAS stations serving the Darlington County area are; WJMX (103.3), WHLZ (100.5), WYNN (106.3), WBTW-TV, Channel 13, WPDE-TV, Channel 15, WIS-TV, Channel 10 and SC ETV WJPM-TV, Channel 33.

This is an official notice to the public from Darlington County Emergency Services.

HBRSEP Emergency Alert System (EAS) Message - Event Declaration

Darlington County Emergency Services Emergency Alert System Message

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H. B. Robinson Steam Electric Plant Unit 2
EAS Pre-scripted **Message # 1B (STAY TUNED)**

Emergency Classification Level: **(Alert)** **(Site Area Emergency)**

Point of Contact: Public Information Office, Darlington County EOC 843-398-4448

Re-broadcast Time: _____ Date: _____

LP-1 Station: WJMX (103.3) 843-667-4600/665-1039

LP-2 Station:

REPEAT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE EVERY 15 MINUTES UNLESS DIRECTED OTHERWISE.

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South Carolina Emergency Management Division Officials and Darlington County Emergency Services report that a **(ALERT) (SITE AREA EMERGENCY)** was declared at the H.B. Robinson Steam Electric Plant Unit 2, located in Darlington County, South Carolina AT _____.
(ENTER DATE AND TIME)

The facility reports that **LOW LEVEL** radioactive materials **(HAVE) (HAVE NOT)** been released. **There is no danger to the public at this time.**

Residents within the 10-mile Emergency Planning Zone (EPZ) of the plant should stay tuned to this station for more information as the situation develops. Residents should also refer to the **Safety Information Brochure** provided by the plant. The primary EAS stations serving the Darlington County area are; WJMX (103.3), WHLZ (100.5), WYNN (106.3), WBTW-TV, Channel 13, WPDE-TV, Channel 15, WIS-TV, Channel 10 and SC ETV WJPM-TV, Channel 33.

This is an official notice to the public from Darlington County Emergency Services.

HBRSEP Emergency Alert System (EAS) Message – Shelter

Darlington County Emergency Services Emergency Alert System Message

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H. B. Robinson Steam Electric Plant Unit 2
EAS Pre-scripted **Message # 2 (SHELTER)**

Emergency Classification Level: **(Site Area Emergency)** **(General Emergency)**

Point of Contact: Public Information Office, Darlington County EOC 843-398-4448

Broadcast Time: _____ Date: _____

LP-1 Station: WJMX (103.3) 843-667-4600/665-1039

LP-2 Station:

REPEAT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE EVERY 15 MINUTES UNLESS DIRECTED OTHERWISE.

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South Carolina Emergency Management Division and Darlington County Emergency Services Officials report that a **(SITE AREA EMERGENCY) (GENERAL EMERGENCY)** has occurred at the H. B. Robinson Steam Electric Plant Unit 2, located in Darlington County, South Carolina. There has been **A RELEASE** of radioactive materials to the environment. **IN PLACE SHELTERING** is being directed for people who live or work in the following protective action zones: **(A-O) (B-1) (B-2) (C-1) (C-2) (D-1)**.

Stay tuned to this station for more information. For additional emergency information, please refer to the **Safety Information Brochure** provided by the plant.

This is an official notice to the public from Darlington County Emergency Services.

HBRSEP Emergency Alert System (EAS) Message – Evacuation

Darlington County Emergency Services Emergency Alert System Message

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H. B. Robinson Steam Electric Plant Unit 2
EAS Pre-scripted **Message # 3 (EVACUATION)**

Emergency Classification Level: **(General Emergency)**

Point of Contact: Public Information Office, Darlington County EOC 843-398-4448

Broadcast Time: _____ Date: _____

LP-1 Station: WJMX (103.3) 843-667-4600/665-1039

LP-2 Station:

REPEAT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE EVERY 15 MINUTES UNLESS DIRECTED OTHERWISE.

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TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT

South Carolina Emergency Management Division and Darlington County Emergency Services Officials report that a (**GENERAL EMERGENCY**) has occurred at the H. B. Robinson Steam Electric Plant Unit 2, located in Darlington County, South Carolina. There has been (**A RELEASE**) of radioactive materials to the environment. The Governor of South Carolina has ordered the evacuation of all people in the following protective action zones: **(A-O) (B-1) (B-2) (C-1) (C-2) (D-1)**.

Stay tuned to this station for more information. For additional emergency information, please refer to the **Safety Information Brochure** provided by the plant.

This is an official notice to the public from Darlington County Emergency Services.

HBRSEP Emergency Alert System (EAS) Message – Evacuate/Shelter

Darlington County Emergency Services Emergency Alert System Message

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H. B. Robinson Steam Electric Plant Unit 2
EAS Pre-scripted **Message # 4 (EVACUATE/SHELTER)**

Emergency Classification Level: **(General Emergency)**

Point of Contact: Public Information Office, Darlington County EOC 843-398-4448

Broadcast Time: _____ Date: _____

LP-1 Station: WJMX (103.3) 843-667-4600/665-1039

LP-2 Station:

REPEAT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE EVERY 15 MINUTES UNLESS DIRECTED OTHERWISE.

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TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT

South Carolina Emergency Management Division and Darlington County Emergency Services Officials report that a (**GENERAL EMERGENCY**) has occurred at the H. B. Robinson Steam Electric Plant Unit 2, located in Darlington County, South Carolina. There has been (**A RELEASE**) of radioactive materials to the environment. The Governor of South Carolina has ordered the evacuation of all people in the following protective action zones: (**A-O**) (**B-1**) (**B-2**) (**C-1**) (**C-2**) (**D-1**). People in the following protective action zones; (**A-O**) (**B-1**) (**B-2**) (**C-1**) (**C-2**) (**D-1**) should **SHELTER IN PLACE**.

Stay tuned to this station for more information. For additional emergency information, please refer to the **Safety Information Brochure** provided by the plant.

This is an official notice to the public from Darlington County Emergency Services.

HBRSEP Emergency Alert System (EAS) Message – Take Potassium Iodide Now

Darlington County Emergency Services Emergency Alert System Message

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H. B. Robinson Steam Electric Plant Unit 2
EAS Pre-scripted **Message # 5 (TAKE POTASSIUM IODIDE NOW)**

Emergency Classification Level: **(General Emergency)**

Point of Contact: Public Information Office, Darlington County EOC 843-398-4448

Broadcast Time: _____ Date: _____

LP-1 Station: WJMX (103.3) 843-667-4600/665-1039

LP-2 Station:

REPEAT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE EVERY 15 MINUTES UNLESS DIRECTED OTHERWISE.

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South Carolina Emergency Management Division and Darlington County Emergency Services Officials report that a (**GENERAL EMERGENCY**) has occurred at the H. B. Robinson Steam Electric Plant Unit 2, located in Darlington County, South Carolina.

Radioactive materials containing radioactive Iodine have been released into the atmosphere. All people who live or work within 10 miles of the H. B. Robinson Steam Electric Plant Unit 2 are advised to take the Potassium Iodide (KI) tablets they were issued. Individuals who were not issued KI tablets or who may have lost them may obtain KI tablets at the Florence Civic Center.

Stay tuned to this station for more information. For additional emergency information, please refer to the **Safety Information Brochure** provided by the plant.

This is an official notice to the public from Darlington County Emergency Services.

HBRSEP Emergency Alert System (EAS) Message – Schools

Darlington County Emergency Services Emergency Alert System Message

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H. B. Robinson Steam Electric Plant Unit 2
EAS Pre-scripted **Message # 6 (SCHOOLS)**

Emergency Classification Level: **ALERT**

Point of Contact: Public Information Office, Darlington County EOC 843-398-4448

Broadcast Time: _____ Date: _____

LP-1 Station: WJMX (103.3) 843-667-4600/665-1039

LP-2 Station:

REPEAT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE EVERY 15 MINUTES UNLESS DIRECTED OTHERWISE.

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TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT

South Carolina Emergency Management Division and Darlington County Emergency Services Officials report that an **ALERT** has occurred at the H. B. Robinson Steam Electric Plant Unit 2, located in Darlington County, South Carolina. Students from all public and private schools within 10 miles of the plant are being evacuated as a precautionary measure. The plant is experiencing an emergency; however there is no danger to the public at this time. No radioactive material has been released.

The students at schools in Zones A-O, B-1, B-2, C-1, C-2 and D-1 are being evacuated to the Florence Civic Center as a precautionary measure. Parents are reminded they should not go to the schools, but should pick up their children at the Florence Civic Center. Students who attend school outside the 10 mile emergency planning zone, but live within 10 miles of the plant will remain at their schools until picked up by parents.

Parents should stay tuned to this station for more information. For additional emergency information, please refer to the **Safety Information Brochure** provided by the plant.

This is an official notice to the public from Darlington County Emergency Services.

HBRSEP Emergency Alert System (EAS) Message – Livestock Owners should take protective measures

Darlington County Emergency Services Emergency Alert System Message

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H. B. Robinson Steam Electric Plant Unit 2
EAS Pre-scripted **Message # 7 (LIVESTOCK OWNERS SHOULD TAKE PROTECTIVE MEASURES)**

Emergency Classification Level: **(Site Area Emergency) (General Emergency)**

Point of Contact: Public Information Office, Darlington County EOC 843-398-4448

Broadcast Time: _____ Date: _____

LP-1 Station: WJMX (103.3) 843-667-4600/665-1039

LP-2 Station:

REPEAT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE EVERY 15 MINUTES UNLESS DIRECTED OTHERWISE.

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TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT

South Carolina Emergency Management Division and Darlington County Emergency Services Officials report that a **(GENERAL EMERGENCY)** has occurred at the H. B. Robinson Steam Electric Plant Unit 2, located in Darlington County, South Carolina. There has been a release of radioactive materials to the environment. Clemson University Agriculture Extension Service recommends that farmers in Darlington County within a 2-mile radius (Zones A-O and D-1) of the plant should take the following measures:

LACTATING DAIRY COWS:

1. Should be removed from contaminated pasture and sheltered.

2. Should be fed uncontaminated, stored feed and water.
3. If limited man-made structures are available for sheltering of pastured livestock, lactating dairy cows should be sheltered first.
4. Lactating dairy cows receiving only stored feed under dry lot conditions can remain on dry lot. Stored feeds are silage, as is hay not stored in the field and concentrates.

BEEF CATTLE AND OTHER MEAT PRODUCING LIVESTOCK:

1. Should be removed from contaminated pasture if facilities and uncontaminated feeds are available.
2. It is not necessary at this time to move pastured livestock into shelters, however; it is suggested that pastured livestock be moved to pastures in close proximity to shelters in order that the livestock can be moved quickly.

SWINE:

1. Breeding stock maintained on pasture should be moved from contaminated pasture, shelter and fed un-contaminated stored feed and water.
2. Sows and pigs in farrowing houses or hogs being finished in confinement should not be moved from barns.

POULTRY:

Poultry should be maintained in houses and fed uncontaminated stored feed and water. This applies to both egg and meat producing birds.

Farmers in these areas should stay tuned to this station or refer to the **Safety Information Brochure** provided by the plant for further information.

This is an official notice to the public from Darlington County Emergency Services.

HBRSEP Emergency Alert System (EAS) Message – Accidental Siren Activation

Darlington County Emergency Services Emergency Alert System Message

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H. B. Robinson Steam Electric Plant Unit 2
EAS Pre-scripted **Message # 8 (ACCIDENTAL SIREN ACTIVATION)**

Point of Contact: Public Information Office, Darlington County EOC 843-398-4448

Broadcast Time: _____ Date: _____

LP-1 Station: WJMX (103.3) 843-667-4600/665-1039

LP-2 Station:

REPEAT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE EVERY 15 MINUTES FOR ONE (1) HOUR.

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South Carolina Emergency Management Division and Darlington County Emergency Services Officials report that an **ACCIDENTAL SIREN ACTIVATION** has occurred at the H. B. Robinson Steam Electric Plant Unit 2, located in Darlington County, South Carolina.

At _____ the fixed siren system in Darlington County for the H.B.
(ENTER TIME)

Robinson Steam Electric Plant was accidentally activated. There is no emergency at the H.B. Robinson Steam Electric Plant and no action by the public is necessary.

Thank you for tuning to the Emergency Alert System. I repeat, there is no emergency at the H.B. Robinson Steam Electric Plant and no action needs to be taken.

This concludes the announcement about the accidental sounding of the sirens in Darlington County.

This is an official notice to the public from Darlington County Emergency Services.

HBRSEP Emergency Alert System (EAS) Message – EOC Activation

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H. B. Robinson Steam Electric Plant Unit 2
EAS Pre-scripted **Message # 9 (EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER (EOC) ACTIVATION)**

Point of Contact: Public Information Office, Darlington County EOC 843-398-4448

Broadcast Time: _____ Date: _____

LP-1 Station: WJMX (103.3) 843-667-4600/665-1039

LP-2 Station:

REPEAT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE EVERY 15 MINUTES FOR ONE (1) HOUR.

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TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT

Darlington County has activated the County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) at _____ to monitor conditions at the H. B. Robinson Steam Electric
(ENTER DATE AND TIME)

Plant, operated by Progress Energy and located in Hartsville, South Carolina. The EOC is operated by Darlington County Emergency Services. An **(ALERT) (SITE AREA EMERGENCY) (GENERAL EMERGENCY)** was declared by Progress Energy officials at _____ due to a problem at the facility. Representatives from
(ENTER DATE AND TIME)

County and State agencies have assembled at the EOC in Darlington to coordinate their response efforts. Emergency Services Director, _____ is directing the County's response efforts.
(ENTER NAME)

Residents within the 10-mile Emergency Planning Zone (EPZ) for the plant should stay tuned to this station for more information as the situation develops. Residents should also refer to the **Safety Information Brochure** provided by the plant. The primary EAS stations serving the Darlington County area are; WJMX (103.3), WHLZ (100.5), WYNN

(106.3), WBTW-TV, Channel 13, WPDE-TV, Channel 15, WIS-TV, Channel 10 and SC ETV WJPM-TV, Channel 33.

This is an official notice to the public from Darlington County Emergency Services.

HBRSEP Emergency Alert System (EAS) Message – State of Emergency

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H. B. Robinson Steam Electric Plant Unit 2
EAS Pre-scripted **Message # 10 (GOVERNOR DECLARES STATE OF EMERGENCY)**

Point of Contact: Public Information Office, Darlington County EOC 843-398-4448

Broadcast Time: _____ Date: _____

LP-1 Station: WJMX (103.3) 843-667-4600/665-1039

LP-2 Station:

REPEAT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE EVERY 15 MINUTES FOR ONE (1) HOUR.

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The Governor of South Carolina issued a Declaration of Emergency in South Carolina as a result of events at the H. B. Robinson Steam Electric Plant located in Darlington County.

The declaration alerts state agencies that might assist as a result of events at the facility and allows governmental actions to be expedited.

This is an official notice to the public from Darlington County Emergency Services.

HBRSEP Emergency Alert System (EAS) Message – JIC Activated

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H. B. Robinson Steam Electric Plant Unit 2
EAS Pre-scripted **Message # 11 (JOINT INFORMATION CENTER (JIC) ACTIVATION)**

Point of Contact: Public Information Office, Darlington County EOC 843-398-4448

Broadcast Time: _____ Date: _____

LP-1 Station: WJMX (103.3) 843-667-4600/665-1039

LP-2 Station:

REPEAT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE EVERY 15 MINUTES FOR ONE (1) HOUR.

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Darlington County has joined with Progress Energy to activate a Joint Information Center (JIC) at 1775 Mechanicsville Road in Florence, South Carolina, due to events at the H. B. Robinson Steam Electric Plant Unit 2 in Hartsville, South Carolina.

The Joint Information Center is a cooperative effort with Progress Energy, the State of South Carolina and Darlington County, Lee and Chesterfield counties. The northwest portion of Darlington County lies within the 10-mile Emergency Planning Zone for the facility.

Information concerning plant conditions and response activities will be released from the emergency news center. Personnel are on duty to assist members of the media. The center will also serve as the location for media briefings conducted by state, county and utility spokespersons.

Members of the media may call _____ for more information on response activities.

This is an official notice to the public from Darlington County Emergency Services.

HBRSEP Emergency Alert System (EAS) Message – Public can call for information

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H. B. Robinson Steam Electric Plant Unit 2
EAS Pre-scripted **Message # 12 (PUBLIC CAN CALL FOR MORE INFORMATION)**

Point of Contact: Public Information Office, Darlington County EOC 843-398-4448

Broadcast Time: _____ Date: _____

LP-1 Station: WJMX (103.3) 843-667-4600/665-1039

LP-2 Station:

REPEAT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE EVERY 15 MINUTES FOR ONE (1) HOUR.

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TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT

South Carolina Emergency Management Division and Darlington County Emergency Services Officials report that an **(ALERT) (SITE AREA EMERGENCY) (GENERAL EMERGENCY)** has occurred at the H. B. Robinson Steam Electric Plant Unit 2, located in Darlington County, South Carolina.

The public may call the following phone numbers for more information:

STATE RESPONSE ACTIVITIES: _____
(ENTER JIC PHONE NUMBER)
803-737-8500

COUNTY RESPONSE ACTIVITIES: _____
(ENTER JIC PHONE NUMBER)
843-398-4448

This is an official notice to the public from Darlington County Emergency Services.

Appendix 4 (Public Information Procedures – Hurricane/Tropical Storm) to Annex 15 (ESF-15 - Public Information) to the Darlington County Emergency Operations Plan

1. Public information messages released prior to a hurricane or tropical storm making landfall in South Carolina is intended to educate the public about actions that need to be taken before the storm arrives. At this point the public will be encouraged to take the actions necessary to protect their family, property and pets before the storm makes landfall. These are essential actions necessary to insure the public's safety pre-landfall.
2. Public information messages released after landfall are used to assure the public that the county government is still operating and taking those steps necessary to insure a speedy recovery from the storm. Information on the location and times of the distribution of ice, food and relief supplies and any available financial assistance will be released through the media after landfall.
3. During hurricanes, tropical storms and other weather related events, the public is encouraged to listen to NOAA weather radio, local radio and TV to read local newspapers for information on the storms and any disaster assistance that may be made available to the county.
4. Every effort will be made to insure that only accurate and essential information is released to public during weather events.

Hurricane/Tropical Storm Emergency Alert System (EAS) Message – Hurricane or Tropical Storm Approaches Darlington County – Release 48 hours before landfall

CONSIDER RELEASING THIS MESSAGE THROUGH THE NEWSPAPERS FIRST!

Darlington County Emergency Services Emergency Alert System Message

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EAS Pre-scripted Storm Message # 1 (HURRICANE APPROACHES DARLINGTON COUNTY)

Point of Contact: Public Information Office, Darlington County EOC 843-398-4448

Broadcast Time: _____ Date: _____

LP-1 Station: WJMX (103.3) 843-667-4600/665-1039

LP-2 Station:

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(Hurricane) (Tropical Storm) _____, a Category _____ storm is approaching Darlington County. The storm is projected to make landfall in the next (_____ hours) (_____ days) between _____ and the North Carolina border.

People in potentially vulnerable areas should consider actions they would need to take if the storm threatens Darlington County. The public should monitor the storm on NOAA weather radio and through local radio, TV and local news media, especially people in low-lying areas along lakes, rivers and streams.

People in potentially vulnerable areas should:

- **Review evacuation plans:** Residents living in vulnerable areas and those living in mobile homes that might be in the storms path must make plans now should an evacuation later become necessary. Residents should become

familiar with evacuation routes in the county. Options include; a hotel, motel or friends home that is outside the vulnerable area or an American Red Cross shelter. Hotels and motels fill up quickly and out-of-county evacuations take time. The earlier you leave as a hurricane approaches, the less time you will spend on the road.

- ❑ **Fuel cars, keep supplies in vehicles, secure important documents:** If the storm approaches Darlington County, individuals should fill up their cars with gas. Roads maps, nonperishable snack foods, a first-aid kit that includes a supply of your family's prescription medications and convenience items such as diapers and toiletries should be available in the car. Secure important documents in waterproof packaging.
- ❑ **Obtain supplies to protect the home:** If residents are ordered to evacuate, there will be little time to protect their homes from the storm. Boarding supplies such as wood and shutters should be purchased in advance. Make plans to clear your property of outdoor furniture and debris that would damage the home during a hurricane.
- ❑ **Make plans to move or store boats:** If you live near a lake, river, stream or body of water, secure your boat now. You cannot take you boat with you during and evacuation.
- ❑ **Consider the safety of pets:** Pets are not allowed in Red Cross shelters. Individuals and families should plan to board pets with veterinarians, kennels or other facilities in non-vulnerable areas. Identification and rabies tags should be attached to the pet's collars.
- ❑ **Register for special medical care:** Residents with special medical needs who may require transportation or medical care should contact the County Emergency Management office (398-4450), if they have not already done so. Special medical needs shelters require advance registration.
- ❑ **Understand the difference between a Hurricane or Tropical Storm Warning and Hurricane or Tropical Storm Watch:** A watch means a hurricane or tropical storm is possible within 36 hours. A hurricane or tropical storm warning is expected within 24 hours. If you are able to evacuate, do so immediately.

Residents who live in vulnerable areas may have to evacuate if the storm approaches Darlington County. They should be prepared to seek shelter inside their homes or move immediately to another secure location or an American Red Cross shelter. Residents should consider what actions are necessary to protect their homes and what supplies their families and they may need to last for three days after the storm makes landfall. Recommended supplies include, bottled water (one gallon per person per day), non-perishable canned foods, flashlights, a battery powered radio and clock, ice, paper

goods and a first-aid kit. For safety, residents are reminded not to use candles during power outages.

Additional information will be provided as the exact landfall location is determined.

This is an official notice to the public from Darlington County Emergency Services. Hurricane/Tropical Storm Emergency Alert System (EAS) Message – Hurricane or Tropical Storm Approaches Darlington County – Release 24 hours before landfall

Darlington County Emergency Services Emergency Alert System Message

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EAS Pre-scripted **Storm Message # 2 (HURRICANE _____ APPROACHES DARLINGTON COUNTY)**

Point of Contact: Public Information Office, Darlington County EOC 843-398-4448

Broadcast Time: _____ Date: _____

LP-1 Station: WJMX (103.3) 843-667-4600/665-1039

LP-2 Station:

REPEAT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE EVERY 30 MINUTES.

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TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT

Hurricane _____, a Category _____ storm is approaching Darlington County. The storm is projected to make landfall in the next 24 hours between _____ and the North Carolina border.

Everyone should be completing the actions needed to protect their homes, pets, property and lives immediately. Residents should continue to monitor the storm on NOAA weather, through local radio, TV and news media. Residents are encouraged to:

- Review their evacuation plans.**
- Fuel cars, keep supplies in vehicles, and secure important documents.**
- Obtain supplies to protect their homes.**

- ❑ **Make plans to move or store boats.**
- ❑ **Insure the safety of their pets.**
- ❑ **Register for special medical needs shelters if necessary.**

Residents who live in vulnerable areas should seek safety now as the storm approaches Darlington County. They should move to shelter inside their homes or move immediately to another secure location or an American Red Cross shelter. Residents should complete any actions necessary to protect their homes immediately and insure supplies for their families (enough supplies for three days) are assembled.

Recommended supplies include, bottled water (one gallon per person per day), non-perishable canned foods, prescription medications, flashlights, a battery powered radio and clock, ice, paper goods and a first-aid kit. For safety, residents are reminded not to use candles during power outages.

Stay tuned to this station for additional information.

This is an official notice to the public from Darlington County Emergency Services.

Hurricane/Tropical Storm Emergency Alert System (EAS) Message – Shelter Locations

Darlington County Emergency Services Emergency Alert System Message

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EAS Pre-scripted **Storm Message # 3 Red Cross Shelter Locations**

Point of Contact: Public Information Office, Darlington County EOC 843-398-4448

Broadcast Time: _____ Date: _____

LP-1 Station: WJMX (103.3) 843-667-4600/665-1039

LP-2 Station:

REPEAT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE EVERY _____ MINUTES.

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TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT

Hurricane _____, a Category _____ storm is approaching Darlington County. The storm is projected to make landfall in the next 24 hours between _____ and the North Carolina border.

American Red Cross emergency shelters have been opened at the following locations:

Special Medical Needs Shelter: Medford Place Nursing Home
105 Medford Drive
Darlington, SC 29532
843-398-7000

Red Cross Shelters: Darlington High School
525 Spring Street
Darlington, SC 29532

North Hartsville Elementary School
110 School Drive
Hartsville, SC 29550

Lamar High School
214 North Darlington Ave
Lamar, SC 29069

Society Hill Community Center
236 Hall Street
Society Hill, SC 29593

Residents who are going to Red Cross emergency shelters should carry all their medications which they will need for at least three days, favorite toy(s) for their children, sleeping bags or bedding for their family, books, games, etc for their families, flashlights, a battery powered radio and spare batteries.

Residents are reminded that they are not allowed to take pets to Red Cross shelters.

Stay tuned to this station for additional information.

This is an official notice to the public from Darlington County Emergency Services.

Hurricane/Tropical Storm Emergency Alert System (EAS) Message – Reentry Safety

**CONSIDER RELEASING THIS MESSAGE THROUGH THE
NEWSPAPERS BEFORE AND AFTER THE STORM!**

Darlington County Emergency Services Emergency Alert System Message

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EAS Pre-scripted **Storm Message # 4 Reentry Safety**

Point of Contact: Public Information Office, Darlington County EOC 843-398-4448

Broadcast Time: _____ Date: _____

LP-1 Station: WJMX (103.3) 843-667-4600/665-1039

LP-2 Station:

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TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT

**(USE EITHER OPENING PARAGRAPH DEPENDING ON WHEN THE MESSAGE IS
RELEASED.)**

(Before the storm release)

Residents who may choose to evacuate before the storm are encouraged to remember the following safety tips upon returning to their homes after the storm has passed:

(After the storm release)

Evacuation orders as a result of Hurricane _____ have been cancelled. Residents who live in areas that were evacuated are now allowed to return to their homes. The health and safety of you and your family should be your first concern as you return to your home. The following safety tips are offered for you and your family's safety:

Remember the following safety tips:

- ❑ Be on the lookout for new hazards created by the hurricane, such as washed out roads, contaminated buildings, contaminated water, gas leaks, broken glass, downed power lines or damaged wiring and slippery floors.
- ❑ Be aware of exhaustion. Resist the tendency to do too much at once. Set priorities and pace yourself. Create a manageable schedule.
- ❑ Watch for signs of stress and fatigue. Talk about the situation with others to release tensions. Encourage others to talk about their concerns. Get professional crisis counseling if necessary.
- ❑ Encourage children to talk about their feelings. Explain how you plan to deal with the situation. Involve them in cleanup activities. Being part of the recovery process will help them cope. Keep the family together.
- ❑ Drink plenty of clean water. Try to eat well and get enough rest.
- ❑ Wear sturdy work boots and gloves. Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and clean water often when working in debris.
- ❑ Inform local authorities about health and safety hazards, including downed power lines, washed out roads, smoldering insulation or dead animals.

When returning to a damaged home:

- ❑ Keep a battery-powered radio with you so you can listen for emergency updates.
- ❑ Wear sturdy boots and gloves.
- ❑ Before going inside, walk carefully around the outside of your home and check for loose power lines, gas leaks and structural damage. Do not enter if flood waters remain around the building. If you have doubts about safety, have your home inspected by a professional before entering.
- ❑ Use a battery-powered flashlight. Do not use oil or gas lanterns, candles or torches. Leaking gas or other flammable materials may be present. Do not smoke. Do not turn on the lights until you're sure they're safe to use.
- ❑ Watch out for animals, especially poisonous snakes. Use a stick to poke through debris.
- ❑ Enter the building carefully and check for damage. Check for cracks in the roof, foundation and chimneys. Be aware of loose boards and slippery floors. If it looks like the building may collapse, leave immediately.
- ❑ Check for gas leaks starting at the hot water heater. If you smell gas or hear a hissing or blowing sound, open a window and leave immediately. Turn off the main gas valve from the outside, if you can. Call the gas company from a neighbor's house. If you shut off the gas supply at the main gas valve, you will need a professional to turn it back on.
- ❑ Check the electrical system. If you see sparks, broken or frayed wires, or if you smell hot insulation, turn off the electricity at the main fuse box or circuit breaker

if you are not wet and can do so without standing in water. If you have any doubts about your ability to turn off the electricity safely, leave the house and call a professional.

- ❑ Check appliances. If appliances are wet, turn off the electricity at the main fuse box or circuit breaker. Then unplug appliances and let them dry out. Have appliances checked by a professional before using them again.
- ❑ Check water and sewage systems. If pipes are damaged, turn off the main water valve.
- ❑ Clean up spilled medicines, bleaches and gasoline. Open cabinets carefully. Be aware of objects that may fall.
- ❑ Look for valuable items such as jewelry and family heirlooms and protect them.
- ❑ Try to protect your home from further damage. Open windows and doors to get air moving through. Patch holes.
- ❑ Clean and disinfect everything that got wet. The mud left behind by floodwaters can contain sewage and chemicals.
- ❑ Check with local authorities before using any water, it could be contaminated. Wells should be pumped out and the water tested by authorities before drinking.
- ❑ Throw out fresh food that has come in contact with flood waters. Check refrigerated food for spoilage. Throw out flooded cosmetics and medicines.
- ❑ Call your insurance agent. Take pictures of damages. Keep good records of repair and cleaning costs.
- ❑ Tune to local radio and television stations and read local newspapers for information regarding financial assistance, emergency housing, food, first aid and clothing.

This is an official notice to the public from Darlington County Emergency Services.

Appendix 5 (Public Information Procedures – Dam Failure) to Annex 15 (ESF-15 - Public Information) to the Darlington County Emergency Operations Plan

1. Public information messages released prior to a dam failing or collapsing is intended to warn the public of the dams impending failure. At this point the public will be encouraged to take the immediate actions necessary to protect their family, property and pets before the dam fails.
2. Public information messages released after the dam failure are used to inform the public of any available assistance.
3. Prior to the dam failure, the public is encouraged to listen to local radio and TV to read local newspapers for information about efforts to stabilize the dam and get residents out of the immediate danger areas.
4. Every effort will be made to insure that only accurate and essential information is released to public during this event.

Dam Failure Emergency Alert System (EAS) Message – Danger of Failure

Darlington County Emergency Services Emergency Alert System Message

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EAS Pre-scripted Dam Failure Message # 1 Possible failure of the (Lake Robinson) (Prestwood Lake) Dam

Point of Contact: Public Information Office, Darlington County EOC 843-398-4448

Broadcast Time: _____ Date: _____

LP-1 Station: WJMX (103.3) 843-667-4600/665-1039

LP-2 Station:

REPEAT THIS MESSAGE EVERY 15 MINUTES FOR THE NEXT _____ HOURS!

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TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT

Darlington County has been notified that the dam at **(Lake Robinson) (Prestwood Lake)** has been damaged by recent weather and is in danger of failing. Residents that live downstream of either dam and along Black Creek are encouraged to move to a safe location immediately.

Residents are encouraged to seek shelter in hotels, motels, with friends or family members that live outside the flood zones for Black Creek.

Residents that can not go to a hotel motel or other location, an emergency shelter has been opened at: (Enter the shelter location):

Stay tuned to this station for additional information.

This is an official notice to the public from Darlington County Emergency Services.

Dam Failure Emergency Alert System (EAS) Message – Dam Failure

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EAS Pre-scripted Dam Failure Message # 2 Failure of the (Lake Robinson) (Prestwood Lake) Dam

Point of Contact: Public Information Office, Darlington County EOC 843-398-4448

Broadcast Time: _____ Date: _____

LP-1 Station: WJMX (103.3) 843-667-4600/665-1039

LP-2 Station:

REPEAT THIS MESSAGE EVERY 5 MINUTES FOR THE NEXT _____ HOURS!

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TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT

Darlington County has been notified that the dam at **(Lake Robinson) (Prestwood Lake) has failed**. Residents that live downstream of the **(Lake Robinson) (Prestwood Lake)** dam and along Black Creek are encouraged to move to a safe location immediately!

Residents are encouraged to seek shelter in hotels, motels, with friends or family members that live outside the flood zones for Black Creek now!

An emergency shelter has been opened at: (Enter the shelter location):

Stay tuned to this station for additional information.

This is an official notice to the public from Darlington County Emergency Services.

Appendix 6 (Public Information Procedures – Earthquake) to Annex 15 (ESF-15 - Public Information) to the Darlington County Emergency Operations Plan

1. Public information messages released through the media after an earthquake are intended to both inform and warn the public of actions to take and dangers they may still encounter. At this point the public will be encouraged to take the immediate actions necessary to protect their family, property and pets following the earthquake.
2. Public information messages released after an earthquake are intended to advise the public of actions to take immediately, to warn them of dangers they may still face or encounter and to inform the public of local response efforts and of any assistance that is available or will be available with arrival of state and federal assistance.
3. The public is encouraged to listen to local radio and TV, to read local newspapers for information about response and recovery efforts and actions to get residents out of the immediate danger areas.
4. Every effort will be made to insure that only accurate and essential information is released to public during this event.

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Earthquake Emergency Alert System (EAS) Message

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EAS Pre-scripted: **Earthquake occurs in or near Darlington County Message # 1**

Point of Contact: Public Information Office, Darlington County EOC 843-398-4448

Broadcast Time: _____ Date: _____

LP-1 Station: WJMX (103.3) 843-667-4600/665-1039

LP-2 Station:

REPEAT THIS MESSAGE EVERY 5 MINUTES FOR THE NEXT HOUR!

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TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT

An earthquake may have occurred in or near Darlington County. The Emergency Services Office is working in conjunction with the South Carolina Emergency Management Division to confirm that an earthquake has occurred. Citizens are encouraged to remain calm. Please begin checking on the safety of your family, home and neighbors. Police, Fire and EMS are already responding to calls for assistance. Additional information will be released as soon as confirmation is received.

Stay tuned to this station for additional information.

This is an official notice to the public from Darlington County Emergency Services.

Earthquake Emergency Alert System (EAS) Message

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EAS Pre-scripted: **Things To Do Immediately After The Earthquake Message # 2**

Point of Contact: Public Information Office, Darlington County EOC 843-398-4448

Broadcast Time: _____ Date: _____

LP-1 Station: WJMX (103.3) 843-667-4600/665-1039

LP-2 Station:

REPEAT THIS MESSAGE EVERY 15 MINUTES FOR THE NEXT _____ HOURS!

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TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT

Seismologists have confirmed that a strong earthquake has occurred in or near Darlington County. The danger may not be over, there may be aftershocks causing more shaking. If the earthquake has damaged your neighborhood, here are some things you **should do** and some things you're **warned not to do**:

Things to do immediately after an earthquake!

- Try to remain calm and in touch with the people around you.
- Stay off the telephone unless you are contacting emergency services.
- Put on sturdy shoes or boots to protect your feet from debris and provide ankle support.

- ❑ Store water in your bathtub or a large container and sterilize water that wasn't bottled before using it.
- ❑ If you smell gas or hear a blowing or hissing noise, open a window and quickly leave the building. Turn off gas, using the outside main valve if you can, and call the gas company.
- ❑ Clean up broken glass, medicines and flammable liquids.
- ❑ Take a few moments to rest every hour or so and consider what you're going to do next.

Things you're warned not to do after an earthquake!

- ❑ If you turn off the gas for any reason, a professional must turn it back on.
- ❑ Do not use matches, lighters or candles until you are sure there are no gas leaks.
- ❑ Do not use the telephone lines unless you are calling emergency services.
- ❑ Do not waste water
- ❑ Do not go sightseeing, you could risk injury or interfere with emergency workers.
- ❑ Do not forget that strong aftershocks are possible at any time.

Stay tuned to this station for additional information.

This is an official notice to the public from Darlington County Emergency Services.

Earthquake Emergency Alert System (EAS) Message

Darlington County Emergency Services Emergency Alert System Message

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EAS Pre-scripted: **First Steps At Home After The Earthquake Message # 3**

Point of Contact: Public Information Office, Darlington County EOC 843-398-4448

Broadcast Time: _____ Date: _____

LP-1 Station: WJMX (103.3) 843-667-4600/665-1039

LP-2 Station:

REPEAT THIS MESSAGE EVERY 1 5 MINUTES FOR THE NEXT _____ HOURS!

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TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT TEXT

Seismologists have confirmed that a strong earthquake has occurred in or near Darlington County. The danger may not be over, there may be aftershocks causing more shaking. Here are the first steps you can take at home to protect your family, home and neighborhood.

- ❑ If you are safe where you are, your best bet is to stay there if you can. Do not go outside unless the building you are in is unstable.
- ❑ Check on your family members. Make sure that you know where each member is and their condition. Apply any needed first aid that you can until help arrives.
- ❑ Use a fire extinguisher to put out small fires. Do not use water on electrical or gas fires. If you can't put the fire out quickly, get everyone out of the area right away.

- ❑ Inspect your home's foundation, walls and chimneys. Take a close look at your utility connections. Look and listen for any signs of possible collapse.
- ❑ Turn off any appliance that was on when the earthquake hit and check it for damage.
- ❑ Check your water heater. If it fell over in the earthquake, it may have broken a gas, electric or water line.
- ❑ Offer help to the people around you, family, neighbors and co-workers.
- ❑ Isolate flammable liquids and other hazardous materials as much as possible without risking yourself.
- ❑ Check your surroundings for fire and remove any materials that may cause them to spread.
- ❑ If you must move from where you are now, leave a note on the front door to tell family and emergency workers where you have gone.
- ❑ If the shaking starts again, take cover under a sturdy piece of furniture or by an inside wall away from windows and top-heavy objects. You should keep your head and neck covered with your arms until the shaking stops.
- ❑ If you are outdoors when an aftershock begins, stay in the open away from buildings, signs and overhead wires.

- ❑ Officials are assessing the situation to determine the extent of damage and to determine if the danger has passed. Residents are encouraged to remain calm and offer assistance to neighbors until help arrives.

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EAS Pre-scripted: **Flashlights Save Lives Earthquake Message # 4**

Point of Contact: Public Information Office, Darlington County EOC 843-398-4448

Broadcast Time: _____ Date: _____

LP-1 Station: WJMX (103.3) 843-667-4600/665-1039

LP-2 Station:

REPEAT THIS MESSAGE EVERY 15 MINUTES FOR THE NEXT _____ HOURS!

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A strong earthquake has occurred in or near Darlington County. Darlington County Emergency Services and South Carolina Emergency Management Division have consulted with seismologists who indicate that the initial threat from the earthquake has passed. Now is the time to survey your surroundings to determine danger, specifically to utilities.

- If you smell gas, open your window and get everyone out of the building right away. If you smell smoke or the structure is in flames, get everyone out of the area immediately.

- ❑ If you think there might be a gas leak, do not switch lights on or off. **If you need more light, use flashlights instead of matches, lighters or candles.** A spark or open flame could start a fire or cause an explosion.

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EAS Pre-scripted: **Precautions For People Who Must Travel Earthquake Message # 5**

Point of Contact: Public Information Office, Darlington County EOC 843-398-4448

Broadcast Time: _____ Date: _____

LP-1 Station: WJMX (103.3) 843-667-4600/665-1039

LP-2 Station:

REPEAT THIS MESSAGE EVERY 15 MINUTES FOR THE NEXT _____ HOURS!

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A strong earthquake has occurred in or near Darlington County. Darlington County Emergency Services and South Carolina Emergency Management Division after consulting with seismologists are advising that aftershocks could follow the earthquake. People who must travel are advised to take the following precautions.

- ❑ It is best to stay off the roads right now, but if you must drive and the shaking starts again, pull over and stop in the first safe place you can find away from overpasses, power lines and overhanging signs.
- ❑ Once you stop stay inside of your car.

- If you are on a bridge or an overpass, keep moving – carefully – until you're off the bridge, then look for a safe place to stop until the shaking is over.

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EAS Pre-scripted: **Restrict Telephone Usage Earthquake Message # 6**

Point of Contact: Public Information Office, Darlington County EOC 843-398-4448

Broadcast Time: _____ Date: _____

LP-1 Station: WJMX (103.3) 843-667-4600/665-1039

LP-2 Station:

REPEAT THIS MESSAGE EVERY 5 MINUTES FOR THE NEXT _____ HOURS!

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A strong earthquake has occurred in or near Darlington County. Darlington County Emergency Services and South Carolina Emergency Management Division after consulting with seismologists are advising that aftershocks could follow the earthquake. The public is asked to use telephones only for critical communications.

- Police, Fire and EMS know about the earthquake and are responding to the most serious problems first. Please try not to use the telephone, including your cell phone, unless you are reporting a life-threatening injury or a fire.

- Unnecessary calls to report the earthquake or to report minor damage could keep life-saving calls from getting through. It is important to locate your friends and family members, but it may be best to wait until the initial confusion has passed.

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EAS Pre-scripted: **Food and Water Earthquake Message # 7**

Point of Contact: Public Information Office, Darlington County EOC 843-398-4448

Broadcast Time: _____ Date: _____

LP-1 Station: WJMX (103.3) 843-667-4600/665-1039

LP-2 Station:

REPEAT THIS MESSAGE EVERY 20 MINUTES FOR THE NEXT _____ HOURS!

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Seismologists have confirmed that a strong earthquake has occurred in or near Darlington County, however there may be aftershocks causing more shaking. It is not dangerous to consume fresh food and water at this time. Nevertheless, because of the potential for aftershocks, you should plan your meals carefully.

Food usage:

- ❑ If your power is out, eat the perishable foods and other food in your refrigerator first, then the food from your freezer. You should consider keeping canned goods and nonperishable foods until other stocks are consumed.
- ❑ Unless you are sure your gas and electric connections are safe, cooking outside on a propane grill, a charcoal grill or a camping stove is advised. Remember that these are only for use outdoors.

Water storage and usage: Earthquake damage has occurred in the county. Now is the time to store water for use. Water and sewer services may be interrupted for some time and it is important that you make the best use of the water available.

- ❑ Fill your bathtub and any other large clean containers that you have on hand.
- ❑ If your water heater is undamaged, the water inside it will be useful for drinking and cooking.
- ❑ If the water in the storage tank of your toilet bowl is clear, you may be able to use that, as well, but you should never use water from the bowl.
- ❑ Plan on sterilizing any water that isn't already bottled. You can sterilize water by boiling it for five minutes, or by adding three or four drops of liquid chlorine laundry bleach per quart and letting the mixture stand for half an hour.

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EAS Pre-scripted: **How Can You Help Earthquake Message # 8**

Point of Contact: Public Information Office, Darlington County EOC 843-398-4448

Broadcast Time: _____ Date: _____

LP-1 Station: WJMX (103.3) 843-667-4600/665-1039

LP-2 Station:

REPEAT THIS MESSAGE EVERY 30 MINUTES FOR THE NEXT _____ HOURS!

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A strong earthquake has occurred in or near Darlington County. Darlington County Emergency Services and South Carolina Emergency Management Division after consulting with seismologists are advising that aftershocks could follow the earthquake. Nevertheless, people in the affected areas and outside the affected areas can help.

- ❑ Police, Fire and EMS are dealing with the worst of the earthquake problems. If your area has damage, check in with your family, neighbors or co-workers. Offer what first aid and assistance that you can until emergency workers arrive.
- ❑ You should remember that small children, individuals with special needs and elderly might require special attention and reassurance, even if they seem uninjured. Offer any encouragement that you can and assure them that authorities are aware of the situation and will be in the area soon.
- ❑ People that live outside the affected areas are encouraged to help by making monetary, food and clothing donations to charitable organizations such as the American Red Cross, Salvation Army or other worthwhile charities. This will insure your money and donations reach the people that need help the most. People wishing to volunteer their services are encouraged to contact the American Red Cross, Salvation Army, United Way and other similar organizations to volunteer their time and services.

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