DATE: July 1, 2011  9:00 a.m.

TO: Governor Scott Walker

FROM: Brian M. Satula, WEM Administrator

SUBJECT: Situation Report #1 on Severe Weather

Last night around 7:00 p.m., intense thunderstorms rolled south just off the shore of Milwaukee, Racine and Kenosha counties. The National Weather Service reported that the storms brought damaging winds of 70 mph to the lake shore areas of Racine and Kenosha counties causing downed trees and power lines and damage to homes. One person was killed and at least three others were injured during the storm.

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Kenosha County - Kenosha County officials report that much of the east side of the county was hit by the strong winds. Most of the damage was downed trees, power lines and some roof and siding damage to homes. One person was killed when he was struck by a falling tree while riding a motorcycle during the storm. In addition, another person was injured from falling debris and two people sustained electric shocks from touching live electrical wires. Officials say those injuries were non-life threatening.

We Energies estimated that at least 15,000 homes remain without power this morning. Kenosha County Emergency Operations Center remains open to coordinate response and cleanup efforts.

Racine County - Racine County was also hit by the strong winds. Officials report extensive tree damage and downed power lines. We Energies reports that approximately 5,800 people in Racine County are still without power this morning.

Wisconsin Emergency Management will continue to monitor the situation. There has been no request for state assistance at this time.

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