

ANNEX F TO TSUNAMI RESPONSE PLAN

SAMPLE NEWS RELEASE

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For Immediate Release
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Telephone Number: _____ Fax: _____

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POTENTIAL TSUNAMI FOR FOLLOWING SC COASTAL AREA:

_____, _____, _____, _____

COLUMBIA, S.C. – According to the National Tsunami Warning Center, a severe earthquake has been generated at (location) at (time). The earthquake was estimated at (Magnitude). It is (known/not known) at this time (that/if) a tsunami has been generated. However, the SC National Weather Service Forecast Offices have issued a Tsunami (Warning, Watch, Advisory, and Information Statement). A Tsunami (Warning, Watch, Advisory, or Information Statement) means _____

If a tsunami has, in fact, been generated, the wave heights cannot be accurately predicted; however, the tsunami waves could cause great damage to coastal cities and communities.

Residents of affected areas are urged to keep tuned to your local Emergency Alert System station (_____) for further information. People should stay away from low lying coastal areas until further notice. A tsunami is a series of waves and may be dangerous for several hours after the initial wave arrives at any particular point.

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