DATE: August 2, 2011 4:00 pm

TO: Governor Scott Walker

FROM: Brian M. Satula, WEM Administrator

RE: Storm Update

Northwest Wisconsin was hit with heavy rains overnight causing flooding and closing several roads in Douglas County. The National Weather Service reported the area received 3-6 inches of rain. Flash flood warnings remain in effect for parts of Douglas, Sawyer and Price Counties. Earlier, flash flood warning had also been issued Barron and Rusk Counties.

The heavy rains closed several roads in Douglas County including Highway 35 south of Superior. Officials say some residents in isolated areas may be unable to reach their homes due to the washed out, flooded roads. The American Red Cross has opened a shelter at the Superior Town Hall, 4917 South State Road 35.

The National Weather Service reports the Nemadji River south of Superior is over flood stage and rising. As of 3 p.m. the river was at 21 ft and flood stage is 20 ft. Officials say they don't believe any homes will be impacted by the rising river.

The overnight storms also caused scattered power outages, including the Lincoln County Dispatch Center. Utility crews were able to quickly restore power.

Wisconsin Emergency Management continues to monitor the situation. There has been no request for state assistance.