DATE: December 12, 2010, 5:00 a.m.

TO: Governor Jim Doyle
FROM: Mike Hinman, WEM Administrator
SUBJECT: Situation Report #2 on Severe Weather

The Wisconsin Emergency Operations Center (EOC) continues to monitor the major winter storm blanketing Wisconsin. As of 4:30 a.m., the National Weather Service has reported snowfall totals as high as 18.5 inches in parts of the state.

The risk of blizzard conditions continues into Sunday evening, with sections of the state under a blizzard warning until 6:00 p.m. A severe drop in temperatures combined with strong winds is likely to lead to icy road conditions heading into the new week.

The blizzard warning for Milwaukee/Racine/Kenosha/Walworth Counties has been dropped to a winter storm warning.

Road Update:

Snow-packed roads across the state are icy and travel is not advised. The stretch of I-94 between Tomah and Eau Claire continues to be impassible due to heavy snow.

Snowfall:

The National Weather Service is reporting a slight decrease in snowfall intensities across parts of the state since 2:00 a.m. As of 4:30 a.m., light to moderate snow continues over Wisconsin southeast of a line from La Crosse to Rhinelander.

It appears that much of the snowfall is expected to taper off after noon, with the exception of some moderate snow showers near Lake Michigan.

Winds:

Through 6:00 p.m. on Sunday evening, north winds of 20 to 25 mph with gusts of 35 to 45 mph are expected across much of Wisconsin, especially the eastern two-thirds of the state. Gusts of 45 to 50 mph will occur along the Lake Michigan shoreline. Power outages are possible with this combination of wind and snow/ice accumulation.

There has been no other request for state assistance.