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NAVY SETS TROPICAL CYCLONE CONDITION THREE FOR MID-ATLANTIC REGION INSTALLATIONS

Norfolk, VA (CNRMA) - The Navy today ordered all installations from North Carolina to Maine to set Tropical Cyclone Condition Three as Hurricane Irene is forecast to impact the Mid-Atlantic coast. Tropical Cyclone Condition Three means destructive winds of greater than 50 knots associated with a tropical system, are expected within 48 hours.

Rear Admiral Mark Boensel, commander of the Navy' Mid-Atlantic region, issued the order at 4:30 p.m. today for all Navy installations from North Carolina to Maine.

Ships and aircraft in the region are prepared to get underway to evade the hurricane. Navy operations are continuing as normal as commands make hurricane preparations.

Some preparations include securing all hazards throughout the installations, removing debris from drainage areas and sandbagging low lying area.

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

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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.