

**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL  
OFFICE OF OCEAN AND COASTAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT**

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**ALL COASTAL COUNTIES**

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**EMERGENCY ORDER  
REMOVAL OF BOATS & DEBRIS FROM CRITICAL AREAS  
22-EO-HI5 (Extended)**

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The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management (the Department), an agency of the State of South Carolina, organized and existing under the authority of the South Carolina Coastal Zone Management Act, S.C. Code Ann. §48-39-10 *et seq.*, finds that emergency conditions have occurred associated with Hurricane Ian beginning on September 30, 2022, in the beach/dune system, beaches, tidelands, and coastal waters in the State of South Carolina and therefore located within the “critical area” jurisdiction of the Department. These conditions have resulted in marine debris being located within the critical areas.

The Department finds that these conditions may endanger the health, safety, welfare, and resources of residents of the coastal zone as well as the general population of the State of South Carolina. Accordingly, the Department, pursuant to the authority of S.C. Code Ann. §48-39-130(D)(1), hereby issues an Emergency Order to allow property owners, government agencies, municipalities, or other responsible parties whose lands and buildings abut the critical areas, to remove boats and debris from the critical areas, in those areas impacted by Hurricane Ian. The local government with jurisdiction over the site must be notified of the activity.

This Emergency Order, 22-EO-HI5 (Extended), will expire at the end of the day on February 28, 2023. This Emergency Order is a two-month extension of 22-EO-HI5 which expires on December 31, 2022. Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §48-39-130(D)(1), property owners may request an individual emergency order from the Department if an emergency persists.

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Specifically, all work must conform to the following requirements:

1. Best management practices and measures must be employed during removal of all boats and debris.
2. All removed material must be disposed of properly on high ground.

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