



SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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MEDIA ADVISORY

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Ready 'Freddy': SFWMD Prepares with Annual Hurricane Exercise

Media is invited to observe the drill at the agency's Emergency Operations Center

WHAT: The South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) will conduct its annual "Hurricane Freddy" exercise this week to practice the agency's emergency operations response to and recovery from a major hurricane.

2015 Test Scenario:

- "Freddy" will be 160 miles southeast of West Palm Beach, moving northwest from the central Bahamas at 20 mph with sustained winds of 100 mph.
- SFWMD teams will convene to analyze the storm before it makes landfall, including modeling the potential impacts to flood control operations.
- The storm will make landfall on the eastern coast of South Florida as a major hurricane, bringing between 8 and 10 inches of rain in localized areas.



The District's annual exercise is designed to challenge water managers to address potential hurricane-related incidents and demands on the flood control system. "Hurricane Freddy" operations will begin with full activation of the SFWMD Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and a situation briefing. Field response teams at District field stations and service centers will also be participating in the training exercise.

Members of the media are invited to observe the exercise as a way to enhance communications with the agency in the event of a real storm emergency.

WHEN: Thursday, May 21, 2015

TIME: 11 a.m. to noon

WHO: SFWMD emergency managers and support staff

WHERE: SFWMD Headquarters
Emergency Operations Center
3301 Gun Club Road
West Palm Beach, FL 33406

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About the South Florida Water Management District

The South Florida Water Management District is a regional, governmental agency that oversees the water resources in the southern half of the state – 16 counties from Orlando to the Keys. It is the oldest and largest of the state’s five water management districts. The agency mission is to manage and protect water resources of the region by balancing and improving water quality, flood control, natural systems and water supply. A key initiative is cleanup and restoration of the Everglades.