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Subject: Changes in Flood Categories for the Tide Gage at Fort
 Pulaski, GA on the Savannah River (FPKG1)

Effective at 1200 Coordinated Universal Time (8 am EDT) on May 1st, the National Weather Service will change the flood category stages for the tide gage at Fort Pulaski, GA on the Savannah River.

The new flood categories will be as follows:

1. The new minor flood stage will be 9.5 feet above Mean Lower Low Water (MLLW). The current flood stage is 9.2 feet above MLLW.
2. The new moderate flood stage will be 10.0 feet above MLLW. The current moderate flood stage is 9.6 feet above MLLW.
3. The new major flood stage will be 10.5 feet above MLLW. The current major flood stage is 10.0 feet above MLLW.

Due to these changes, Coastal Flood Advisories will be issued when the tide is expected to reach or exceed 9.5 feet above MLLW. Also, Coastal Flood Watches and Coastal Flood Warnings will be issued when the tide level is expected to reach or exceed 10.5 feet above MLLW.

The National Weather Service welcomes public feedback regarding these changes. If you have any questions or comments, please contact:

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