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SITUATION REPORT #5

Hurricane Jeanne

September 25, 2004 6:00 pm

At 5 pm, Hurricane Jeanne was located near latitude 27.1 north and longitude 78.8 west. This position is about 105 miles east-southeast of Vero Beach, Florida. Jeanne is moving due west near 14 mph. Hurricane Jeanne is expected to make landfall near Vero Beach and Ft. Pierce, Florida overnight as a category 3 hurricane.

The threat of Hurricane Jeanne to the Chatham County area appears to have lessened, but we will continue to monitor storm conditions. On the current forecast track, Chatham County can expect 20-30 mph winds with possible higher gusts during the day Monday. One to three inches of rain is also expected with this storm over the forecast period.

Please keep in mind that minor changes with each advisory could result in major changes in the forecast track and storm dynamics. Observers are cautioned not to concentrate on the center of the storm and the small line of projected travel but instead to focus on the size of the storm.

Residents and visitors are advised to monitor the local media closely for storm updates during the weekend. It is also advisable to review your family hurricane plans and make any necessary changes.

CEMA remains in Operating Condition (OPCON) 4 or the Monitoring Phase as defined by the Georgia Emergency Management Agency. OPCON 4 is the first stage in advanced readiness.

Further updates will be issued as conditions warrant.