

TCCOR DEFINITIONS

(as of 11 July 2013)

The following Tropical Cyclone Conditions of Readiness (TCCOR) definitions herein originate from USFJINST 15-4001 and have been adjusted slightly to fit Fleet Activities Okinawa requirements and policies. Other branches of the military on Okinawa may have a slightly different twist to their definitions, but with the same basic intent.

TCCOR STORM WATCH (TCCOR-SW): Destructive winds of 50 knots or greater are not forecast; however, the probability of high winds still exists due to the proximity of the storm. High winds may include gusts exceeding 50 knots and/or sustained winds of 34-49 knots, which may cause hazards. The storm is close enough to the area that a heightened alert status is necessary in order to rapidly elevate TCCORs should the storm deviate from its forecasted track. Stay alert for any TCCOR changes. In some instances, we may return to TCCOR Storm Watch if the storm is not currently forecast to bring damaging winds but is in close enough proximity that it could. If TCCOR-SW is announced after elevated TCCORs, military personnel will report for duty within one hour if during normal duty hours. Civilian employees will report for work within two hours unless three and one half-hours or less remain on the employee's shift. Dependents will remain indoors.

TCCOR-4: Destructive winds of 50 knots or greater are possible within 72 hours, normal activities unaffected. TCCOR-4 checklists are maintained year round by U.S. Naval activities under CFAO cognizance on Okinawa. Preparatory actions include reviewing current instructions, directives, and/or checklists.

TCCOR-3: Destructive winds of 50 knots or greater are possible within 48 hours. Initiate a general clean up. Secure all loose debris. Double check typhoon supplies.

TCCOR-2: Destructive winds of 50 knots or greater are anticipated within 24 hours. Secure your quarters. Report for normal duty hours; anticipate recall if after working hours. Finish all preparations for the storm. Sandbag doors, store water, recheck outside areas, stuff rags in openings, tape door jams, etc. Do not tape across windows, but try to cover all windows to prevent flying, shattered glass. Close all windows and doors; recent studies have shown that we should NOT open lees-side windows.

TCCOR-1: Destructive winds of 50 knots or greater are occurring or are anticipated within 12 hours. TCCOR 1 consists of the alert levels below. DOD schools are closed. Departments may begin securing nonessential personnel.

TCCOR 1 CAUTION (TCCOR-1C): Destructive winds of 50 knots or greater are anticipated within 12 hours; actual winds, including gusts, are 34-49 knots. All outside activities except those in direct support of critical military or civil missions will be discontinued. All personnel except those standing typhoon watches will be secured to quarters.

TCCOR 1 EMERGENCY (TCCOR-1E): Destructive winds of 50 knots or greater are occurring. All outside activities are prohibited. All personnel will remain indoors. Military personnel will remain fit for duty. Monitor AFN TV or radio for weather updates and changes in conditions of readiness. DO NOT BE CONFUSED BY NICE WEATHER. NICE WEATHER DOES NOT NECESSARILY MEAN THAT THE STORM HAS PASSED; YOU MAY BE IN THE EYE OF THE STORM.

TCCOR 1 RECOVERY (TCCOR-1R): After a typhoon has passed and destructive winds have

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subsided and are no longer forecast to occur, survey and work crews are sent out to determine the extent of damages and to establish safe zones around hazards such as downed power lines, blocked roads, floods, unstable structures. Until the recovery process is declared complete (TCCOR All Clear), or the risk of injury and/or damage to personnel and property has been mitigated to a safe level, the general population will remain indoors. In some instances, we may return to TCCOR Storm Watch if the storm is not currently forecast to bring damaging winds but is in close enough proximity that it could.

TCCOR STORM CLEAR (TCCOR-SC): The storm threat has subsided. However, until the recovery process is declared complete (TCCOR All Clear), the general population will be asked to remain indoors. If TCCOR-SC is announced after elevated TCCORs and without TCCOR-SW being declared, military personnel will report for duty within one hour if during normal duty hours. Civilian employees will report for work within two hours unless three and one half-hours or less remain on the employee's shift.

TCCOR ALL CLEAR (TCCOR-AC): All tropical cyclone threat has passed, and TCCOR-1R recovery efforts are complete. U.S. Naval installations on Okinawa will return to TCCOR-4 during the typhoon season (1 June to 30 Nov).