

Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC)

Virginia Emergency Support Team (VEST)

FINAL Situation Report #10
2015-09-29 Severe Weather
05 October 2015 0800
New information in red

Summary:

Hurricane Joaquin continues to move northeast and away from the coast. However, it continues to generate coastal winds and waves to impact the Eastern Shore and Hampton Roads areas.

Key Items:

- **National Weather Service indicates coastal winds out of the Northeast will be at 15-25 mph with gusts between 40-50 mph. This may result in trees being blown over due to very soft soil from recent rainfall. Within the Chesapeake Bay, 5 foot waves are expected. Oceanside, expectations are for 10 foot waves.**
- **FEMA Incident Support Team, Virginia Task Force One (Fairfax County Urban Search and Rescue) and Virginia Task Force Two (Virginia Beach Urban Search and Rescue) have been deployed to support South Carolina.**

Contiguous States and FEMA Region III

Governor of North Carolina, Pat McCrory, signed an Executive Order declaring a state of emergency in North Carolina in anticipation of heavy rains, potential flooding, and the possibility that Hurricane Joaquin may affect North Carolina.

Governor of Maryland, Larry Hogan, signed an Executive Order declaring a state of emergency in Maryland in anticipation of heavy rains, potential flooding, and the possibility that Hurricane Joaquin may affect Maryland. **The State of Maryland has lowered its response level to normal operations as of Sunday, October 4 at 7 pm.**

Governor of South Carolina, Nikki Haley, signed an Executive Order declaring a state of emergency in South Carolina in anticipation of heavy rains, potential flooding, and the possibility that Hurricane Joaquin may affect South Carolina. On Saturday, 3 October, President Barack Obama signed South Carolina Emergency Declaration beginning 1 October, 2015. **Rainfall amounts totaling over 2 feet occurred in Charleston and Colombia. Per the NWS, Colombia received 17 inches in 17 hours.**

State Actions

Governor McAuliffe declared a state of emergency on September 30, 2015 at 1704.

Local Emergency Declarations as of 1800 (24)

- Accomack County
- Botetourt County
- Charlotte County
- Chincoteague, Town of
- Floyd County

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- Hampton City
- Isle of Wight
- James City County
- King and Queen County
- Lancaster County
- Mathews County
- Norfolk City
- Newport News City
- Patrick County
- Poquoson City
- Portsmouth City
- Prince Edward County
- Northampton County
- Surry County
- Tazewell County
- Westmoreland County
- Williamsburg City
- Fluvanna County (rescinded Oct 3)
- **Pulaski County (rescinded Oct 4)**

Local EOCs Open as of 0000 (2)

- Lancaster County
- Hampton City

VEST/VDEM/VEOC

- A WebEOC incident, 2015-09-29 Severe Weather, has been created
- VDEM is monitoring the weather and potential flooding conditions
- Total VEOC Missions **(58)**

ESF # 1 Transportation

- As of 1600 on October 4: **0** Interstates closed, **0** Primary roads closed, **70** Secondary road closed (**28** in the Salem District with the remainder distributed evenly across Commonwealth)
- Merry Pointe and Sunnybank ferries are closed throughout the storm. Service will be restored as soon as waters recede.
- VEOC was notified at 0543 hrs on 4 October of a non-release derailment of a CSX crude oil train due to a rockslide in Lynchburg. The lead locomotive of the train derailed at MP CAB147 (Southern Crossing) between Washington Street and East Reusens. The locomotive was able to stop although the first three axles of the lead locomotive derailed. CSX has a hazmat contractor standing by while the locomotive is placed back on the track. This was an empty unit train and state assistance has been requested.
- **Service at the Jamestown-Scotland Ferry has been restored.**
- **As of 0400, Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel on US 13 is open but operating under Level 2 Wind Restrictions due to 47 mph winds**

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ESF #5 Emergency Management

- Continue to conduct conference calls as well as produce situational awareness products such as spot reports, situational reports, and mapping.
- **Continue demobilization processes.**

ESF #7 Logistics/Resource Support

- Missions (15)
- Requests include, but are not limited to water, meals, social media monitoring, debris removal teams, high mobility vehicles, and water rescue teams.

ESF #8 Public Health

- OCME confirmed two storm related fatalities from motor vehicle accidents.

ESF #12 Energy

- Last reporting of statewide power outages was approximately 5,000

ESF #14 Recovery and Mitigation

- Developed Damage Assessment Plan

ESF #16 Military Affairs

- **8 personnel are deployed in support of localities**
- **Multiple overflights of event affected areas scheduled for today using Civil Air Patrol and VANG resources.**

Weather Forecast

Southwest/West Central Virginia:

Today: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 64. Northerly winds around 10 mph, with gusts as high as 22 mph

Northwest/Northern Virginia:

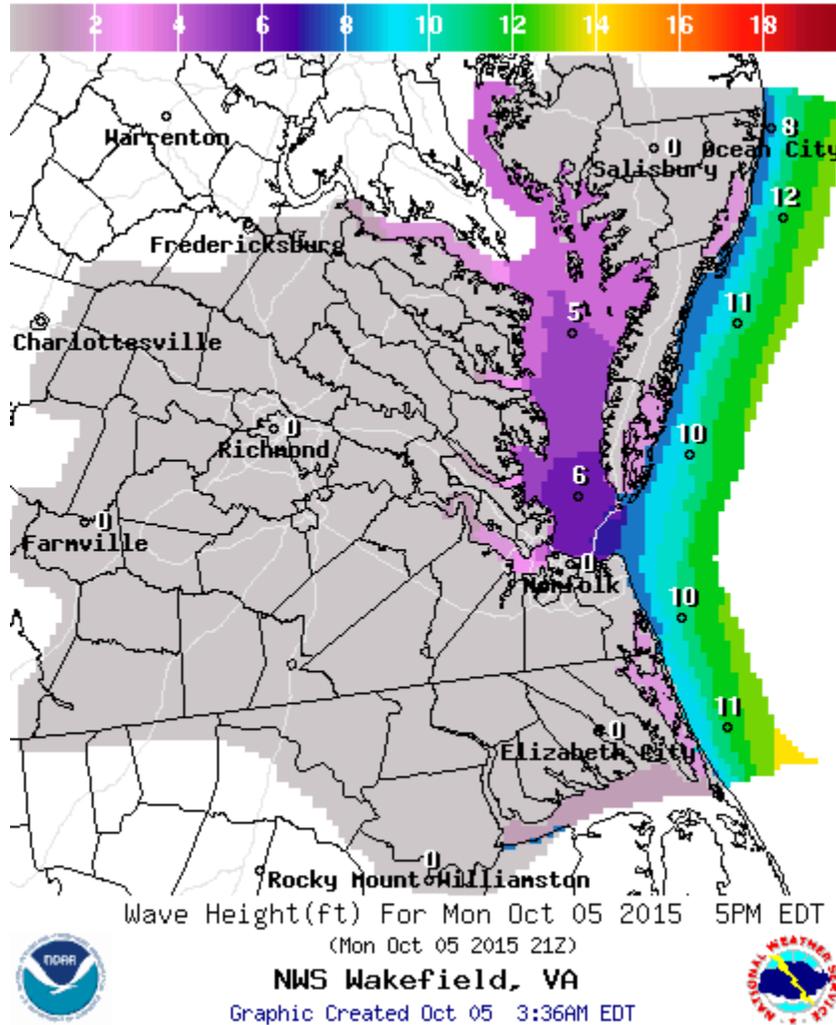
Today: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 64. Northerly winds around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph

Central/Eastern Virginia:

Today: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 65 with an approximately 20% chance of rain. Overall, northeast winds will be around 10 mph with coastal winds remaining around 20 mph with the potential for gusts over 45 mph.

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NWS Projected Wave Heights for Virginia



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