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Charleston County Returns to OPCON 5 for Hurricane Irene

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[Charleston County Government](#) participated in a conference call yesterday evening (Friday, Aug. 26) regarding Hurricane Irene. The call was initiated by the [S.C. Emergency Management Division \(SCEMD\)](#) and included representatives from several counties.

Based on the information learned in the conference call and the storm's current track forecast, **Charleston County will return to Operating Condition (OPCON) 5 at noon today, Saturday, Aug 27.**

OPCON 5 means day-to-day operations to include normal training and exercises.

"The threat of Hurricane Irene has passed and Charleston County has returned to OPCON 5. While the impact from Hurricane Irene was minimal, we should be reminded of the dangers of hurricanes. Now is a good time to continue to review our personal plans before hurricanes threaten again," said Cathy Haynes, [Charleston County Emergency Management Department's](#) Chief of Operations.

The public can go to www.charlestoncounty.org and click on the "Are You Ready?" banner on the front page of the County's Web site to download, print and share:

- The 2011 Charleston County Hurricane Preparedness Guide (in English and Spanish)
- The 2011 Disabilities and Special Needs Emergency Preparedness Guide
- **NOTE:** The shelter list has changed for the 2011 hurricane season, as the new Stall High School on Ashley Phosphate road has been added to the list. See the complete list of Charleston County shelters at:
<http://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/EPD/Shelters.htm>

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