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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 #4

WEATHER OVERVIEW – The following counties have been downgraded from a Winter Storm Warning to a Winter Weather Advisory: Dane, Green, Racine, Kenosha. The Winter Weather Advisory for Marathon County has been cancelled. Otherwise, the counties that have been in a Winter Storm Warning status the past few hours will remain in that status until 6 am. Dec 1.

The National Weather Service reports that for the time period from 9 to 11 p.m., an enhanced band of snow showers will favor the Manitowoc & Sheboygan area southwest through Washington, Waukesha, Jefferson, Walworth, and Rock Counties. Snowfall rates of 1/2 to 1 inch per hour will be seen at times in this band. The western fringes of this band will affect southeastern Dane County and eastern Green County. Lighter snow will continue elsewhere until midnight.

The same weather conditions mentioned in previous situation reports is still expected from midnight to 6 a.m. on Dec. 1. Please refer to situation reports 2 and 3 available at the Wisconsin Emergency Management web site at <http://emergencymanagement.wi.gov/>.

While the brunt of the storm seems to be focused on southeast Wisconsin, western Wisconsin also was affected. About 4 inches of snow had fallen by this evening. The biggest snowfall totals were north and west of La Crosse. NWS predicts snow will total 3-6 inches in the La Crosse area. About 3.6 inches of snow had fallen near the La Crosse Municipal Airport but only 1.9 inches was recored at the NWS office on Grandad Bluff. More than 4 inches had fallen at Holmen, 1.5 inches at West Salem and one-tenth of an inch fell at Viroqua. A winter weather advisory remains in effect until 6 a.m. Monday.

Central Wisconsin is also expected to have another 4 inches of snow through tonight.

CURRENT ROAD CONDITIONS – The southwest region of Wisconsin State Patrol in Tomah reports two accidents and one run-off. The first accident is on I-90/94 at the 51 mile post (near Oakdale exit south of the split of 90/94) and is a roll over in the median with no lane blockage. The second accident is on I-90/94 at the 132 mile post (north of the Warrens exit) and involves a semi-trailer and two cars. The run off is located on I 90/94 at the 76 mile post (south of Mauston).

Roads in the Tomah/La Crosse area are reported as having slippery stretches. State patrol in Columbia County reports blowing snow on I 39/90/94. Travel speeds are about 50 MPH both eastbound and westbound.

Road conditions have become snow covered and have scattered slippery spots in the southeast region and troopers are working steadily on multiple run offs and accidents. The afternoon shift will be held over and the midnight shift will be coming in early for the southeast region. The state patrol post located in Wausau reports that I-39/HWY 51 as ice covered and slippery with a few run-offs. Shawano County HWY 29WB is showing improvement but also has reported run-offs. The northeast region reports HWY 41 as snow covered and slippery but they are free of run-offs or accidents.

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. Some web sites for useful airport information:

WISN.com/travel: [Airport Delays](http://www.mitchellairport.com/flightinfo.php?mode=arrivals) (<http://www.mitchellairport.com/flightinfo.php?mode=arrivals>)

Mitchell International: [Flight Arrivals](http://www.mitchellairport.com/flightinfo.php?mode=arrivals) (<http://www.mitchellairport.com/flightinfo.php?mode=arrivals>)

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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.