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Tropical Storm Hanna Update

Savannah, GA – September 03, 2008, 9:00 am

At 8:00 am, Tropical Storm Hanna was located near Latitude 20.3 North, Longitude 71.8 West or about 820 nautical miles southeast of Chatham County and still continues to move at a speed of 5 mph.

Tropical Storm Hanna made little progress towards the north but is expected to begin moving northwest later today. Hanna has been moving eastward at about 5 mph and will continue this path over the next few hours. It is expected to make a gradual turn toward the northwest later today with an increase in forward speed to occur on Thursday.

Due to its slow course of movement, forecast models have not been able to narrow the potential impact area but models are showing a gradual turn toward the South Carolina coastline. The Chatham County area is still considered to be in a potentially affected area by Hanna and it is suggested that all residents continue to monitor their radio, TV, and NOAA weather radios for information on storm progression.

CEMA updates will continue throughout the day as staff monitors the storm. Evacuation orders have not been issued at this time.

CEMA continues to remain in Operating Conditions 4, to monitor Tropical Storm Hanna's path. No evacuation orders for Chatham County have been issued at this time.

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