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SITUATION REPORT #9

HURRICANE CHARLEY

AUGUST 14, 2004 7:00 am

As of the 5:00 am advisory, Chatham County remains in a Hurricane Warning. The center of Hurricane Charley was located near latitude 31.2 north, longitude 80.5 west or about 115 miles south-southwest of Charleston, South Carolina. Charley is moving NNE near 25 mph with maximum sustained winds near 85 mph with higher gusts. Some strengthening is possible before landfall.

Based on this forecast, Charley will be nearing the South Carolina coast later today. The storm is expected to remain off the Georgia coast and make a second landfall near Myrtle Beach, SC sometime early Saturday afternoon.

No further impact from this storm is forecast for Chatham County. Unless otherwise warranted, this will be the final advisory issued from CEMA on Hurricane Charley. CEMA has de-activated the Emergency Operations Center and will be operating at Operating Condition 5.