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3.6 Magnitude Earthquake Felt in Lowcountry

COLUMBIA, S.C. (Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2008, 10:00 a.m.) – The U.S. Geological Survey has confirmed that a 3.6 magnitude earthquake occurred in Dorchester County at 7:42 a.m. today. The epicenter of the earthquake was four miles south-southwest of Summerville, and was felt throughout the Tri-county area of Berkeley, Dorchester and Charleston Counties.

At this time, there have been reports of minor injuries and minor damage. There have been no requests for state assistance. The South Carolina Emergency Management Division (SCEMD) is working closely with county officials and federal partners.

RESIDENTS SHOULD REPORT ANY DAMAGES TO THEIR COUNTY:

- Charleston County: (843) 202-7400
- Berkeley County: (843) 719-4166
- Dorchester County: (843) 832-0341

USEFUL LINKS:

- **South Carolina Emergency Management Division:**
www.scemd.org (the 2008 SC Earthquake Guide is available in English and Spanish)
- **U.S. Geological Survey:**
<http://earthquake.usgs.gov/eqcenter> (drill down to today's earthquake, see maps, and a "did you feel it" reporting form for citizens)
<http://earthquake.usgs.gov/learning> (learn more about earthquakes and how to prepare).

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For more information on earthquakes in South Carolina, log onto www.scemd.org, or contact Joe Farmer and Derrec Becker.