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THE FCC'S PUBLIC SAFETY & HOMELAND SECURITY BUREAU ANNOUNCES THAT THE DISASTER INFORMATION REPORTING SYSTEM DEACTIVATED IN FLORIDA, GEORGIA, VIRGINIA AND ALL COUNTIES IN SOUTH CAROLINA EXCEPT HORRY COUNTY

Disaster data collection has been deactivated in all counties in Florida, Georgia and Virginia and in all counties in South Carolina except Horry County. DIRS remains active in North Carolina. Earlier the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) activated the Disaster Information Reporting System (DIRS) to receive information on the status of communications equipment in selected counties in Florida, Georgia and South Carolina. The disaster area was been extended to selected counties in North Carolina and Virginia and to Horry County, South Carolina.

DIRS is a voluntary, web-based system that communications providers, including wireless, wireline, broadcast, cable and Voice over Internet Protocol providers, can use to report communications infrastructure status and situational awareness information during times of crisis.

The Commission requests that communications providers expeditiously submit and update information through DIRS regarding, *inter alia*, the status of their communications equipment, restoration efforts, power (*i.e.*, whether they are using commercial power, generator or battery), and access to fuel, if they provide service to any areas listed below. Communications providers can accomplish this by accessing DIRS at <https://www.fcc.gov/nors/disaster/> or PSHSB webpage (www.fcc.gov/pshs). Providers that have not previously done so will be asked to first provide contact information and obtain a User ID when they access DIRS. Reports are requested beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 13 and every day after that by 10:00 a.m. until DIRS is deactivated. Note that NORS reporting obligations are suspended when companies report in DIRS.

Communications providers that serve an area listed below and that have already provided contact information in DIRS have been sent an e-mail requesting that they provide the above-referenced status information through DIRS. We encourage all communications providers that have not already logged onto DIRS to input their contact information, to do so as soon as possible.

The areas where DIRS remains active are:

North Carolina: Brunswick, Carteret, Columbus, Craven, Cumberland, Currituck, Dare, Hoke, Hyde, Johnston, Moore, New Hanover, Onslow, Pender, Robeson, Tyrrell, Wake

South Carolina: Horry

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