

A satellite image of Hurricane Florence, showing a well-defined eye and dense, swirling cloud bands over the Atlantic Ocean. The hurricane is positioned in the lower right quadrant of the frame, with the eastern coast of North America visible on the left.

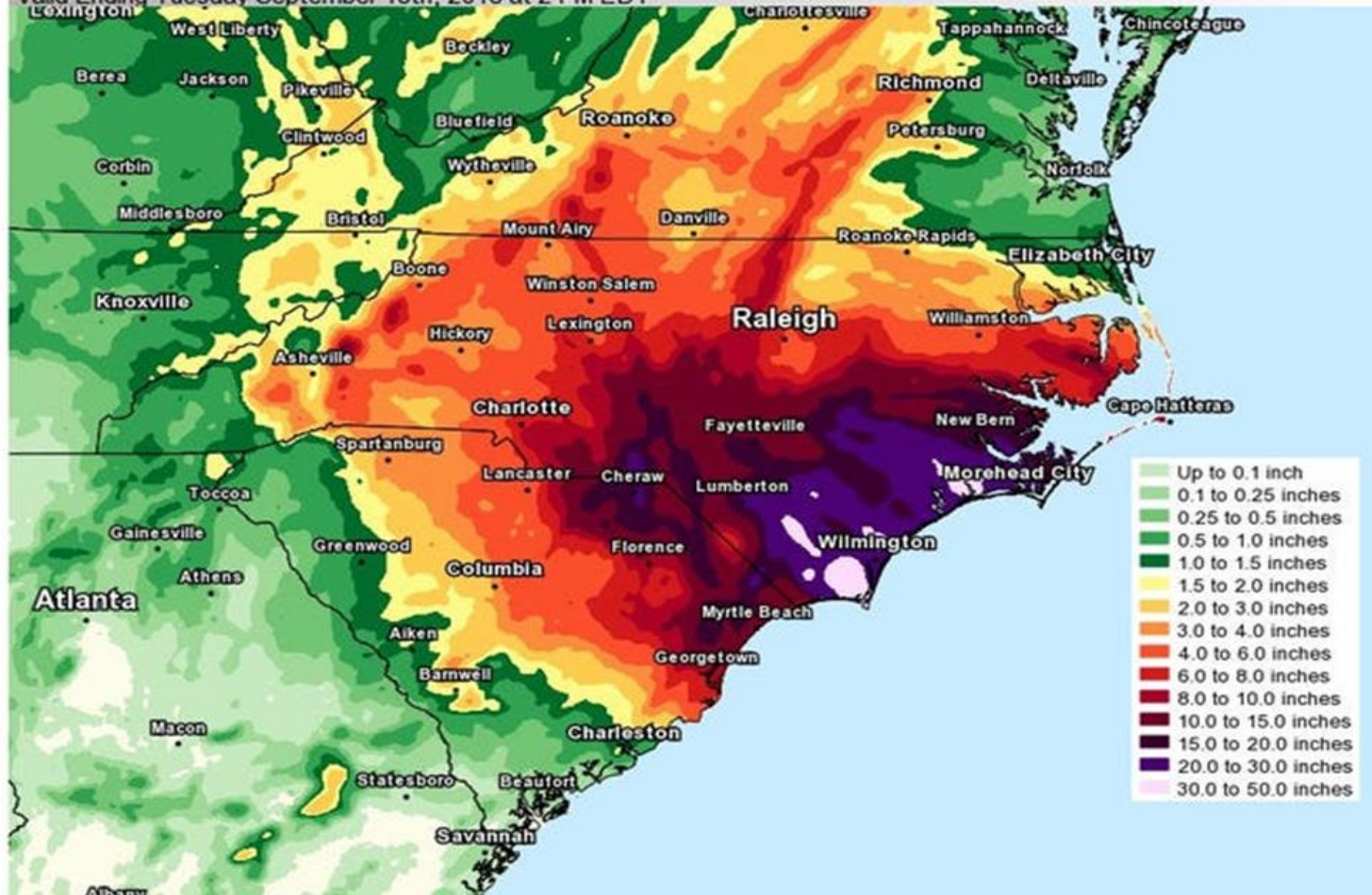
Hurricane Florence

North Carolina, 2018

Environmental and Public Health Impacts

Observed Precipitation

Valid Ending Tuesday September 18th, 2018 at 2 PM EDT





Pig poop and coal ash are real concern in North Carolina floods

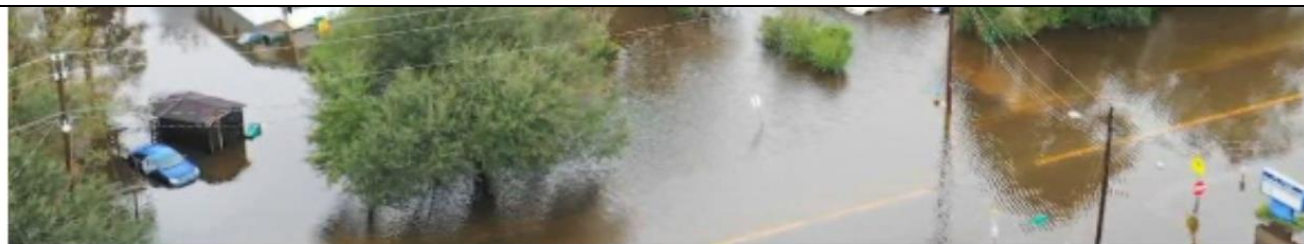


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(CNN) — Even after a hurricane's immediate threat of flooding goes away, North Carolina residents could face a host of potential health problems from the water brought by Hurricane Florence – and from what that water leaves behind. In addition to the usual physical and mental challenges floodwaters can typically bring, there is a potential problem for human health that involves some of the state's key industries: hog farming and coal power generation.



Video shows severe flooding in North Carolina

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As Mold Grows in Hurricane Aftermath, More NC Asthma Patients Suffer



Four-year-old Jeremiah Galbreath receives a nebulizer treatment for asthma at his home in Bayboro. (Travis Long)

Lessons Learned – Hopefully...

- Climate change is making hurricane impacts worse
- Floodplain assessment in NC (and many other places) is inaccurate and needs to be fixed
- Building or keeping hazardous industry in floodplains threatens public health
- What happens upstream will impact those downstream
- Impacts from flooding are felt long after waters recede
- Our response to disasters is inadequate and people suffer because of that – especially low wealth communities and communities of color