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SUBJECT: SITUATION REPORT ON STORMS #46

OVERVIEW

Governor Jim Doyle announced today that individuals in Columbia, Crawford, Racine, Richland, Milwaukee, Sauk, and Vernon counties affected by the recent severe storms and floods that began on June 5, 2008 will be eligible to apply for assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), including Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA). Disaster Unemployment Assistance is available to unemployed workers who worked or were self employed if they meet DUA criteria. Workers, including those who are self-employed in farming or other businesses, must apply for benefits by July 16, 2008. Applications can be filed by calling the Unemployment Insurance Division in Madison at (608) 232-0678, in Milwaukee at (414) 438-7700, or toll-free at 1-800-822-5246. A special (TTY) number for the hearing impaired is also available at 1-888-393-8914.

State-federal disaster assessment teams met with representatives in Waukesha, Washington, Winnebago, Green and Dodge counties today. Dane County announced that it will meet with state-federal disaster assessment teams on Thursday, June 19.

The President has declared a disaster for the following counties:

- Columbia
- Crawford
- Milwaukee
- Racine
- Richland
- Sauk
- Vernon

The first of the Disaster Recovery Centers (DRC) is open today in Reedsburg. It will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. until further notice.

Reedsburg County DRC
Reedsburg High School
1100 S. Albert Ave.
Reedsburg, WI

Additional centers in the other declared disaster counties are also expected to open. Exact locations will be forthcoming.

Wisconsin Emergency Management has two mobile command centers deployed: one is supporting State Patrol operators at Exit 92 in Lake Delton/Sauk County, and the other is located at the Crawford County Incident Command Post in Gays Mills. Regional staff are supporting county operations across the east-central and southeast regions of the state. The state Emergency Operations Center remains staffed 24 hours.

Throughout the storm-affected region, dams are holding but are being monitored very closely as many are not expected to crest until later this week.

ROAD CLOSURES/ CONDITIONS

Interstate highway system

- I-90/94 westbound and eastbound north of Madison all lanes are open.
- I-94 westbound from Milwaukee is closed from STH 83 at Delafield west to STH 89 at Lake Mills. The detour goes from STH 83 SB to I-43 SB to I-39/90 NB to Madison.
- I-39 northbound and southbound is closed from STH 78 to STH 16. The southbound detour goes from STH 16 in Portage to USH 51 to I-39/90/94 north of Madison. The northbound detour follows the same route, starting from the USH 51/I-39/90/94 interchange north of Madison.
- Exits from I-90/94 to STH 33 remain closed. The entire I-39/STH 33 interchange remains closed.
- I-39 SB exit ramp closed @ USH 51.

State and Other Roads (includes changes added 6/14-6/16):

- STH 18 is closed from STH 67 to Utica in Waukesha County.
- STH 106 is closed from STH 73 to CTH E in Jefferson County.
- STH 19 is closed from CTH Q to Hubbleton Road in Jefferson County.
- STH 60 is closed from STH 26 to STH 67.
- STH 50 in Kenosha County is closed from CTH P to STH 75/83. Detour update: The eastbound detour goes from CTH P north to Market Street east to STH 83 north to STH 142 east to STH 75 south to STH 50. The westbound detour follows the same route, starting from STH 75.
- STH 23 (STH 73/Main Street) is closed in Princeton, from W. Water Street to E. Water Street. Motorists are to use Water Street as a detour route back to STH 23 (STH 73).
- STH 16 is closed from CTH G/I to Old 16 Road in Dodge County.
- USH 51 is closed from Glenn Street to Memorial Drive in Rock County.
- STH 33 closed from Cascade Mountain Rd. to Albert St. in Columbia County.

Road conditions:

The public is asked to call **1-800-ROAD-WIS (762-3947)**.

The Wisconsin Dept. of Transportation (DOT) web site (<http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/travel/incident-alerts.htm>) has up-to-date maps and information on road closures for Interstate and major state highways.

Special Regulations:

Speeds — are reduced to 55 mph on the Interstate in the area of flooding near Portage to protect the pavement due to overly saturated conditions.

Weight limits — Vehicles carrying relief supplies, assisting in flood abatement, and responding to emergency services are exempted from DOT oversize and overweight vehicle regulations on and along a line from I-90 at LaCrosse, east to I-94 at Tomah, north on I-94 to STH 21, east on STH 21 to I-39, north on I-39 to USH 10 at Stevens Points and east on USH 10 to Manitowoc.

National Weather Service

A NWS flood warning remains in effect for various counties in central and southern Wisconsin. <http://www.crh.noaa.gov/arx/>

NWS said flood waters are usually deeper than they appear. Even one foot of flowing water is powerful enough to sweep vehicles off the road. Be especially cautious at night when it is harder to recognize the dangers of flooding. Most flood related deaths occur in automobiles.

National Weather Service water levels and flood predictions:

<http://www.weather.gov/ahps/forecasts.php>

NWS reports major flooding on rivers at Baraboo, Watertown, Milford, Jefferson, Fort Atkinson, Newville, Indianford and New Munster. Moderate flooding is reported on rivers at Beaver Dam, Horicon, Berlin, Burlington and Martintown.

The hydrological report is located at <http://www.crh.noaa.gov/ahps2/index.php?wfo=mkx>

Federal/State

Joint state-federal disaster assessment teams are meeting with representatives in Waukesha, Washington, Winnebago, Green and Dodge Counties today.

A Joint Field Office will open Tuesday in Madison, staffed by state agencies, FEMA, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), and other federal agencies. Crews will continue assessing private sector damage in additional counties today, and begin assessing damage to public infrastructure next week.

FEMA is advising citizens that its disaster assistance covers an individual's basic needs only and will not normally compensate the entire loss. The government may help pay for basic needs not covered under insurance policies.

The disaster declaration frees up federal funding for individual assistance in these counties for eligible expenses such as home repair and temporary housing. Individuals need to call 1-800-621-FEMA to apply for assistance, or apply online at www.fema.gov.

When applying for help, be sure to have the following information available:

- Your current telephone number;
- Your address at the time of the disaster and the address where you now are staying;
- Your Social Security number, if available;
- A general list of damages and losses you suffered;
- If insured, the name of your company or agent and your policy number;
- General financial information;
- Bank account coding if you wish to speed up your assistance with direct deposit.

Disaster victims may be eligible for grants and or loan interest loans. The FEMA representative will explain the details to you when you call.

U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) offers low-interest disaster loans for homeowners, renters and businesses of all sizes to repair or replace damaged or destroyed property.

Lafayette County: Lafayette County officials report that ALL roads over the Pecatonica River in Lafayette County are OPEN.

Green County

Green County Emergency Management asks all Green County residents who have had flood damage to call their office at 328-9416 and report their damage.

Sauk County

Water treatments plants are out, mainly in Reedsburg. The public has been ordered to limit flushing and use of water.

Rock County

Damage reports should be made to local municipalities.

Kenosha County

Residents of Kenosha County who have sustained flood or storm damage are asked to call the Kenosha County Emergency Management Damage Hotline at 262-605-7926 to report the amount of damage they have.

Red Cross and Salvation Army

The Red Cross has made several announcements, including:

- The opening of Service Delivery Centers in Richland, Milwaukee, La Crosse, Sauk and Dodge counties. Find the press release at: <http://emergencymanagement.wi.gov/docview.asp?docid=13991&locid=18>
- Mobile Delivery Service for Columbus and Portage counties. Find the press release at: <http://emergencymanagement.wi.gov/docview.asp?docid=13990&locid=18>
- Bulk Distribution Sites providing free flood clean-up supplies are open in Crawford,

Grant, Richland, Sauk, Juneau, Iowa, Monroe and Vernon counties. Find the press release with exact locations at:

<http://emergencymanagement.wi.gov/docview.asp?docid=13989&locid=18>

Resources:

- DNR has educational information for citizens affected by flooding on their web site at http://dnr.wi.gov/emergency/current_flood.html
- Updated information on parks and state trails can be found at: www.wiparks.net.
- Information for private water well owners: <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/water/dwg/flood.htm>
- Information on consumer protection, agricultural assistance and food safety for flood victims can be found at <http://www.datcp.state.wi.us/flood2008/index.jsp>
- DHFS recommends that home owners and renters with private well water that has been subjected to flooding contact their local public health department for a well water test kit. Some private wells in flooded areas have tested positive for fecal coli form bacteria and deemed unsafe.