



SITUATION REPORT

-FOR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION-

<u>Tropical Storm Edouard</u>	<u>6:00 PM</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>09-02-02</u>	<u>#2</u>
EVENT	TIME	DAY	DATE	NUMBER

As of the 5:00 PM advisory from the National Hurricane Center, the Tropical Storm Warning has been downgraded to a Tropical Storm Watch for Chatham County. At 5:00 PM, Tropical Storm Edouard was located at 30.5 N and 78.9 W with sustained winds of 40 mph and is moving toward the east at 5 mph.

The forecast track indicates the storm will take a gradual 180 degree turn to the SW and make landfall just south of Jacksonville, FL on Thursday. It is important to note, however, that this track is a forecast. TS Edouard remains poorly organized, achieves little forward motion and tends to wobble erratically. Because of this, Edouard may still offer a minimal threat to Coastal Chatham.

Based on the present track of the storm, coastal waters may still become rough as the sea begins to react to the storm. Mariners should take necessary actions to protect their boats that may be docked in marinas.

Residents along the coast should remain alert and closely monitor NOAA weather radio broadcast for the latest information on Tropical Storm Edouard. Information can also be found at the Charleston Weather Service's website at <http://wchs.csc.noaa.gov>.

Due to the proximity of the storm, CEMA will remain in OPGON 4. This notification is being taken as a precautionary step. All agencies are advised to monitor this storm and review their emergency plans.

As a reminder, OPGON 4 is the first stage of advanced alert readiness. Unless your individual emergency plan specifically calls for certain steps to be taken, no action is required. However, you should be verifying the availability of your assets, resources and personnel. Those agencies that have responsibility to share Situation Reports should be doing so at this time.

The next Situation Report will be issued at 9:00 AM Tuesday Morning.

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