The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management (the Department), an agency of the State of South Carolina, organized and existing under the authority of the South Carolina Coastal Zone Management Act, S.C. Code Ann. §48-39-10 et seq., finds that emergency conditions are imminent in anticipation of the passing of Hurricane Irma beginning on September 6, 2017, within the “critical area” jurisdiction of the Department.

The Department finds that these emergency conditions are likely to endanger the health, safety, welfare, and resources of residents of the coastal zone as well as the general population of the State of South Carolina. Accordingly, the Department, pursuant to the authority of S.C. Code Ann. §48-39-130(D)(1), hereby issues an Emergency Order to the general public to remove boats and debris from the critical area(s), using all best practices and measures for removal. The local government with jurisdiction over the site must be notified of the activity.

This Emergency Order, 17-EO-HI1, will expire on September 6, 2018 (1 year from the date of this Order). Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §48-39-130(D)(1), property owners may request an individual emergency order from the Department if an emergency persists.
Specifically, all work must conform to the following requirements:

1. Best management practices and measures must be employed during removal of all boats and debris.

2. All removed material must be disposed of properly on high ground.

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