



Piedmont Triad AmRRON ExSum (Short Form)

Tropical Storm/Hurricane Conditions for NC in the Coming Week

Key Judgments:

All AmRRON members should closely monitor weather services for updated forecasts regarding Tropical Storm/Hurricane Florence beginning this weekend and continuing throughout the week.

AmRRON members should begin preparations for hurricane conditions with consideration given to food, water, alternate power, first aid, and communications. Chain saws and tarps should be staged in the event of downed trees and damaged roofs.

AmRRON Corp members should be prepared to operate nets according to the AmRRON SOI in the event that conventional communications begin to fail. All equipment, especially backup power systems, should be setup and tested.

Introduction:

It is likely that Florence will hit the east coast as a hurricane along the NC and/or SC coast in the second half of the coming week.

Higher than normal amounts of rainfall over the summer would magnify the effects of this hurricane. Since the ground is already saturated, flash flooding and downed trees will occur more readily.

Substantiation:

20180908-1800Z – weather.com: Tropical Storm Florence is becoming better organized over the Atlantic Ocean, and is increasingly likely to either make landfall or strike a part of the U.S. East Coast as a formidably strong hurricane mid- to late next week.

20180907 – With Tropical Storm Florence forecast to strengthen as it heads toward the East Coast, Gov. Roy Cooper declared a State of Emergency and waived transportation rules to help farmers harvest and transport their crops more quickly.

“While it’s still too early to know the storm’s path, we know we have to be prepared,” Gov. Cooper said. “During harvest, time is of the essence. Action today can avoid losses due to Florence.”

To activate the transportation waiver, Gov. Cooper also signed Executive Order No. 51, declaring a State of Emergency for the State of North Carolina on Friday.

Restrictions Lifted to Help Farmers Harvest Crops More Quickly

Today, Gov. Cooper signed Executive Order No. 52, temporarily waiving the cap on maximum hours



of service restrictions for trucks and heavy vehicles traveling in and through North Carolina and size and weight restrictions for trucks carrying crops and livestock.

The executive order will help gather and move crops in and through the state more easily and quickly in response to problems that could be caused by Tropical Storm Florence in North Carolina and along the East Coast.

Earlier today, Gov. Cooper said state emergency management officials are working with local and federal counterparts to prepare North Carolina for possible impacts from Florence. He also urged North Carolinians to take steps to prepare their families.

Outlook:

Supplies such as batteries, gas, lanterns, candles, water, and basic foods will be depleted quickly as the storm approaches and makes landfall. All of these supplies should be collected well in advance of the storm.

Note regarding State of Emergency: Pursuant to the North Carolina Emergency Management Act, N.C.G.S. 166A-19.31(b)(4), local governments may impose restrictions on dangerous weapons such as explosives, incendiary devices, and radioactive materials and devices when a state of emergency is declared, but may not impose restrictions on lawfully possessed firearms or ammunition.