

## ANNEX C TO TSUNAMI RESPONSE PLAN

### TSUNAMI CHECKLIST – WATCH

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**Tsunami Watches** are issued to alert emergency management officials and the public of an event which may later impact the watch area. The watch area may be upgraded to a warning or advisory - or canceled - based on updated information and analysis.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Confirm with counties receipt of Watch message.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Discuss with counties their response actions and their resource needs.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Discuss with counties their decision to evacuate.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Assemble available information on status of the Tsunami Watch. Sources of information:
  - Local NWS Forecast Office
  - WC/ATWC
  - College of Charleston, SCEEP
  - FEMA, NOAA
- \_\_\_\_\_ Activate SEOC at OPCON 3
- \_\_\_\_\_ Facilitate a conference call with the primary ESF agencies: 1, 2, 6, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 16, and 19 to discuss local actions and to be prepared to report to SEOC for possible activation.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Review maps of threatened areas to determine locations of critical facilities within or outside of the evacuation zones.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Request NWS offices to monitor tide gauges to determine the potential
- \_\_\_\_\_ Determine time remaining to estimated first wave arrival
- \_\_\_\_\_ Activate ESF-15 and issue public information statements on the Tsunami Watch and State's actions
- \_\_\_\_\_ Review status of communication systems in the evacuation area
- \_\_\_\_\_ In the event, prepare Executive Order for Evacuation.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Obtain information on weather/road condition
- \_\_\_\_\_ Obtain tourist count in the threatened area
- \_\_\_\_\_ Coordinate with local governments the evacuation routes and request local governments to identify assembly points if needed
- \_\_\_\_\_ Coordinate with ESF-6 to identify shelters and the need to place on standby notice
- \_\_\_\_\_ Consider if no action is needed until a Tsunami Warning is issued.
- \_\_\_\_\_ If not, consider:
  - Moving search and rescue equipment to staging area outside risk area
  - Determining if a voluntary evacuation of tourists is needed
  - Determining if critical facilities need evacuation assistance.
  - Securing or closing of:

- Ports
- Boat landings

\_\_\_\_\_ Discuss state response actions with NWS offices, local county officials, adjacent states, and EFSs.

- **UPDATE JURISDICTIONS AT 30 MINUTE INTERVALS OR IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIPT OF TIME SENSITIVE INFORMATION**