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# National Situation Report

**As of 5:30 a.m. Monday, September 12, 2005**

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Homeland Security Threat Level:

**ELEVATED**

## Hurricane Ophelia Continues to Threaten Carolinas

At 5:00 am EDT on Monday September 12, the center of Hurricane Ophelia was located near latitude 31.3 north and longitude 76.7 west, or about 220 miles east-southeast of Charleston, South Carolina and about 280 miles south of Cape Hatteras, North Carolina.

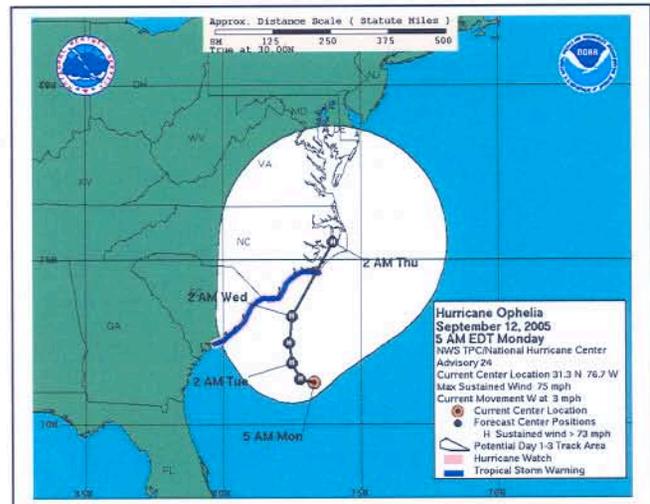
Ophelia is moving toward the west near 3 mph. A gradual turn to the northwest at a slow forward speed is expected during the next 24 hours.

Maximum sustained winds are near 75 mph with higher gusts. Little change in strength is forecast during the next 24 hours. Hurricane force winds extend outward up to 30 miles from the center and tropical storm force winds extend outward up to 160 miles. Latest minimum central pressure reported is 985 mb (29.09 inches).

A tropical storm warning and a hurricane watch are now in effect from north of Edisto Beach SC northeastward to Cape Lookout, NC. *(National Hurricane Center)*

## Weather Forecast for the U.S.

**South:** Hurricane Ophelia is expected to continue to bring windy weather on Monday that will cause heavy surf and rip currents on the Carolina coastal areas. There may be some isolated rainfall in south Florida and parts of Texas and Oklahoma on Monday. The remaining areas of the South will experience dry weather with normal temperatures in the 80s-90s.



**Midwest:** Most of the Midwest will be hot and dry on Monday, but that will change on Tuesday as a cold front moves through the area bringing cooler temperatures and showers and possibly heavy rainfall in parts of Minnesota and Wisconsin. The cooler and wetter weather will move eastward through the Midwest on Tuesday and Wednesday and hit the Ohio Valley by Thursday. Highs in the area by Friday will be in the 60s-70s.

**Northeast:** Temperatures in the Northeast will be hot and sunny for most parts of the region on Monday and Tuesday with highs in the 70s in Maine, 80s in the Mid-Atlantic area, and 90s in Boston. However, the cold front moving eastward from the Ohio Valley and Hurricane Ophelia moving northward along the Atlantic Coast will bring cooler, wetter, and windier weather by week's end to most parts of the region.

**West:** On Monday, most areas in the West will experience dry weather, however some parts of Washington, Idaho, and Montana will see scattered showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the area will range from the 40s in Wyoming to the 90s in the southwestern desert area. Most of the region will be dry from Tuesday through Saturday. *(National Weather Service, Media Sources)*

### **Ophelia Preparedness Measures**

Local, State, and Federal officials continue to monitor the progress of Ophelia and continue to maintain a high state of readiness. The Governor of North Carolina has requested an Emergency Declaration as a result of anticipated damages from Ophelia. FEMA has deployed a Medical Needs Assessment Team (MNAT), 3 Disaster Medical Assistance Teams (DMATs), and one Strike Team to Ft. Gillem, GA. A Management Support Team (MST) has been deployed to Charlotte, NC.

FEMA Region IV has staffed two Emergency Response Teams-Advance Elements (ERT-As) for deployment to South Carolina and North Carolina. Additionally State Liaison Officers are located at the State EOCs in SC, GA, and NC. Region IV is planning for the staffing of two RNA teams for the Atlantic area. *(FEMA HQ)*

### **Hurricane Katrina Recovery Efforts Continue**

As of 6:00 pm EDT September 11, 2005, federal agencies, in cooperation with tremendous efforts provided by state and local governments, private corporations, and non-profit organizations, have mounted one of the largest response and recovery operations in history to areas affected by Hurricane Katrina. Some current totals provide a scale of the size and impact of Katrina:

- President Bush has activated 46,784 Army and Air National Guard personnel to support relief operations in the Gulf Coast. Additionally, the President has ordered 21,506 active duty federal military personnel to the affected area to support search and rescue, evacuation, and medical support.
- Evacuees in American Red Cross, non-American Red Cross, and state-run shelters located in 26 states total 140,711. This total does not include a significant number of people who have self-evacuated inland from the Gulf Coast area; a total that is estimated at 200,000. Many of the self-evacuees continue to stay with friends and relatives and in hotels/motels.
- Patients treated by personnel from FEMA's National Disaster Medical System (NDMS) total 36,678. FEMA has deployed more than 57 Disaster Medical Assistance Teams (DMATs) to provide emergency medical treatment in the Gulf Coast states. Each team is composed of approximately 35 highly-trained and experienced medical personnel (doctors, nurses, pharmacists, physician assistants, and other emergency medical specialties).
- FEMA also deployed 28 Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) Teams from all parts of the country to assist with search and rescue missions in the Gulf Coast area. The US&R teams were assisted by

significant search and rescue resources provided by the U.S. Coast Guard and several states. The U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) provided 4,000 personnel for response and recovery missions. The Coast Guard assets included 15 Coast Guard cutters, 37 airplanes and rescue helicopters, 63 small boats, and several special hazardous materials response teams. The State of Texas deployed their entire Search and Rescue (SAR) assets, including 1,500 personnel and all SAR boats and helicopters to assist with rescue missions in Louisiana.

- Total number of registrants for FEMA's Individual Assistance Programs is 662,368 for the states of Alabama, Louisiana, and Mississippi. Total expedited emergency assistance payments released by FEMA to-date totals \$758,000,000. Housing damage inspections have been completed for 23,723 houses in the impacted area.
- To date, FEMA coordinating with other federal agencies has provided significant amounts of commodities to the affected area, including: 138 million pounds of ice, 53 million liters of water, 23 million Meals-Ready-To-Eat (MREs), 68,544 rolls of plastic sheeting, 143,640 tarps, and 340 generators.
- Preliminary flood insurance claims filed to FEMA's National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) total 110,945. Totals by state are: Alabama 3,372, Florida 6,688, Louisiana 90,076, and Mississippi 10,809.
- FEMA is working aggressively to provide temporary housing for the thousands of families that have been dislocated by Katrina. FEMA is coordinating with other agencies local and state officials and the private sector to locate temporary housing for all affected people within the next 30 days.
- The President has declared Disaster Declarations for the states of Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama for damages caused by Katrina. In addition, the President has declared Emergency Declarations in 24 states that are primarily providing shelter for Gulf Coast evacuees. (*FEMA Hqs*)

## **Wildfire Update**

**National Preparedness Level:** 4 (on a scale of 1 to 5).

**Current Situation:** Activity was light nationally with 97 fires reported. Seven new large fires were reported: two in the Rocky Mountain Area, three in the Northern Rockies Area, and two in the Eastern Great Basin Area. Four large fires were contained, one each in the Rocky Mountain and Eastern Great Basin Areas, and two in the Northern Rockies Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

**Fire Weather Watch:** For southern Nevada from noon to 9 pm for gusty winds and low relative humidity.

**Weather Discussion:** A large low pressure trough will remain over the West. With this system weakening, winds should begin to decrease. Precipitation will also begin to diminish and be mainly confined to the northern Great Basin and Northern Rockies. Along the Gulf coast, it will be mostly sunny with highs in the lower 90s. (*National Interagency Fire Center*)

## **Other Tropical Cyclone Activity**

There are currently no storm systems in the Eastern and Central Pacific or Western Pacific that pose any threat to any U.S. interests. (*National Hurricane Center, Joint Typhoon Warning Center*)

### **Earthquake Activity**

During the past 24 hours there have been minor earthquakes reported in central Alaska, southern Alaska, the Aleutian Islands (Alaska), Mount Saint Helens (Washington), and southern California. No reports of any damages or injuries. *(USGS National Earthquake Information Center)*

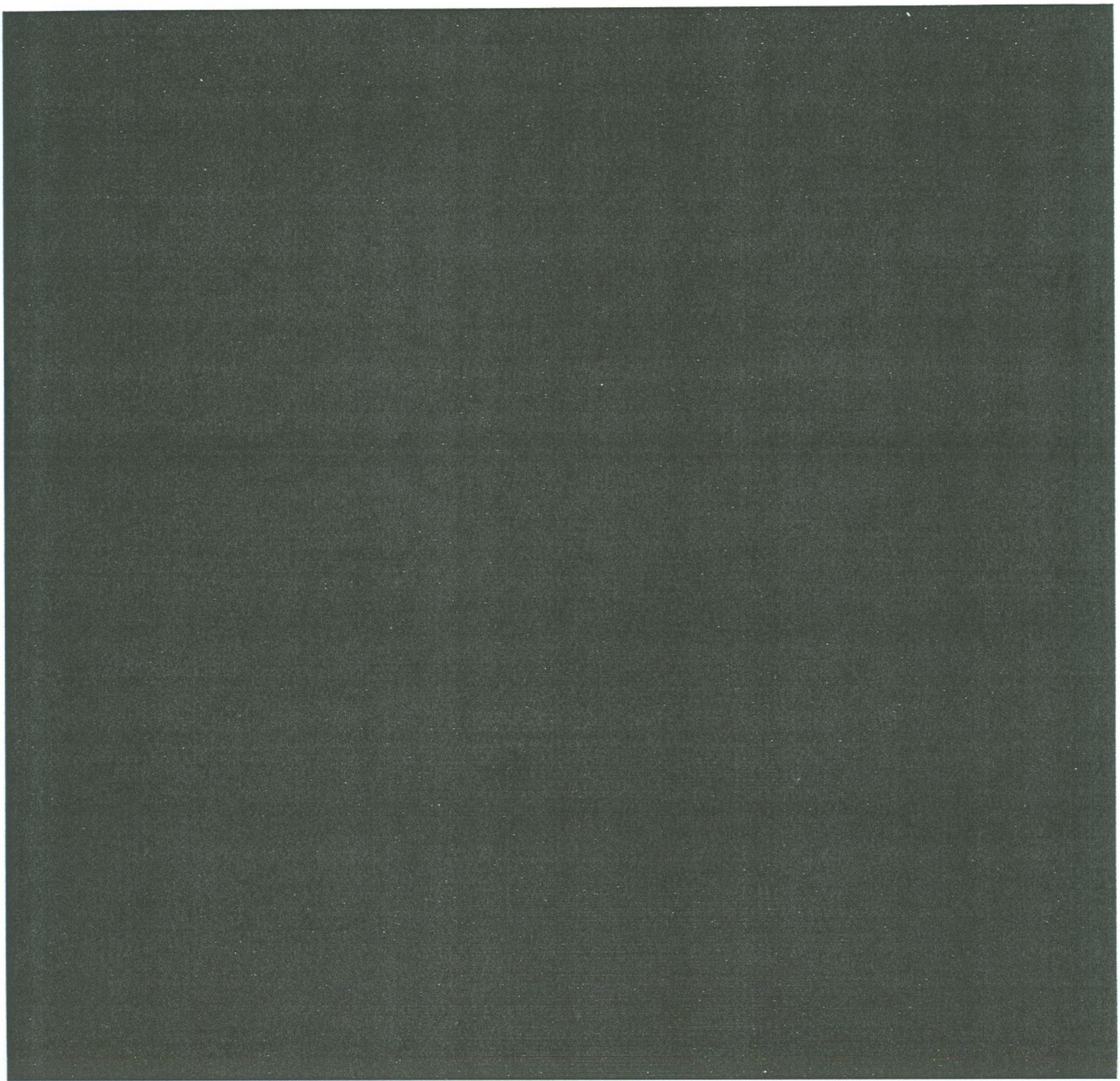
### **Preliminary Damage Assessments (PDAs)**

No new activity to report. *(FEMA HQ)*

### **Disaster Declaration Activity**

No new activity to report. *(FEMA HQ)*

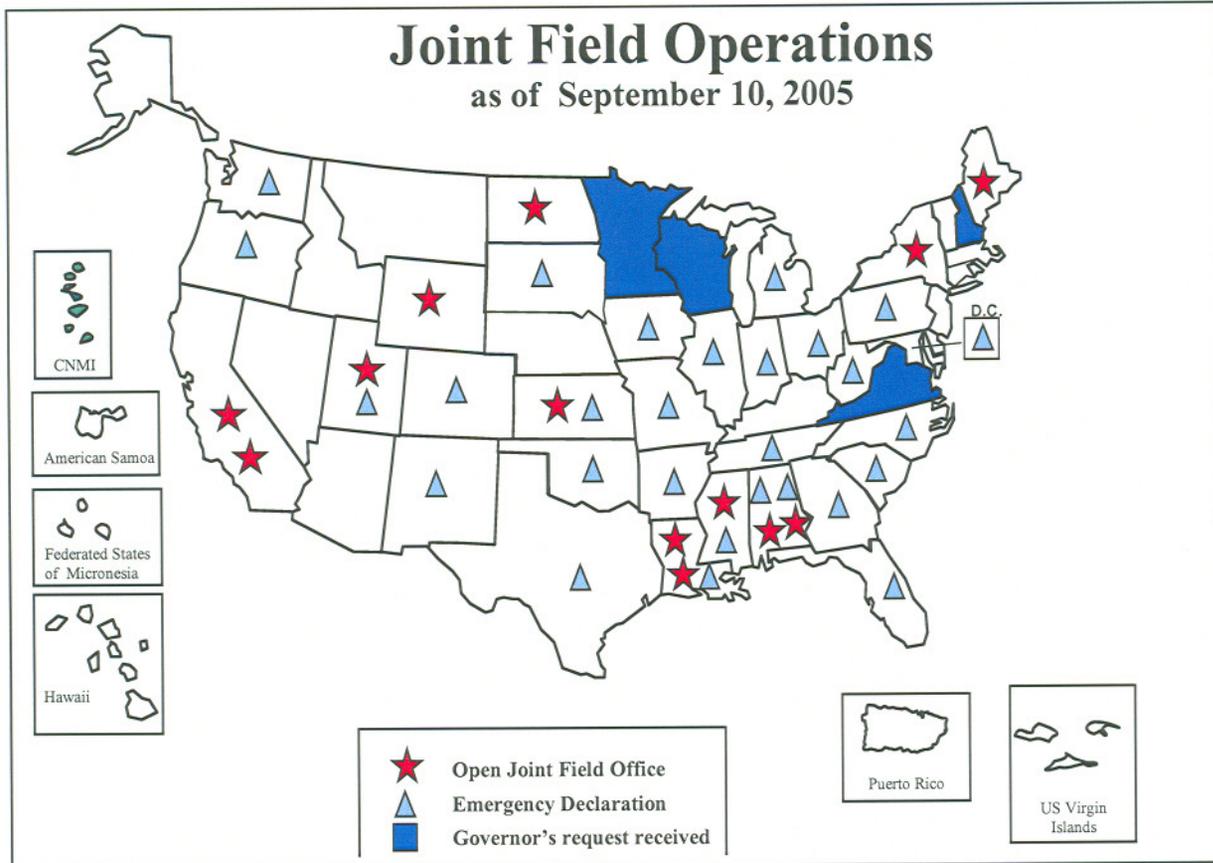
### **FEMA Readiness Alert Status:**



### Disaster Teleregistration Activity Chart

<b>DR</b>	<b>Incident Type</b>	<b>09/10/05</b>	<b>Cumulative</b>
1605-AL	Hurricane Katrina	<b>1,848</b>	<b>35,795</b>
1604-MS	Hurricane Katrina	<b>18,302</b>	<b>138,118</b>
1603-LA	Hurricane Katrina	<b>61,149</b>	<b>486,455</b>
1599-WY	Tornado	<b>3</b>	<b>245</b>
1595-FL	Hurricane Dennis	<b>12</b>	<b>40,031</b>
1593-AL	Hurricane Dennis	<b>6</b>	<b>13,943</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>81,320</b>	<b>714,587</b>

# Joint Field Operations as of September 10, 2005



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