

**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL
OFFICE OF OCEAN AND COASTAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT**

ALL COASTAL COUNTIES

**EMERGENCY ORDER
REMOVAL OF BOATS & DEBRIS FROM CRITICAL AREAS
22-EO-HI5**

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 have occurred associated with Hurricane Ian beginning on September 30, 2022, on the beach/dune system, beaches, tidelands, and coastal waters in the State of South Carolina and therefore located within the “critical area” jurisdiction of the Department. These conditions may expose and create an imminent threat to the existing habitable structures or critical infrastructure adjacent to the critical areas.

The Department finds that this imminent threat constitutes temporary emergency conditions that may 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 allow property owners, whose lands and buildings abut the critical areas, to remove boats and debris from the critical areas, in those areas impacted by Hurricane Ian. The local government with jurisdiction over the site must be notified of the activity.

This Emergency Order, 22-EO-HI5, will expire on December 31, 2022 (90 days 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.

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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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Date