

Hurricane Matthew Response

October 12, 2016 (11:00 a.m.)

As part of our ongoing response and recovery efforts, DHEC has taken the following actions (updated at 11 a.m. on 10/12/2016):

Boil Water Advisories:

As of 4:30 p.m. Wednesday morning, **18 [boil water advisories](#) or notices had been reported** to DHEC.

[Click here](#) for a list of the latest boil water notices and advisories. *(Please contact your local service provider for more information.)*

Private Wells:

DHEC is **waiving bacteriological testing fees** for private wells impacted by the flood. Residents with questions about private wells should call **(803) 898-4312**.

If you have a private well that was flooded (water entered the well from the surface of the ground) during the flooding and rain from Hurricane Matthew in South Carolina, your well water could be contaminated. To ensure your private well water is safe to drink, you can have it tested for coliform bacteria. You must **disinfect before you collect** a sample. Disinfect your well and wait 7-10 days before you collect a sample. Disinfection instructions can be found on our website at [Emergency Well Disinfection](#). Sampling kits for private wells can be obtained from over 60 DHEC locations across the state and local Health Departments. Visit [DHEC Locations](#) to find contact information.

Special Medical Needs Shelters:

DHEC is operating [Special Medical Needs Shelters](#) to provide shelter for people whose medical conditions exceed the capabilities of the Red Cross shelters, but are not severe enough to require a hospital stay. We do not provide health care services in these shelters. *(Note: If you think you may need this type of shelter, please call DHEC at 1-800-868-0404.)*

The following shelters are currently open:

- **Carolinas Hospital System - Marion** (2829 US Hwy 76, Mullins)
- **Palmetto Health Tuomey** (129 North Washington St., Sumter)
- **Carolinas Hospital System - Florence** (805 Pamplico Hwy, Florence)
- **Lake City Community Hospital** (258 N Ron McNair Blvd, Lake City)

Dams:

If you have a concern about a dam that may have been impacted by the storm, please call DHEC at **803-898-4312**.

As of 6 p.m. on Oct. 11, **DHEC and the Army Corps of Engineers had evaluated 286 dams** in areas impacted by the storm.

As of Wednesday morning, there were **16 confirmed breached dams** (11 regulated, 5 unregulated). They include:

- **Little Pee Dee State Park Dam** – a low-hazard dam in Dillon County
- **Flowers Pond Dam** – a significant-hazard dam in Dillon County
- **Lakewood Pond Dam** – significant-hazard dam in Clarendon County (This dam was previously under an [emergency order](#) as a result of the October 2015 floods.)
- **Graham Mill Pond Dam** – a significant-hazard dam in Horry County
- **Pepsi Cola Lake Dam** – a significant-hazard dam in Florence County
- **Gaddy's Millpond Dam** – a significant-hazard dam in Dillon County
- **Sales International Dam** (aka Country Club of South Carolina Dam) – a low-hazard dam in Florence County.
- **Bethea Baptist Home Pond** – a low-hazard dam in Darlington County
- **Hamer Pond Dam** – a low-hazard dam in Dillon County
- **Legette Millpond Dam** – a low-hazard dam in Marion County
- **Stroud Pond Dam** – a low-hazard dam in Marion County
- An unregulated dam on Baywater Drive in Lexington County
- An unregulated dam, Hardy Lake Dam, in Dillon County
- An unregulated dam near Andrews Mill Road in Darlington County
- An unregulated dam in Chesterfield County, Meadow Street near Cheraw
- An unregulated dam in Florence County, Hampton Pointe Drive Dam

Additionally, DHEC is monitoring **two at-risk dams**:

- A significant-hazard dam in Marion County, **Baxley 501 Pond Dam**.
- A significant-hazard dam in Florence County, **Oakdale Dam**.

What the regulated dam classifications mean:

- *High-hazard (C-1) – Failure may cause loss of life or serious damage to infrastructure.*
- *Significant-hazard (C-2) – Failure will not likely cause loss of life but may damage infrastructure.*
- *Low-hazard (C-3) – Failure may cause limited property damage.*

Coastal Resources:

DHEC has deployed staff to conduct initial damage assessments, which will focus on habitable structures, pools and erosion control structures along beachfronts. Prior to the storm, DHEC issued blanket emergency orders to local governments to allow property owners along the immediate beachfront to conduct sand scraping or install sandbags to provide temporary protection from anticipated wave uprush from the storm. **More information, as well as copies of the orders can be found [here](#).**

DHEC has asked local governments along the coast to provide updates on beachfront erosion and damage through our [MYCoast application](#).