



News Release

WISCONSIN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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DATE: December 12, 2010
10:30 a.m.

TO: Governor Jim Doyle

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SUBJECT: Situation Report #3 on Severe Weather

The Wisconsin Emergency Operations Center (EOC) continues to monitor the major winter storm blanketing Wisconsin. Governor Jim Doyle declared a State of Emergency for all 72 counties due to the storm. This allows active duty elements of the Wisconsin National Guard to be available to assist authorities where needed. But so far there have been no requests for National Guard or any other state assistance.

As of 10 a.m., the National Weather Service reported snowfall totals as high as 19 inches in parts of the state with snowfall diminishing this morning.

The blizzard conditions continue 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 tonight into tomorrow morning.

Road Update:

All roads across the state are open but snow covered and icy. All entrance ramps to I-94 between Tomah and Eau Claire are now open but the Interstate remains snow covered and slippery. Travel is still not advised across the state.

Snowfall:

The National Weather Service is reporting a decrease in snowfall intensities across parts of the state. It appears that much of the snowfall is expected to taper off after noon, with the exception of some 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 half 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.

Power Outages:

Scattered power outages are reported across the state including 850 homes in Kewaunee and 3700 customers in Two Rivers.

For further information, contact Wisconsin Emergency Management at 608-242-3239.