

October 3, 2015

Re: Nor'easter and Hurricane Joaquin update

Dear Mayor,

This morning the Governor convened a third conference call with key members of his cabinet so they could update local officials on State preparation for the weather events impacting the State over the next few days. The good news is that the latest tracking models indicate that Hurricane Joaquin is taking a more easterly track and not making landfall, thereby mitigating impact in New Jersey. See our update on prior conference calls at <https://nj-njslom.civicplus.com/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/258>

DEP Commissioner Martin confirmed municipalities are authorized to move sand prior to DEP approval in order to protect berms and control erosion. Municipalities just need to email DEP to advise them. Continued coastal flooding and beach erosion is expected along with back bay flooding through high tide cycles.

DCA Commissioner Richman offered to assist municipalities with part time construction officials who may have extra needs in the coming days. You may request construction code assistance from DCA by contacting your county OEM with the request. They will move that request up to the appropriate person in DCA. Commissioner Richman also reminded officials to review the Local Finance Notice published yesterday with guidance on handling costs. That Local Finance Notice may be found here <http://www.nj.gov/dca/divisions/dlgs/lfns/15/2015-21.pdf>

Very truly yours,

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