

# SOUTH CAROLINA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIVISION

## EXCECUTIVE SUMMARIES BY HAZARD

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### I. INTRODUCTION

A. The following incident scenarios are used as a tool to facilitate preparedness planning:

1. Nuclear Detonation - 10-Kiloton Improvised Nuclear Device
2. Biological Attack - Aerosol Anthrax
3. Biological Disease Outbreak - Pandemic Influenza
4. Biological Attack - Plague
5. Chemical Attack - Blister Agent
6. Chemical Attack - Toxic Industrial Chemicals
7. Chemical Attack - Nerve Agent
8. Chemical Attack - Chlorine Tank Explosion
9. Natural Disaster - Major Earthquake
10. Natural Disaster - Major Hurricane
11. Radiological Attack - Radiological Dispersal Device
12. Explosives Attack - Bombing Using Improvised Explosive Devices
13. Biological Attack - Food contamination
14. Biological Attack - Foreign Animal Disease (Foot-and-Mouth Disease)
15. Cyber Attack

- B. Executive summaries for each scenario provide guidance for initial disaster intelligence when not much about the incident is known.
- C. This Annex does not include Scenarios 3, 9, 10, and 15 because the South Carolina Emergency Response Plan (SCEOP) contains detailed, comprehensive plans to address Pandemic Influenza [see Annex 2 (Pandemic Influenza) to Appendix 14 (SC Infectious Disease Plan)], Hurricanes [see Appendix 1 (SC Hurricane Plan)], Earthquakes [see Appendix 3 (SC Earthquake Plan)], and Cyber Attacks [see Appendix 16 (Cyber Incident Consequence Management Plan)].

## II. EXECUTIVE SUMMARIES

### 10 Kiloton Uranium Improvised Nuclear Device

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| <b>Casualties</b>                    | 111,967 fatalities  |
| <b>Infrastructure Damage</b>         | Massive damage in a 1-3 mile area   |
| <b>Evacuations/Displaced Persons</b> | Will vary widely.<br>Many citizens impacted by the initial exposure to radiation will shelter-in place and/or may be contained in the area to prevent contamination of other areas. |
| <b>Contamination</b>                 | Long-term within 30-50 miles  |
| <b>Economic Impact</b>               | Hundreds of millions of dollars   |
| <b>Potential for Multiple Events</b> | No  |
| <b>Recovery Timeline</b>             | Years, in some areas potentially never  |

### Biological Attack – Aerosol Anthrax

|                                      |                                   |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>Casualties</b>                    | 10,000 fatalities                 |
| <b>Infrastructure Damage</b>         | Minimal, other than contamination |
| <b>Evacuations/Displaced Persons</b> | Not likely                        |
| <b>Contamination</b>                 | Extensive (at site of attack)     |

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| <b>Economic Impact</b>               | Millions of dollars |
| <b>Potential for Multiple Events</b> | Yes                 |
| <b>Recovery Timeline</b>             | Weeks               |

Biological Attack – Plague

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|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Casualties</b>                    | 3,000 fatalities       |
| <b>Infrastructure Damage</b>         | None                   |
| <b>Evacuations/Displaced Persons</b> | Possible               |
| <b>Contamination</b>                 | Several hours duration |
| <b>Economic Impact</b>               | Millions of dollars    |
| <b>Potential for Multiple Events</b> | Yes                    |
| <b>Recovery Timeline</b>             | Weeks                  |

Chemical Attack – Blister Agent

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| <b>Casualties</b>                    | Over 100 fatalities |
| <b>Infrastructure Damage</b>         | Minimal             |
| <b>Evacuations/Displaced Persons</b> | More than 80,000    |
| <b>Contamination</b>                 | Structures affected |
| <b>Economic Impact</b>               | Millions of dollars |
| <b>Potential for Multiple Events</b> | Yes                 |
| <b>Recovery Timeline</b>             | Weeks or months     |

Toxic Chemical Attack

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| <b>Casualties</b>                    | 137 fatalities                         |
| <b>Infrastructure Damage</b>         | 50% of structures in area of explosion |
| <b>Evacuations/Displaced Persons</b> | 50,000 are asked to shelter-in-place   |
| <b>Contamination</b>                 | 10,000 are evacuated                   |
| <b>Economic Impact</b>               | 70,000 self-evacuate                   |
| <b>Potential for Multiple Events</b> | Yes                                    |
| <b>Recovery Timeline</b>             | Billions of dollars                    |

Nerve Agent Attack

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| <b>Casualties</b>                    | 2,375 casualties   |
| <b>Infrastructure Damage</b>         | Minimal, but building where attack occurs have to be destroyed   |
| <b>Evacuations/Displaced Persons</b> | Evacuation and sheltering of approximately 3,000 may be required |
| <b>Contamination</b>                 | One building and contents  |
| <b>Economic Impact</b>               | \$150 million to replace building                                |
| <b>Potential for Multiple Events</b> | Some businesses may never recover                                |
| <b>Recovery Timeline</b>             | Moderate   |

Chlorine Tank Explosion

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| <b>Casualties</b>                    | 3,750 fatalities  |
| <b>Infrastructure Damage</b>         | Multiple buildings, a trestle and a section of road in immediate explosion area |
| <b>Evacuations/Displaced Persons</b> | Up to 10,000 (self-evacuate);   |
| <b>Contamination</b>                 | 5,000 will need assistance to evacuate  |

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| <b>Economic Impact</b>               | At explosion site and waterways |
| <b>Potential for Multiple Events</b> | Millions of dollars             |
| <b>Recovery Timeline</b>             | Yes                             |

Radiological Attack – Radiological Dispersal Devices

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|--------------------------------------|---|
| <b>Casualties</b>                    | 140 Casualties  |
| <b>Infrastructure Damage</b>         | Moderate to blast area  |
| <b>Evacuations/Displaced Persons</b> | Yes, potentially 20,000   |
| <b>Contamination</b>                 | Detectable contamination found in over 50 buildings and on 4 major roads including part of an interstate highway. |
| <b>Economic Impact</b>               | Millions of dollars   |
| <b>Potential for Multiple Events</b> | Yes   |
| <b>Recovery Timeline</b>             | Years   |

Explosives Attack – Bombing Using Improvised Explosive Devices

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|--------------------------------------|---|
| <b>Casualties</b>                    | 200 fatalities                                |
| <b>Infrastructure Damage</b>         | Several structures affected by blast and fire |
| <b>Evacuations/Displaced Persons</b> | Minimal                                       |
| <b>Contamination</b>                 | None  |
| <b>Economic Impact</b>               | Millions of dollars                           |
| <b>Potential for Multiple Events</b> | Yes   |
| <b>Recovery Timeline</b>             | Months  |

Biological Attack – Food Contamination

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|--------------------------------------|---|
| <b>Casualties</b>                    | 300 fatalities                          |
| <b>Infrastructure Damage</b>         | None                                    |
| <b>Evacuations/Displaced Persons</b> | None                                    |
| <b>Contamination</b>                 | Sites where contamination was dispersed |
| <b>Economic Impact</b>               | Millions of dollars                     |
| <b>Potential for Multiple Events</b> | Yes                                     |
| <b>Recovery Timeline</b>             | Weeks                                   |

Biological Attack – Foreign Animal Disease (Foot and Mouth Disease)

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|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Casualties</b>                    | None                          |
| <b>Infrastructure Damage</b>         | Significant loss of livestock |
| <b>Evacuations/Displaced Persons</b> | None                          |
| <b>Contamination</b>                 | None                          |
| <b>Economic Impact</b>               | Millions of dollars           |
| <b>Potential for Multiple Events</b> | Yes                           |
| <b>Recovery Timeline</b>             | Months                        |