



SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
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## MEDIA ADVISORY

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**“Hurricane Freddy” to Test SFWMD’s Emergency Response**  
*Media invited to attend annual hurricane preparedness exercise*

**WHAT:** The South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) will conduct its annual “Hurricane Freddy” exercise next week to once again test the agency’s emergency operations response to and recovery from a catastrophic hurricane.

Trained District staff will exercise emergency management and flood-control procedures in response to Hurricane Freddy, a simulated Category 4 hurricane. The virtual scenario will include severe wind damage and flooding over most of the southern and southwestern portions of the District’s 16-county region, challenging water managers to address numerous hurricane-related incidents and demands on the flood-control system.

The exercise will begin with full activation of the SFWMD Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and a situation briefing. Field response teams at District field stations and service centers will also be participating.

The District encourages the media to observe and participate in the exercise to enhance communications with the agency in the event of a real hurricane emergency.

**WHEN:** Monday, June 1, 2009

**TIME:** 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**WHERE:** SFWMD Headquarters  
Emergency Operations Center  
3301 Gun Club Road  
West Palm Beach, FL 33406

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**About the South Florida Water Management District – [Celebrating 60 Years \(1949-2009\)](#)**

*The South Florida Water Management District is a regional, governmental agency that oversees the water resources in the southern half of the state – 16 counties from Orlando to the Keys. It is the oldest and largest of the state's five water management districts. The agency mission is to manage and protect water resources of the region by balancing and improving water quality, flood control, natural systems and water supply. A key initiative is cleanup and restoration of the Everglades.*