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South Carolina Hurricane Matthew After Action Workshop: Challenges and Lessons Learned

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Objectives | During this workshop, participants will:

- Increase their understanding of the Stafford Act and Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Public Assistance Program, including the process for reimbursement, eligible applicants in South Carolina, and removal eligibility criteria.
- Increase their understanding of South Carolina Emergency Management Division's (SCEMD) role as a liaison between FEMA and applicants requesting federal disaster assistance.
- Identify what worked well and went right during the Hurricane Matthew debris response in South Carolina, with an emphasis on abandoned and derelict vessels (ADV) and building debris (docks, etc.) in beachfront and marsh environments.
- Identify and rank challenges encountered during the Hurricane Matthew debris response in South Carolina, with an emphasis on ADVs and building debris (docks, etc.) in beachfront and marsh environments.
- Use the *SC Incident Waterway Debris Response Guide Flowchart* to verify the response process after a natural disaster.
- Begin to develop recommendations for overcoming and/or improving response to challenges identified for future use by the state's ADV Workgroup.

Workshop Outputs

- Verified roles of key agencies to increase understanding and validate *South Carolina Incident Waterway Debris Response Guide*
- List of what worked well and went right during the Hurricane Matthew debris response in South Carolina
- Prioritized list of challenges encountered during the Hurricane Matthew debris response in South Carolina, with corresponding recommendations for improvement

Agenda

8:45 a.m.	Registration
9:00	Welcome, Objectives, and Introductions
9:30	Marine Debris Response After a Presidential Disaster Declaration <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Paul Wilson, FEMA Emergency Management Specialist● South Carolina Emergency Management Agency (SCEMD) Elizabeth Ryan, SCEMD Recovery Chief
10:35	Break
10:50	Hurricane Matthew Marine Debris Response: Successes and Challenges Discussion
11:50	Challenge Ranking Exercise
12:00 p.m.	Lunch (provided) and Networking
12:30	Storm scenarios: stepping through the <i>SC Incident Waterway Debris Response Guide Flowchart</i>
1:30	Break
1:45	Recommendations Discussion
2:30	Next Steps
3:00 p.m.	Adjourn (please turn in your evaluations before you leave)

Thank you!

