

BULLETIN  
IMMEDIATE BROADCAST REQUESTED  
HURRICANE HUGO LOCAL STATEMENT  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE CHARLESTON SC  
0205 AM EDT FRI SEP 22 1989  
ISSUED BY COLUMBIA WSFO, SC

....A HURRICANE WARNING...FLASH FLOOD WATCH...AND TORNADO WATCH IN EFFECT FOR COASTAL SOUTH CAROLINA...

THIS STATEMENT APPLIES TO RESIDENTS OF BEAUFORT.. JASPER.. HAMPTON.. COLLETON... CHARLESTON... DORCHESTER...BERKELEY...GEORGETOWN...WILLIAMSBURG...AND HORRY COUNTIES.

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE RADAR INDICATED THAT THE EYE OF HURRICANE HUGO PASSED INTO THE GREATER CHARLESTON AREA AROUND MIDNIGHT AND WAS CONTINUING NORTHWESTWARD TO NEAR LAKE MOULTRIE BY 2 AM EDT.

THERE HAVE BEEN REPORTS OF EXTENSIVE DAMAGE TO BUILDINGS IN THE CHARLESTON AREA. THE PEAK WIND GUST AT THE CHARLESTON AIR FORCE BASE WAS 98 MPH AND THEY HAVE HAD OVER 5 INCHES OF RAIN SINCE NOON ON THURSDAY. APPARENTLY THERE WAS SERIOUS FLOODING DUE TO STORM SURGE WITH REPORTS OF WATER IN THE FIRST STORY OF SOME BUILDINGS. MUCH OF THE COMMUNICATIONS CAPABILITY OF THE WEATHER SERVICE IN CHARLESTON HAS BEEN LOST.

ALTHOUGH THE HURRICANE HAS MOVED INLAND...THIS CONTINUES TO BE AN EXTREMELY DANGEROUS SITUATION AND COASTAL RESIDENTS SHOULD NOT VENTURE OUTSIDE WITHIN THE EYE. THE WIND MAY TEMPORARILY BE LIGHT BUT AN ABRUPT INCREASE BACK TO HURRICANE STRENGTH OPPOSITE FROM THE PREVIOUS DIRECTION CAN BE EXPECTED.

IT SHOULD TAKE ABOUT AN HOUR FOR THE EYE TO PASS OVER YOUR LOCATION...AND THE TIME THE EYE PASSES OVER YOUR LOCATION IS THE MOST DANGEROUS. THE STRONGEST WINDS WILL OCCUR JUST BEFORE AND AFTER THE EYE PASSES.

FLOODING WILL CONTINUE TO BE A PROBLEM THROUGH THE NIGHT IN MANY COASTAL AREAS. EVEN THOUGH THE RAIN SLACKENS ROADWAYS WILL BE SLOW TO DRAIN AND YOU SHOULD NOT DRIVE EXCEPT IN EMERGENCIES. IT IS LIKELY THAT MANY ROADS WILL BE BLOCKED BY DEBRI AND DOWNED POWER LINES OR TREES. THE THREAT OF TORNADOES STILL EXISTS IN MOST COASTAL AREAS.

STAY TUNED TO LOCAL RADIO...LOCAL TELEVISION...OR NOAA WEATHER RADIO FOR FURTHER STATEMENTS REGARDING HUGO.

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