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Promulgation of Emergency Vessel Exclusion Zone Regulation 123-10	)))))	Emergency Order No. 2018-EO-1

The South Carolina Department of Natural Resources has enacted a special regulation pursuant to SCDNR Regulation 123.10 establishing a Vessel Exclusion Zone on the waters of the Waccamaw River in the vicinity of the Santee-Cooper Generating Station ash ponds in Conway, South Carolina. State and Federal authorities have determined that potential hazards resulting from high waters of the Waccamaw River are present and that continued vessel traffic will severely degrade flood berms adjacent to the Santee-Cooper ash ponds allowing the coal ash to enter the Waccamaw River system.

The safety zone will cover all navigable waters of the Waccamaw River between US Business Highway 501 and US Highway 501 in Conway, SC.

This regulation becomes effective at 10 a.m. on September 24, 2018, and will remain in effect until waters recede and conditions allow for safe navigation without the potential for berm degradation. The purpose and duration of the safety zone is intended to minimize the impact to the Waccamaw River system and to protect personnel and vessels, while the Waccamaw River experiences these high water conditions. Until rescinded, no vessel or person will be permitted to enter the Vessel Exclusionary Zone.

Entered this 24th day of September, 2018.

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