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

**Norfolk, VA (CNRMA)** - The Navy today ordered most installations from North Carolina to Maine to set Tropical Cyclone Condition Two as Hurricane Irene is forecast to impact the Mid-Atlantic coast. Tropical Cyclone Condition Two means destructive winds of greater than 50 knots associated with a tropical system are expected within 24 hours.

Rear Admiral Mark Boensel, Commander, Navy Region, Mid-Atlantic, issued the order at 6:30 p.m. today for all Navy coastal installations from North Carolina to Maine.

Twenty-seven ships left Norfolk today to evade the storm at sea. Additionally, some 200 aircraft will be relocated to safe havens away from the storm. Several housing units and training facilities at the Dam Neck Annex are in the process of being evacuated as a precaution in advance of the storm.

Navy operations are continuing as normal throughout the region as commands make hurricane preparations. Some preparations include securing all loose objects and hazards throughout 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 issued.

All installations in the Hampton Roads area, including Naval Weapons Station Yorktown and Surface Combat Systems Center Wallops Island have been directed to limit workforces to essential personnel only on Monday, Aug. 29.

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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.**