DATE: December 1, 2008
4:15 a.m.

TO: Governor Jim Doyle

FROM: Johnnie Smith
Administrator

SUBJECT: SITUATION REPORT ON WINTER WEATHER #5

WEATHER OVERVIEW – As of 4 a.m. the following counties have been downgraded to a Winter Weather Advisory for snow and blowing snow: Fond du Lac, Sheboygan, Dodge, Washington, Ozaukee, Jefferson, Waukesha, Milwaukee, Rock, Walworth. This advisory also includes Racine and Kenosha Counties. The advisory for all of these counties remains in effect until noon. Any new snow accumulations after 7 a.m. are expected to be less than an inch.

The Winter Weather Advisory for the area of the state from Green Lake County to Dane County to Green County and points west to the Mississippi River ends at 6 a.m.

Winter Storm Warning status will remain in effect for the Green Bay National Weather Service County Warning Area until noon for those counties that were previously in a Winter Storm Warning status. The far western fringe of counties in the Green Bay County Warning Area, which were previously in a Winter Weather Advisory, will be dropped from Winter Weather Advisory status. The other counties in the Green Bay County Warning Area under Winter Weather Advisory status will continue with that status until noon.

Please check with the Web sites of the Green Bay and Milwaukee/Sullivan NWS offices to check the status of Wisconsin counties with respect to advisories or warnings.

www.weather.gov/mkx
www.weather.gov/grb

CURRENT ROAD CONDITIONS – The Wisconsin State Patrol and Wisconsin Department of Transportation report that county road crews are out in full force preparing roads for the morning commute. Thus far, no incidents or problems have been reported. Roads in many parts of the state remain snow covered and slippery.

Statewide road conditions can be found at www.dot.wisconsin.gov/travel/gis/winterroads.htm

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. Drivers should allow plenty of time for their morning commute and drive slowly and cautiously.
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:


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.