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Charleston County Severe Weather Update #9

Charleston County Government would like to alert the public of sewer overflow issues in the areas of North Charleston and Sullivan's Island.

The North Charleston Sewer District has reported they are experiencing sanitary sewer overflows due to the wide spread flooding conditions. The overflows are expected to continue throughout the flood event this weekend. Citizens are asked to limit their exposure to any sanitary sewer overflows (SSO) in their area because they may be harmful. Crews are manning and monitoring areas that have been reported. If you have knowledge of sewer overflows in the area of North Charleston and crews are not there, please call 843-764-3072 to report.

Sullivan's Island Water & Sewer Department has reported possibly high bacteria levels in creeks and the Inter Coastal Waterway (ICW) near Station 23 due to an SSO on Raven Drive and Station 23. Bacteria levels may also be high in Cove Creek near Station 19 due to an SSO at the corner of Back Street and Station 19. Heavy rains have caused extremely high flows at the Wastewater Treatment Facility. The Water & Sewer Department is monitoring the area and consulting with South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) about this situation.

DHEC has offered specific tips for preventing illness and injury resulting from flooding, including:

- Prevent children from playing in flooded areas. Rapidly rushing floodwaters pose a high risk for drowning.
- Keep children from playing with toys that have been contaminated by floodwater until the toys can be cleaned/disinfected.
- Wash children's hands frequently and always before meals.
- Take care to protect open wounds from floodwaters.

The Emergency Operations Center is under Operational Condition (OPCON) 1. OPCON 1 means a disaster or emergency situation is in effect. It is the highest state of emergency operations. The EOC is still under a partial activation. For definitions of all OPCON levels, visit our site here: <http://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/emergency-management/opcon.php>.

Please note the following shelters available:

- The North Charleston United Methodist Church, located at 1225 E Montague Ave in North Charleston is open (American Red Cross shelter). If you have questions about this shelter, you may call 843-764-2323.
- Grace on the Ashley Baptist Church, located at 2014 Bees Ferry Rd in Charleston (American Red Cross Shelter)
- Charleston County Sheriff's Office Al Cannon Detention Center Work Camp building is open as a shelter, operated by the Sheriff's Office. The work camp is located at the corner of Bridge View Drive and Leeds Avenue in North Charleston.

County officials ask the public to remain off the roads, if possible. Citizens with questions can call the Citizen Emergency Information Line at 843-746-3900. You may stay updated by downloading the free EMD app by searching CC EMD in your carrier's app store. Updates will also be posted on our Facebook, Twitter and YouTube pages.

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