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DATE: November 30, 2008
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TO: Governor Jim Doyle

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SUBJECT: SITUATION REPORT ON WINTER WEATHER #3

WEATHER OVERVIEW - The National Weather Service reports that from about 7:30 p.m. to about 9 p.m., the main snowfall area will remain southeast of a line from the Green Bay area to Janesville. Light to occasionally moderate snow will continue in this area at least through midnight. Several bands of moderate to briefly heavy lake-enhanced snow showers will form over Lake Michigan and move inland toward the southwest from the Green Bay area down to Kenosha. Snowfall rates in some of the more intense snow showers will reach 1/2 to 1 inch per hour. However, the bands of snow showers will not remain stationary over one spot. The NWS models still suggest a band of light to moderate snow will develop from the Green Bay area southwest to Madison and Monroe between 9 p.m. and midnight. Areas northwest of a line from Monroe to Madison to Green Bay will have only light snow. After midnight on Dec. 1st, the north to northwest winds will start to increase to 15 to 20 mph over most of Wisconsin. Gusts to 25 to 30 mph are still expected which will cause blowing and drifting snow in those areas that have picked up the most snow.

During the early morning hours from midnight to 6 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 1, the main snowfall will shift to the area from Green Bay to Kenosha as lake-enhanced snow showers move in from Lake Michigan. Moderate snowfall rates of 1/2 to 1 inch per hour will be found in some of the more intense snow showers. The gusty north to northwest winds will gust to 30 to 35 mph in this area as well, again leading to blowing and drifting snow. The lake-enhanced snow showers over the eastern part of the state should start ending by around 6 – 7 a.m. Dec 1. Some blowing and drifting snow may continue after daybreak over the area from Green Bay to Kenosha.

Overnight temperatures will eventually drop into the upper 20s over the southeastern part of the state by midnight. This will likely cause snow to stick to road surfaces, especially on untreated roads.

Total snow accumulations will range from 5 to perhaps 8 inches east of a line from Green Bay to Whitewater. Amounts will taper off to 1 to 3 inches west-northwest of Madison and Wisconsin Dells to the Mississippi River.

CURRENT ROAD CONDITIONS – The Wisconsin state Patrol reports that the southeast region is not experiencing any traffic problems at this time. (The southeast region includes Washington, Ozaukee, Waukesha, Milwaukee, Racine, Kenosha and Walworth Counties.) Roads in Jefferson, Walworth, Rock, Washington, and Southern Dane counties still report scattered slippery stretches. No major traffic issues have been reported around the state at this time. Highway ramps at I-90 and Hwy. 14 are snow covered and slippery.

Travelers are advised to continue to monitor travel and traffic conditions through 1-800-ROAD-WIS (1-800-762-3947) or www.dot.wisconsin.gov. Be alert to changing weather and travel conditions. Be prepared with a full tank of gas, a charged cell phone, extra blankets, food, water, a small shovel, road maps and patience. Be aware that as winds pick up later tonight, blowing and drifting snow will decrease visibility and cover roads especially in open areas.

AIR TRAVEL – Because of weather-related issues throughout the eastern-half of the U.S., some flights may have been delayed or cancelled. Contact your airline to remain up to date on landings and departures.

COUNTY REPORTS – a briefing/conference call was held at 7 p.m. with EOC staff and emergency management directors and/or staff from 18 Wisconsin counties. (Brown, Calumet, Columbia, Dane, Dodge, Fond du Lac, Green, Jefferson, Kenosha, Manitowoc, Milwaukee, Outagamie, Ozaukee, Racine, Rock, Sheboygan, Walworth, and Winnebago Counties.) The call was to update the counties with information from the National Weather Service, road conditions, public information and National Guard availability. Counties were also able to report on any local issues or needs. No requests for local assistance at this time.

WISCONSIN NATIONAL GUARD – The Wisconsin National Guard Joint Operation Center continues to monitor the storm conditions and can provide assistance as needed upon request.

For further information, contact Wisconsin Emergency Management at 608-242-3232.