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### NAVY SETS TROPICAL CYCLONE CONDITION ONE FOR MID-ATLANTIC REGION INSTALLATIONS

**Norfolk, VA (CNRMA)** - The Navy today ordered all installations from North Carolina to Maine to set Tropical Cyclone Condition ONE as Hurricane Irene is forecast to impact the Mid-Atlantic coast. Tropical Cyclone Condition One means destructive winds of greater than 50 knots associated with a tropical system, are expected within 12 hours.

Rear Admiral Mark Boensel, Commander of the Navy's Mid-Atlantic region, issued the order at 4 p.m. today for all Navy installations from North Carolina to Maine.

Twenty-seven ships left Norfolk yesterday to evade the storm at sea. Approximately 200 aircraft have been relocated to safe havens away from the storm. Several hundred military students at Dam Neck Annex have been relocated to Fort A.P. Hill in advance of the storm.

Navy operations have been suspended throughout the region as commands make hurricane preparations. Some preparations include securing all loose objects and hazards throughout the installations, removing debris from drainage areas and sandbagging low lying areas.

Navy personnel and their families are encouraged to review their hurricane checklists and evacuation plans in the event an evacuation order is required.

All Navy installations in the Hampton Roads area, including Surface Combat Systems Center Wallops Island have been directed to limit workforce to Essential Personnel Only on Monday, Aug. 29.

**Note to media:**

**Tropical Cyclone Conditions of Readiness are:**

**Condition Five: destructive winds are possible within 96 hours.**

**Condition Four: destructive winds are possible within 72 hours.**

**Condition Three: destructive winds are possible within 48 hours.**

**Condition Two: destructive winds are possible within 24 hours.**

**Condition One: destructive winds are possible within 12 hours.**