



# News Release

## WISCONSIN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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**DATE:** September 24, 2010  
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**TO:** Governor Jim Doyle

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**SUBJECT: Situation Report #5 on Severe Weather**

Flooding continues to affect portions of Wisconsin. Gov. Jim Doyle declared a state of emergency for Jackson and Clark counties this evening, in addition to Trempealeau County earlier today. The declarations followed area flooding from strong storms.

Three hundred and forty three homes were evacuated today due to flooding in Arcadia, affecting approximately 1,000 people. Wisconsin National Guard troops are patrolling the evacuated area. Arcadia schools will remain closed on Friday. After closing Thursday, Ashley Furniture will partially reopen Friday.

Black River Falls has declared a state of emergency as well, where up to 80 homes are being evacuated in the Grove area near the river. The Red Cross has established a shelter at United Methodist Church. About 14 people are staying there this evening.

There are multiple road closures around the state due to flooded roads. Go to [www.511wi.gov](http://www.511wi.gov) for the latest information.

**National Guard** - The Wisconsin National Guard has 18 personnel in Arcadia, with some actively assisting local law enforcement by operating traffic check points and others ready to respond as needed. The Wisconsin National Guard Joint Operations Center remains in an elevated status. The Guard is delivering 10,000 sandbags each to the cities of Neillsville and Osseo, and has 20,000 sandbags loaded on vehicles and staged in Arcadia.

**Wisconsin Department of Health Services** DHS has issued information about flood recovery. You can find that at [www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/eh/DisasterHealthSafety/flooding.htm](http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/eh/DisasterHealthSafety/flooding.htm).

**Ready Wisconsin** Officials remind residents not to drive on water covered streets. Even one foot of water is enough to float many cars.

The State Emergency Operations Center remains activated overnight and is monitoring the storms and the flooding. There have been no reports of injuries. For further information, contact Wisconsin Emergency Management at 608-242-3292.