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Norfolk District takes preventive actions in the wake of Tropical Storm Hanna

NORFOLK, Va. – In the wake of Tropical Storm Hanna, Norfolk District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has instituted the following measures to protect the health and safety of Virginians, and reduce flooding and damage at its military and civil works project sites throughout the Commonwealth:

Emergency Operations/Assistance

- In conjunction with Governor Timothy M. Kaine's declaration of a state of emergency for the Commonwealth of Virginia, Norfolk District has deployed a Corps liaison officer and various mission subject matter experts to the Commonwealth's Emergency Operations Center in Richmond. They are preparing to execute any FEMA civil and military disaster missions.
- Activated its Emergency Operations Center (EOC) at the Waterfield Headquarters building to execute FEMA assignments, with the support of Corps specialized mission experts arriving from around the country. The EOC is operational from 7 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- Norfolk District coordinated with city/county officials and liaison officers on Corps flood damage reduction projects at: Norfolk, Richmond, Buena Vista, Virginia Beach, Scottsville, Franklin and Chesapeake.
- Norfolk District coordinated with military installations throughout the Commonwealth in anticipation of any disaster-related support.

Operations and Navigation

- Lake Drummond, which forms in the Dismal Swamp Canal, is currently 14 inches below its normal water level. Norfolk District will have contractors on-site over the weekend, monitoring the water levels. We do not anticipate a need to discharge water from the lake.
- The Norfolk District Survey and Navigation team is on-call throughout the weekend to support any debris removal or survey requirements.

Norfolk District will continue to assess and execute its emergency support mission in the Commonwealth of Virginia throughout the duration of Tropical Storm Hanna.