DATE: April 18, 2013  3:00 p.m.

TO: Governor Scott Walker

FROM: Brian M. Satula, WEM Administrator

SUBJECT: Situation Report #2 on Flooding

Overview: The storm system moving through the upper Midwest tracked further south last night than originally predicted. In Wisconsin, areas reported light to moderate/major amounts of rain, however, it was less than originally predicted. Rain will end tonight. More scattered rain or snow showers are possible for Friday with cool and sunny conditions for the weekend.

Flood watches and warnings continue across southern Wisconsin. Rivers will crest between Friday and next Tuesday and will then fall slowly. The crest for many of the rivers is now expected to be lower than originally predicted. The National Weather Service says the general flood watch for southern Wisconsin will expire tonight at 9:00 p.m.

The State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) was activated at 6pm Wednesday, April 17, 2013. Staff will continue monitoring situation on a 24/7 basis.

East Central

Door County: Some local flooding in fields. Emergency Management Director is monitoring conditions.

Outagamie County: Minor flooding in low-lying areas along the Fox and Wolf Rivers. The Fox River has been put under slow/no-wake enforcement in Outagamie County.

Waupaca County: The Wolf River was put under slow/no-wake enforcement in Waupaca County yesterday; the river was just approaching flood stage this afternoon with slowly rising levels. Emergency Management Director is monitoring conditions.

Winnebago County: High water in Town of Wolf River, Eureka, and Omro but no major flooding at this time. Slow-No Wake order continues on the Wolf River.

Southeast Region

Rock County: The county has requested 100,000 sandbags from WI Emergency Management.. The county highway department sent a truck to Volk Field to pick up the bags.
Jefferson County: The county issued an emergency declaration for flooding on Wednesday. Some municipal roads are closed/partially closed. Blackhawk Island located in the Towns of Sumner and Koshkonong is flooded.

Kenosha County: The county issued an emergency declaration this morning for flooding. Pleasant Prairie Mobile Home Court has been evacuated to a shelter due to flooding on the Des Plaines River. Residents in the Fox River floodplain are urged to closely monitor the river. Vern Wolf Dam monitoring continues but water levels are dropping and State Highway 75 is now reopened. Sporadic flooding reported on roads and area along Fox River in New Munster.

Ozaukee County: Milwaukee River is high in Thiensville, Saukville, and Cederburg.

Racine County: The county issued an emergency declaration this morning for flooding. Village of Waterford is supplying sandbags to residents. Sand bags can be picked up at the Waterford Public Works building at 801 Ala Avenue.

Milwaukee County: A Flood Warning continues for the Oak Creek. Officials continue to monitor Mill Pond at the Oak Creek. Water from pond is close to reaching nearby road. The City of Oak Creek also has several road closures with barricades at 9600 South 15th Avenue, 1200 West Weatherly, 3900 East Puetz and Nicholson Street at County Line Road. West Allis has several roads closed due to flooding including National Avenue at Root River Parkway, Root River Parkway between Cleveland and Morgan Avenues, Cleveland Avenue between 112th and 117th Streets and Morgan Avenue between 116th and 119th streets. In Franklin, West Oakwood Road between South 68th Street and South 76th Street due to Root River flooding over the road. Officials with Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District is releasing untreated waste water along with the excess rainwater into Lake Michigan. Authorities are asking residents to limit water use.

Walworth County: Classes at West Side Elementary School in Elkhorn were canceled due to water inside the school. Classes will resume on Friday.

Other Agencies/Coordination

Red Cross West Region: No one stayed at the Fort Atkinson shelter overnight. Shelters are on standby in Janesville and Portage if needed.

DOT-State Patrol: Rock River is approximately 27 inches below the bottom of the westbound bridge. Periodic checks will continue. Kenosha County is reporting standing water in lane one (left lane) of northbound I-94 in two locations - South of Hwy 50 and North of 142. No lane closures are required.