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Corps of Engineers to assist hurricane victims

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Charleston, S.C. -- The Charleston District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, is preparing to provide emergency support to areas affected by Hurricane Isabel.

Assigned with the ice mission, the District's basic ice team, comprised of 6 employees, was deployed to Raleigh, N.C. to provide assistance as assigned by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The group will help by procuring critical supplies of ice for those in need.

In addition, one Charleston District employee was requested to assist FEMA as part of their Rapid Needs Assessment team to assist in the information-gathering and needs-assessment processes.

When a major disaster occurs anywhere in the United States, the Corps of Engineers becomes one of the agencies called upon to help clean up and restore devastated areas.

Under the Federal Response Plan, the Corps is the primary agency for the Emergency Support Function (ESF#3) Public Works and Engineering. The Corps' main roles under the plan include emergency clearance of debris, emergency power restoration, temporary supply of potable water and ice, temporary restoration of water-supply systems, temporary roofing, temporary housing, structural evaluation of buildings, damage assessment, and technical assistance.

During Hurricane Floyd in 1999, the Charleston District set up an Emergency Response and Recovery Organization (ERRO) in South Carolina, consisting of more than 80 Corps of Engineers employees, to provide debris removal and technical assistance to the State of South Carolina.