

# Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC)

## Virginia Emergency Support Team (VEST)

Situation Report #9  
2015-09-29 Severe Weather  
04 October 2015 1900  
**New information in red**

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### Summary:

Hurricane Joaquin will continue to generate winds and coastal flooding. The National Weather Service has issued a wind advisory in effect through 0800 October 5 for Southwestern VA. NWS indicates winds out of the Northeast at 15-25 mph with gusts between 40-50 mph. Trees may be blown over due to very soft soil from recent rainfall.

### 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.
- National Weather Service has issued a coastal flood warning and for the Hampton Roads, Northern Neck and Eastern Shore areas of VA.
- **South Carolina is shutting down 90 miles of I-95 between Florence and I-26. Sections of other interstates around Columbia, SC are also being shut down.**

### 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.

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
- Charlotte County
- Chincoteague, Town of
- Floyd County
- Hampton City
- Isle of Wight
- James City County
- King and Queen County

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- 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 1800 (3)

- Chesapeake City
- 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, **3** Primary roads closed, **68** Secondary road closed (**25** 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.
- VEOC was notified at 0543 hrs 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 suspended.**

### ESF #5 Emergency Management

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

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### 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

- Current statewide power outages as of **1800 4 October: 5,401**

### 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

- Posting VDEM severe weather blog and social media platforms with coastal and river flooding information
- **Fielded a media call from the Associated Press checking on flooding, damage, fatalities, etc. and incidents related to flooding.**

### ESF #16 Military Affairs

- **53 personnel are deployed in support of localities**

### Weather Forecast

#### Southwest/West Central Virginia:

**Tonight:** A chance of rain, mainly before 2am. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 52. East wind around 14 mph, with gusts as high as 22 mph. Chance of precipitation is 40%. New precipitation amounts of less than a tenth of an inch possible.

**Monday:** Mostly cloudy, with a high near 64. North wind around 10 mph, with gusts as high as 22 mph

#### Northwest/Northern Virginia:

**Tonight:** A slight chance of showers before 9pm. Cloudy, with a low around 52. North wind around 14 mph, with gusts as high as 26 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20%.

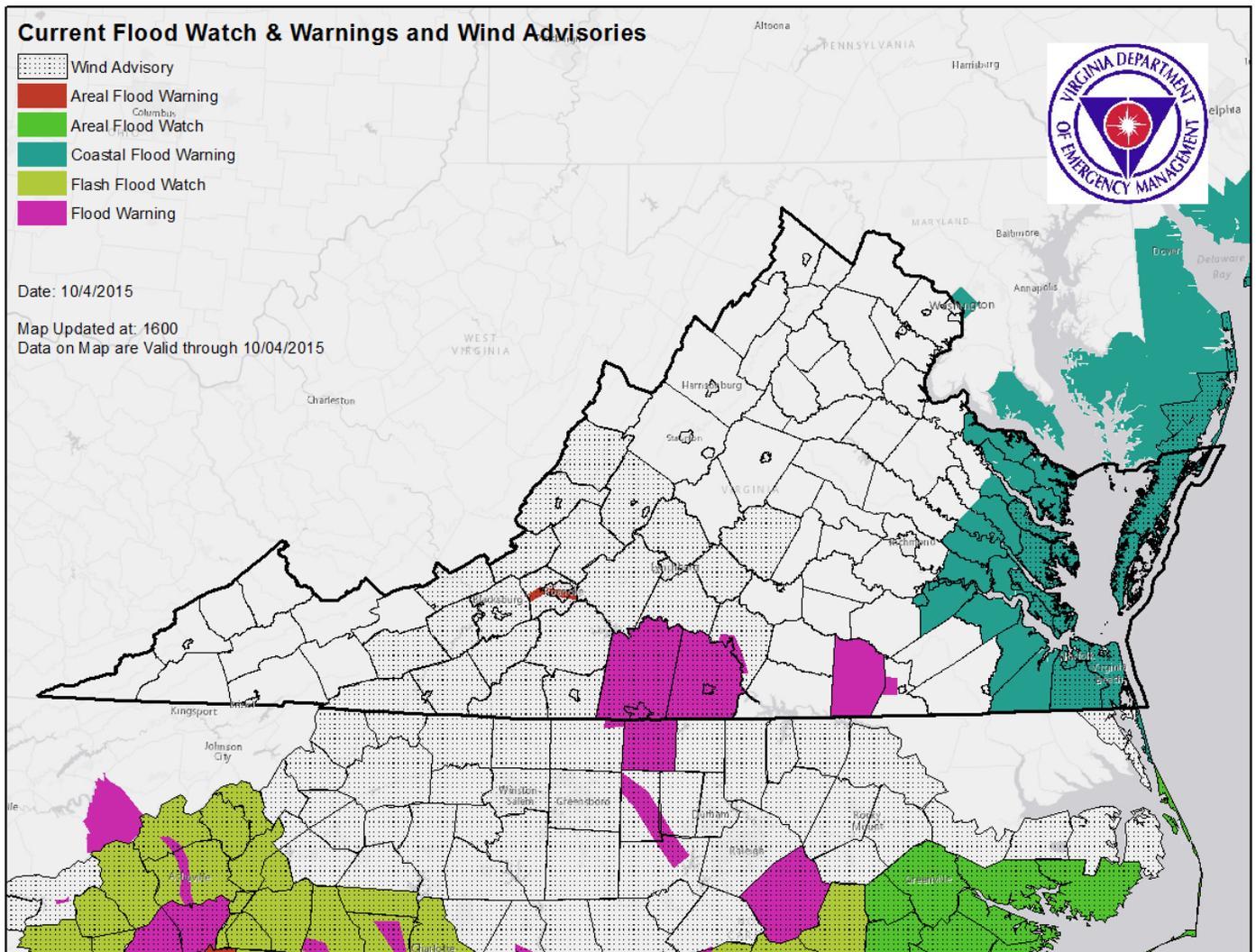
**Monday:** Mostly cloudy, with a high near 64. North wind 14-16, with gusts as high as 25 mph

#### Central/Eastern Virginia:

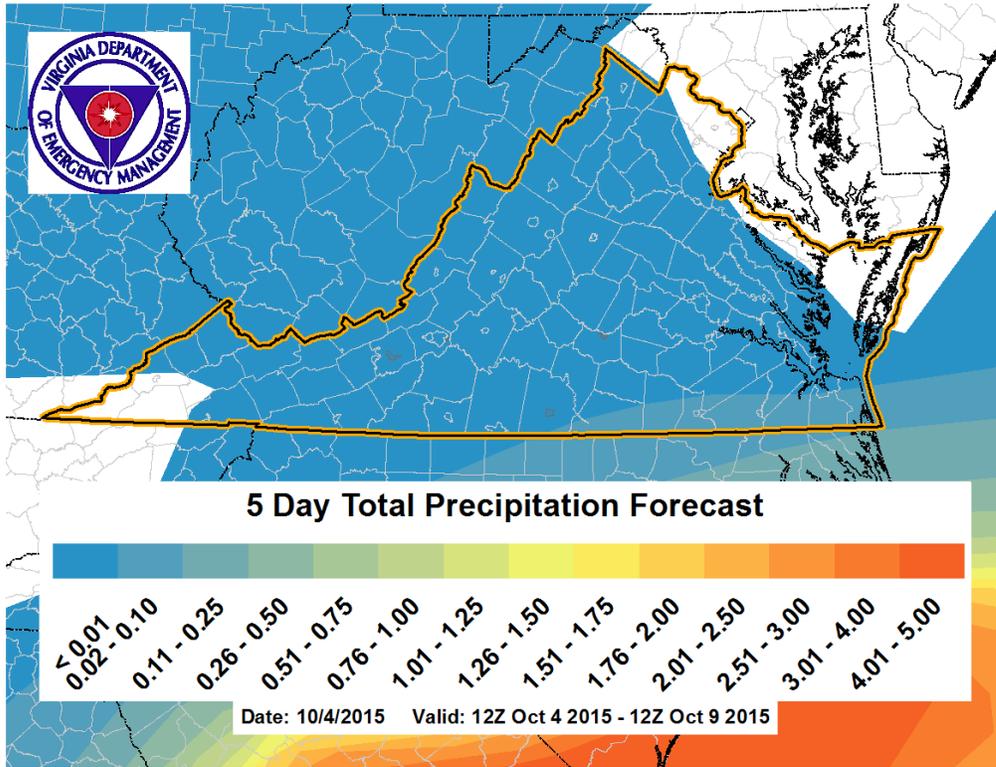
**Tonight:** A chance of rain. Cloudy, with a low around 59. North wind around 16 mph. Chance of precipitation is 40%. New precipitation amounts of less than a tenth of an inch possible.

**Monday:** A slight chance of rain. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 65. Northeast wind around 11 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20%.

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