

Once the Governor rescinds the mandatory evacuation order, re-entry operations may begin if conditions in impacted/affected counties permit. Re-entry is the transition phase to recovery operations. The SEOC and county EOCs remain at OPCON 1 during re-entry. Re-entry is managed at the local level commensurate with local conditions. The following considerations (not all inclusive) should be used by local officials to determine the feasibility of permitting reentry.

**County Emergency Preparedness Director/Coordinator**

- a) Continue EOC staffing with the functions covered below, as required
- b) Coordinate with public information agencies to broadcast bulletins about local conditions, restricted areas, and further protective actions.
- c) With county executive leadership, assess conditions in the following functional areas:

***1. Transportation***

- a) Determine status of primary and secondary road network.
- b) Determine status of traffic regulatory devices (signs, traffic lights, etc).
- c) Determine status of bridges and bridge approaches.
- d) Implement debris clearing operations to open prioritized roadways to emergency responders along all Interstates, U. S. highways, primary and secondary roads affected by the storm.
- e) Upon completion of debris clearing operations, commence debris collection operations.

***2. Communications***

- a) Status of emergency and local government/response communications network.
- b) Status of communications at critical facilities (e.g., EOCs, hospitals, and shelters).
- c) Status of commercial communications networks (radio, TV, and cellular).

***3. Public Works and Engineering***

- a) Determine extent of debris clearance requirements.
- b) Determine status of water and sewer (water pumps, lift stations, and wells).
- c) Determine status of Public Works personnel, equipment, and facilities.

***4. Firefighting***

- a) Identify any known fire threats or incidents.
- b) Determine status of firefighting force, equipment, and facilities.
- c) Determine status of water sources available.
- d) Coordinate with local DOT agencies concerning the need to remove debris from local/secondary roads.

***5. Mass Care***

- a) Status/number/staffing of shelters available for re-entry.

- b) Implement shelter closing and consolidation according to procedures.

#### *6. Health and Medical*

- a) Determine status of public health systems/issues.
- b) Determine status of EMS staff, equipment, and facilities.
- c) Determine status of hospitals and nursing homes.

7. *Search and Rescue* – determine status of rescue personnel, equipment, and facilities.

#### *8. Hazardous Materials*

- a) Identify any Hazardous Material (HazMat) incidents or threats.
- b) Determine status of HazMat response force, equipment, and facilities.

9. *Food Services* – determine status/availability of mass feeding sources/facilities.

#### *10. Energy*

- a) Determine status of power grid: outages, damage, and time to restore.
- b) Determine status of natural gas facilities/pipelines (if any).

#### *11. Law Enforcement*

- a) Identify any security requirements or concerns.
- b) Determine status of general disaster conditions from local authorities to provide situation updates.

12. *Donated Goods and Volunteer Services* – determine availability of people and resources.

#### *13. Public Information*

- a) Coordinate with public information officers: local EOCs will need to issue correct information about when and where it is safe for residents to return to the area. State and county joint press releases might be necessary following a mass evacuation when there was no reported damage because of return traffic management issues.
- b) PIO staff prepared to respond to media inquiries and monitor media.
- c) Press releases prepared and ready for distribution.
- d) PIO will coordinate with State and local agencies and organizations on release of:
  - 1) SCDHEC health bulletins
  - 2) ARC closing, consolidation, and opening of public shelters
  - 3) SCDOT/SCDPS status of roads
  - 4) SCPRT tourism industry oriented information,
  - 5) State park openings
  - 6) SCDOI insurance claim information