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Tropical Storm Hanna Update

Savannah, GA – September 04, 2008, 12:00 pm

At 11:00 am, Tropical Storm Hanna was located near Latitude 24.5 North, Longitude 73.5 West and continues to move to the northwest at a speed of 12 mph. Hanna is located approximately 600 miles to the southeast of Chatham County and continues its track toward the North Carolina coast. Currently, it is projected to make landfall near Okracoke Inlet in North Carolina. A Tropical Storm WATCH remains in effect from Edisto Beach, SC southward to the Altamaha Sound, GA.

The National Weather Service has not issued any significant changes to the forecast. Chatham County residents can expect slightly higher tides, 2-4 inches of rain, and the possibility of 25-35 mph wind with gusts reaching 45 mph on Friday evening. There is still the possibility of power outages and therefore individuals who rely on electricity for medical purposes should plan ahead. If you would like to sign up for the Chatham County Special Needs Registry, please call **912-356-2441**.

Chatham County will remain under a Tropical Storm WATCH until further notice by the National Weather Service. At this time, no other telephone conferences have been scheduled with Chatham County Officials and the National Weather Service. CEMA will continue to monitor Hanna's progress and provide updates periodically. If Tropical Storm Hanna begins to shift in direction towards Chatham County, an emergency meeting will be called with all Chatham Officials to discuss emergency operating procedures.

Again, please be advised that there are two additional storms in the Atlantic: Hurricane Ike (which is currently a Category 4) and Tropical Storm Josephine. It is strongly recommended that Chatham County residents continue making improvements to their family preparedness plans. If you do not have family and pet evacuation plans, please establish them now (including evacuation transportation) for precautionary purposes.

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