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**TO:** Governor Jim Doyle  
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State Legislators

**FROM:** Johnnie Smith, Administrator

**SUBJECT:** SITUATION REPORT ON STORMS #67

**UPDATE:**

**Emergency Operations Center**

The Emergency Operations Center (EOC) will be operating until 5:00 p.m. today. The EOC will be open on Tuesday (6/24) from 7:00am until 5:00 p.m. at a Level 2 status. After 5:00 p.m. all phone calls will be transferred to the on-call Duty Officer. Operations of the EOC (scheduling and staffing) will be re-evaluated on Wednesday.

**Counties declared disasters**

FEMA has declared a state of disaster for 22 counties: Columbia, Crawford, Dane, Dodge, Fond du Lac, Grant, Green, Iowa, Juneau, Kenosha, Marquette, Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Racine, Richland, Rock, Sauk, Sheboygan, Vernon, Washington, Waukesha and Winnebago.

**Initial damage assessments**

Initial damage assessments from the 30 counties under the Governor's state of emergency. These are preliminary and should not be considered a true indicator of the amount of damages as reports continue to come in.

Residential Damage: \$203,176,875  
Business Damage: \$45,325,742  
Agricultural Damage \$146,685,000  
Public Assistance: \$75,346,334  
**Total: \$470,533,951**

## **Damage assessments**

FEMA has completed all Individual Assistance Preliminary Damage Assessments. FEMA will continue Public Assistance Preliminary Damage Assessments on Monday in Richland, Winnebago, Sauk, Iowa and Dodge counties and throughout the week in other counties, to be announced.

\*Individual assistance covers residences and, through SBA, businesses.

\*\*Public assistance covers public infrastructure.

## **Disaster recovery centers**

A Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) will open in Dodge County at the Public Safety Building, located at 128 Cross Street, Juneau, WI 53039 at 12:00 p.m., Monday, June 23rd.

Six DRCs remain open daily from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the locations below:

Portage High School  
301 E. Collins St.  
Portage

Columbus High School  
1164 Farnham Avenue  
Columbus

North Crawford High School  
47050 County X  
Soldiers Grove

Living Faith Church  
852 N. Main St.  
Viroqua

Reedsburg High School  
1100 S. Albert Ave.  
Reedsburg

Milwaukee County Rehab Center City Campus  
2711 West Wells St.  
Milwaukee

## **Register before visiting DRCs**

Storm and flood victims who plan to visit a disaster recovery center are asked to register for assistance by calling 1-800-621 FEMA (3362) or TTY 1-800-462-7585 or visit [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov), even if they previously reported their damage to local authorities. They need to formally register with FEMA to be eligible to receive assistance.

FEMA's Community Relations (CR) Teams are mobilized in the declared counties. The CR Teams are providing disaster information on how to register with FEMA. CR members are also assisting at the Disaster Recovery Centers located in Portage, Columbus, Milwaukee, Reedsburg, Soldiers Grove and Viroqua.

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

### **Disaster Unemployment Benefits may be available for some Wisconsinites**

FEMA announced Sunday, June 22 individuals who lost their job or can't work because of the severe storms, tornadoes and ongoing flooding that began on June 5 may be eligible to receive Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) from the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development. The benefits, which also extend to those who are self-employed, are funded through the Federal Emergency Management Agency in a 26-week program administered by the state of Wisconsin.

For more information on Wisconsin disaster recovery, visit [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov) or <http://emergencymanagement.wi.gov/>

### **Food assistance available for flood victims**

Governor Jim Doyle announced the Department of Health and Family Services will make available emergency food assistance for residents of Columbia, Crawford, Milwaukee, Racine, Richland, Sauk and Vernon counties. Residents who have been affected by flooding in these counties will have from Thursday, June 19 through Friday, June 27 to apply for food assistance. Applications and information can be found at <http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/FoodShare/flood/>.

### **More than 6,500 SBA Loan Applications Issued**

As of the end of the close of business on Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has issued 6,579 SBA low interest loan applications for Wisconsin home owners and businesses with more applications expected to be issued. More than 5,500 of the applications are from home owners. U.S. SBA will have updated figures on Monday.

### **ROADS**

The Wisconsin Interstate System is now open to travel.

- I-94 has been repaired and traffic is flowing with traffic backups at peak hours. Motorist are advised to use alternate routes.
- I-94 Rock River and Crawfish River bridge water levels crested late Sunday and are now receding.
- I-94/WIS 26 westbound on-ramp is closed and will be monitored to be opened as quickly as possible.
- I-39 has a box culvert near WIS 33. Two scour holes were discovered but have been determined to be stable. Holes are being monitored.

### **Major closures**

- WIS 22 Montello remains closed: A local road closure has divided the City of Montello in two, with lengthy detours. DOT bridge inspectors reported today,

Sunday 6/22, that the road leading to the bridge needs repair and the bridge, therefore, cannot be reopened. DOT engineers will reassess potential repairs Monday. The State Patrol will provide assistance on Monday when local traffic will increase.

More road closures can be viewed here:

<http://maps.google.com/maps/ms?hl=en&ie=UTF8&oe=UTF8&msa=0&msid=106714907945366530639.00044f3ec972fee85471d&ll=43.189158,-89.500122&spn=1.874356,3.383789&z=8>

### **Road conditions**

Telephone: **1-800-ROAD-WIS (762-3947)**.

On the web: (<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.

### **Passenger rail**

Service by the Empire Builder between St. Paul and Chicago has been temporarily suspended since June 10 due to flooding on the Canadian Pacific Railway in Wisconsin and the closing of a detour route since June 15. There is no predicted service restoration date.

Alternate transportation by chartered motor coaches is being provided between St. Paul and Chicago, with the exception of Glenview, Ill., where passengers are being offered travel on Hiawatha Service trains, which are available as alternate transportation between Glenview and Chicago.

The buses have been mimicking the train route and schedules, stopping at all served stations between Milwaukee and St. Paul, including Wisconsin Dells, Columbus, Portage, and La Crosse.

### **Red Cross**

#### Shelters

Red Cross advises that it currently has a shelter open in Milwaukee and shelters on standby in Janesville and Fort Atkinson. The Milwaukee shelter has moved to the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center at 1531 W. Vliet St., Milwaukee.

#### Client Service Centers

All client service centers will operate seven days a week as long as the need is there from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. (CDT). Clients are asked to bring identification with them in order to help expedite the process.

Clients or potential clients who have questions about locations of Red Cross service centers, or clarification of what items to bring, may call 1-866-GET-INFO (1-866-438-4636), or 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

### **Private Wells**

Owners of private drinking water wells are reminded that if a private well has been submerged by floodwaters, do not drink the water from the well – assume that it is contaminated. Wait for water to recede and then shock/chlorinate the well. Sample the well for bacterial contamination. If the sample is unsafe to drink, disinfect the well again and resample.

Well test kits are available from local county health departments. Find their locations under the government pages of the phone book or check the Dept. of Health and Family Services web site: <http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/localhealth/>.

Well disinfection instructions are available on the Dept. of Natural Resources web site at <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/water/dwg/flood.htm> along with other information on flooded private wells.

### **Wisconsin National Guard**

As of 23 June 2008 WING Ops consist of:

- 4 traffic control points and roving patrols in Rock County
- 5 traffic control points in Jefferson County
- Ongoing 100kW power generation at Fort Atkinson
- Road repairs and debris removal on County S in Vernon County.
- Road repairs in the vicinity of Viroqua and Hwy 113 Baraboo
- Debris removal in the vicinity of Rock Springs
- Pumping water to clear airport runways in the vicinity of Lone Rock

Troops and equipment are on standby at various locations in anticipation of future requests for assistance in the vicinity of Fond du Lac, Fort Atkinson, and other areas as requested by WEM.

### **State agency support**

Wisconsin Emergency Management along with other state agencies and the National Guard, continue to provide support for the State Emergency Operations Center and the Joint Operations Center. State personnel are working closely with FEMA in the Joint Field Office and in field operations in the Disaster Recovery Centers and Damage Assessment Teams. Additionally, assistance is being provided to communities across southern Wisconsin from the Department of Transportation – Highways, the Wisconsin State Patrol, the Department of Corrections (DOC), the Department of Health and Family Services (DHFS), Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Law Enforcement, forestry, Land and Water staff, the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, the Department of Commerce, the Red Cross, the Salvation Army, the Wisconsin National Guard and many more.

Department of Natural Resources

The DNR's Incident Management Team has finished its coordination of volunteer work in Sauk County today. Volunteer work will continue under the coordination of Sauk County officials.

### **Septic systems**

The Department of Commerce reminds owners of flooded, privately-owned septic systems that the water must recede and the system be pumped before reuse.

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