

Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC)

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Situation Report #8
2015-09-29 Severe Weather
04 October 2015 0500
New information in red

Summary:

Hurricane Joaquin is traveling northeast into open waters of the Atlantic and does not pose a direct threat to Virginia. Joaquin will generate winds and coastal flooding. Peak Tidal flooding will be “Major Flooding” for those communities and will occur between 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday – with tide height predictions at 4 feet to 6 feet. High Surf Advisory for coastal areas now in effect until 7 p.m. Monday, per NWS, which indicates possible life-threatening rip currents and localized beach erosion. Coastal Flood Warnings remain for Hampton Roads, Peninsula, Northern Neck, and Eastern Shore. Additional rains are projected for Southwest Virginia as storm system moves out of the Carolinas, but minimal flooding projected.

Key Items:

- A CSX crude oil train was involved in a non-release derailment caused by a rockslide in Lynchburg at approximately 0320 hours; no state response requested and no damage information provided.
- Abingdon Fire and Rescue assisted a stranded motorist trapped in high water on Saturday evening at approximately 2030 hours.
- No known significant impacts at this time. Rainfall over the next 24hrs appears to .10” or less. Though water levels have risen from the recent rain, most stream gauges are well below the flood thresholds.

Contiguous States and FEMA Region III

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers arrived at the VEOC on October 3, 2015.

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.

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.

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
- Town of Chincoteague
- Charlotte County

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- Floyd County
- Hampton City
- Isle of Wright County
- James City County
- King and Queen County
- Lancaster County
- Newport News City
- Norfolk City
- Northampton County
- Prince Edward County
- Patrick County
- Pulaski County
- Poquoson County
- Portsmouth City
- Surry County
- Tazewell County
- Westmoreland County
- Williamsburg City
- Mathews County
- Fluvanna County (Rescinded Oct. 3rd)

Local EOCs Open as of 1800 (3)

- Chesapeake City
- Lancaster County
- Nelson County

VEST/VDEM/VEOC

- A WebEOC incident, 2015-09-29 Severe Weather, has been created
- VDEM is monitoring the weather and participating in coordination conference calls
- Regional conference calls continue

ESF # 1 Transportation

- As of 0600 on 4 October: **0** Interstates closed, **7** Primary roads closed, **60** Secondary road closed (**20** in Salem, remainder distributed evenly across Commonwealth)
- Merry Pointe and Sunnybank ferries are closed throughout the storm. Service will be restored as soon as waters recede.
- **Service at the Jamestown-Scotland Ferry has been restored.**
- **Amtrak service along the East Coast has been restored.**
- **VEOC was notified at 0543 hours of a non-release derailment of a CSX crude oil train due to a rockslide in Lynchburg. The lead locomotive of a crude oil train derailed at MP CAB147 (Southern Crossing) between Washington Street and East Reusens. No state assistance has been requested.**

ESF #2 Communications

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- Verizon Wireless, Verizon, and Sprint staff are at the VEOC staffing ESF 2.
- Developed a demobilization plan for staffing.
- Completed exercise for Future Planning Cell.

ESF #3 Public Works and Engineering

- Monitoring debris cleanup activities on the Eastern Shore by localities.
- Norfolk public utility vehicles used for road blocking.
- Working with VDH/ODW to get situational updates on the waterworks of localities. Only Doswell water system is experiencing intake problems that are being resolved by an alternative water source provided by Ashland.

ESF #4 Firefighting

- All field resources have been demobilized

ESF #5 Emergency Management

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

ESF #6 Mass Care

- No shelters are open. 19 localities have shelters on standby.
- American Red Cross has opened Disaster Recovery Headquarters in Richmond today.

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

- Langley Air Force Base Hospital has re-opened as of 1030 hours.

ESF #9 Search and Rescue

- Search and Rescue Teams Deployed
 - 1 boat team on the eastern shore (VSP), will remain in place thru 1500 hours., Oct 4
 - 1 boat team in Pulaski (Div 4 Technical Rescue Team), will remain in place until tomorrow
 - 1 boat team in Floyd (VSP), demobilizing
 - 1 boat team in Patrick (VSP) will remain in place thru 1200 hours, Oct 4
 - 2 boat teams in Roanoke (VSP) will remain in place until tomorrow

ESF #10 Hazardous Materials Response

- DEQ conducted preparedness conference calls with regional offices

ESF #11 Agriculture and Natural Resources

- Cooperative Extension working on damage assessments in Patrick, Floyd, and Montgomery counties
- Pet shelters are preparing to open in coordination with general population shelters

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ESF #12 Energy

- Current statewide power outages as of **2300 3 October: 7301**
- Notification of potential electric sector Regional Mutual Assistance Group (RMAG) fleet movement coordination with multiple states on East Coast

ESF #13 Public Safety

- Reported some minor flooding and some standing water on the roadways
- VSP SRT assets staged in Eastern Shore, Roanoke, and Richmond.

ESF #14 Recovery and Mitigation

- Continuing to monitor the initial damage assessments to identify impacts. Followed up with the electric cooperatives and state agencies requesting that they start submitting their estimated costs.

ESF #15 Public Affairs

- Fielded media inquiry from NBC New York
- Completed NC/SC 48 hours scenario
- Initiated after action report collection process
- Due to low media inquiries released media relation staff
- Posts continue to be made to Facebook and Twitter

ESF #16 Military Affairs

- Personnel and Equipment have been staged and are ready for missions in Charlottesville, Fredericksburg, Sandston, Onancock, Hampton/Norfolk/Portsmouth/Virginia Beach, Abington, Danville, Cedar Bluff, Lexington, Staunton, Woodstock, West Point, Ft. Pickett, Harrisonburg
- Total: **251 PAX, 95 Vehicles**

ESF #17 Volunteers and Donations

- Continuing to build volunteer resource and capabilities database.
- Working to coordinate a conference call within planning section the next 48-72 hrs.

Weather Forecast

- **Southwest/West Central Virginia**
Today: Rain or drizzle likely. High near 60. Northeast winds 10 – 15 mph with gusts up to 25 mph. Chance of precipitation 60%. New precipitation amounts between a tenth and a quarter inch possible.
Tonight: A chance of rain before 2 am. Cloudy with a low around 53. Northeast winds 8 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 50%. New precipitation amounts of less than a tenth of an inch possible. [NWS Morristown](#), [NWS Blacksburg](#)
- **Northwest/Northern Virginia**
Today: Light rain likely with areas of drizzle before 9am, then a chance of showers after 9am. Cloudy with a high near 60. North wind 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 29 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60%. New precipitation amounts between a tenth and quarter of an inch possible.
Tonight: A slight chance of showers. Cloudy, with a low around 48. North wind 3 to 6 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20%. New precipitation amounts of less than a tenth of an inch possible. [NWS Sterling](#)

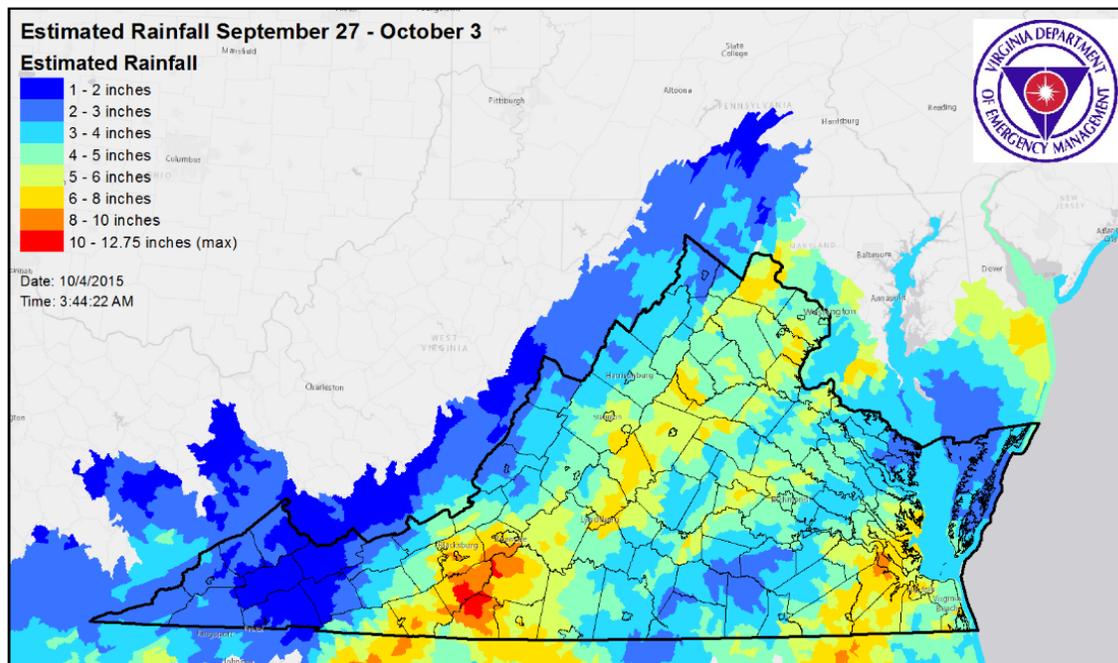
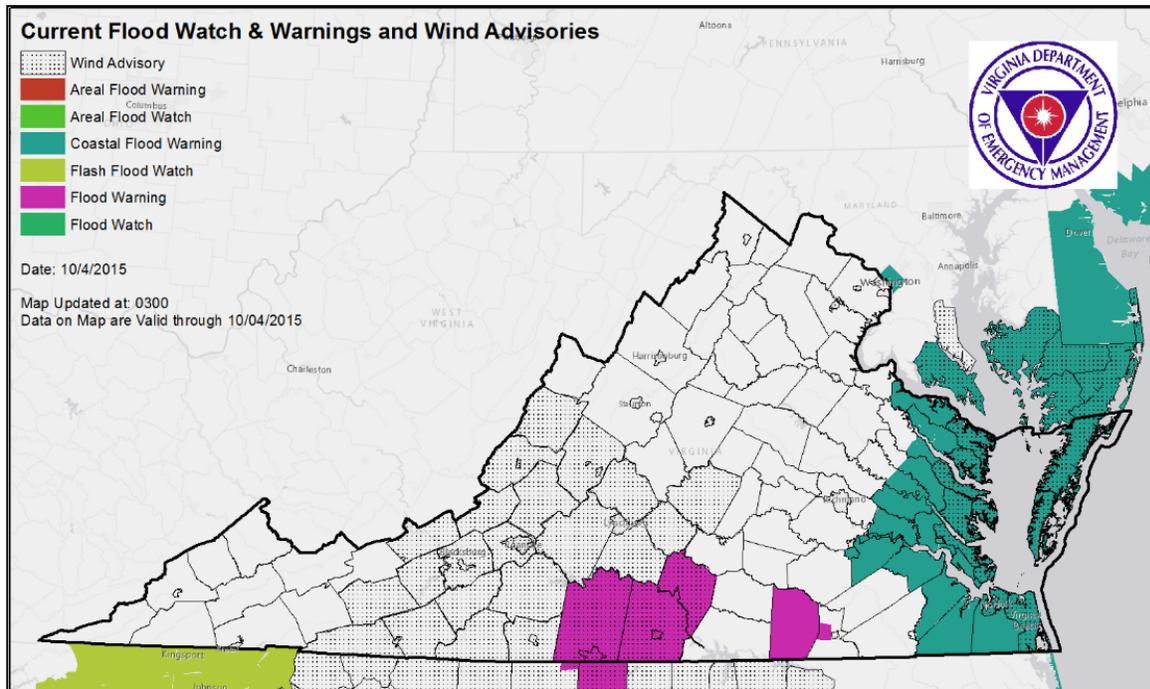
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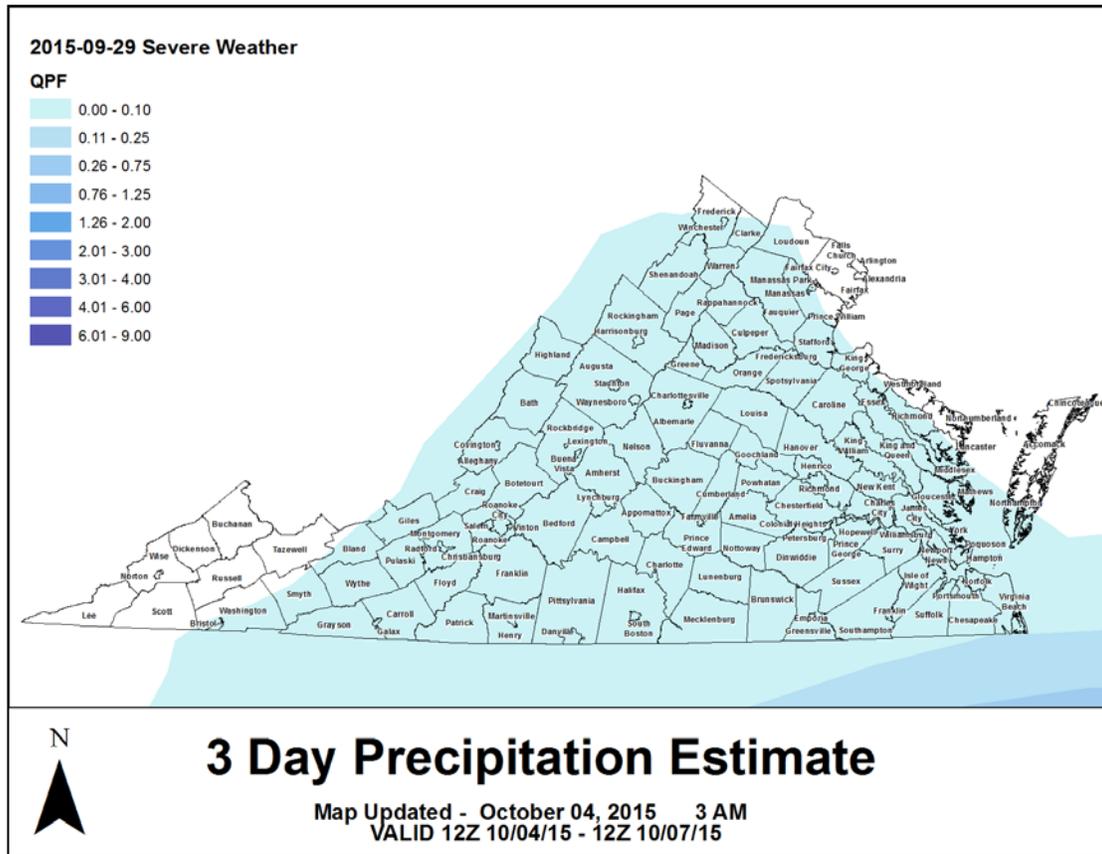
- **Central/Eastern Virginia**

Today: A chance of showers. Cloudy, with a high in the lower 60's to mid 70's near the coast. Northeast winds around 15 central and 28 near the coast with gusts up to 44 mph. Chance of precipitation is 50%. New precipitation amounts between a tenth and quarter of an inch possible.

Tonight: A chance of rain. Cloudy, with a low around 60. North wind around 13 mph central, windy along the coast with winds around 30 mph with gusts as high as 44 mph. Chance of precipitation is 50%. New precipitation amounts between a tenth and quarter of an inch possible. [NWS Wakefield](#)



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