BULLETIN HURRICANE LOCAL STATEMENT NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE COLUMBIA, SC 246 AM EDT FRI SEP 22 1989

...TORNADO WATCH IN EFFECT FOR MOST OF THE MIDLANDS UNTIL 8AM EDT FRIDAY...

...HIGH WIND WARNING AND FLASH FLOOD WATCH IN EFFECT FOR THE MIDLANDS AND NORTHWEST SOUTH CAROLINA...

THIS STATEMENT APPLIES TO RESIDENTS OF THE FOLLOWING SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTIES... BAMBERG... CALHOUN... CHESTERFIELD... CHESTER... CLARENDON... DARLINGTON... FAIRFIELD... FLORENCE... DILLON... LANCASTER... KERSHAW... LEE... LEXINGTON... MARION... MARLBORO...N EWBERRY... ORANGEBURG... RICHLAND... SALUDA... SUMTER... AND YORK.

AT 230 AM EDT NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE RADAR SHOWED THE EYE OF HURRICANE HUGO WELL INLAND OVER SOUTH CAROLINA NEAR THE CITY OF SUMMERTON IN CLARENDON COUNTY. THIS MEANS THAT HURRICANE FORCE WINDS ARE BEARING DOWN ON PARTS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA MIDLANDS...BUT THESE DANGEROUS WINDS ARE TEMPORARILY INTERRUPTED BY THE RELATIVE CALM OF THE EYE. INLAND RESIDENTS ARE URGED NOT TO VENTURE OUTDOORS INTO THE EYE. YOU MAY GET CAUGHT IN DANGEROUS WINDS AGAIN ONCE THE EYE PASSES THROUGH YOUR AREA. PLEASE EXERCISE EXTREME CAUTION ... AVOID TRAVEL...AND STAY INDOORS. WINDS GUSTING TO 74 KNOTS WERE REPORTED AT SHAW AFB NEAR SUMTER.

A LARGE SWATH OF RAIN AND THUNDERSTORMS ARE SURROUNDING THE EYE OF HUGO AND LOCALIZED FLOODING REMAINS A STRONG POSSIBILITY FOR MUCH OF THE MIDLANDS OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

BE PREPARED TO TAKE QUICK ACTION IF A WARNING IS ISSUED FOR TORNADOES OR THUNDERSTORMS. A TORNADO WAS REPORTED NEAR HARTSVILLE IN LEE COUNTY ABOUT 2 AM EDT. OTHER SEVERE STORMS ARE POSSIBLE IN CONNECTION WITH HUGO.

THIS CONTINUES TO BE AN EXTREMELY DANGEROUS WEATHER SITUATION...NOT ONLY FOR COASTAL INTERESTS BUT INCREASINGLY SO FOR PEOPLE IN THE MIDLANDS AND PARTS OF NORTHWEST SOUTH CAROLINA AS WINDS AND RAIN WITH HUGO PUSH INLAND. DO NOT BECOME COMPLACENT. KEEP UP WITH THE LATEST ADVICES AND REPORTS FROM THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE.

THE NEXT LOCAL STATEMENT WILL BE ISSUED BY AROUND 6 AM EDT. PALMER