



STATE OF WISCONSIN

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DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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SITUATION REPORT #5

INCIDENT: Severe Storms

INCIDENT OCCURRENCE DATE/TIME: Wednesday, September 3 through Sunday, September 7, 2014.

INCIDENT REPORT DATE/TIME: Monday, September 8, 2014, 1000 hours CDT.

SITUATION:

- At the peak of this event, there were fourteen (14) municipalities and two (2) County emergency declaration due to damages and high water levels following severe storms that affected the entire State but primarily the Northwest WEM Region.
- Sawyer County declared a state of emergency on Sep 4. Townships and villages in Polk, Washburn, and Price Counties also declared emergencies due to debris, power outages, road washouts, and flooding.
- Water levels have since decreased in all areas of Sawyer County since Sunday, September 7, and sandbagging efforts have concluded.
- Sawyer County Emergency Management Director is meeting with elected officials from the impacted area today, Sep 8, to provide an assessment and explain recovery objectives.
- Debris cleanup operations are ongoing or nearly complete in affected areas of Polk and Price Counties.
- Rivers have peaked and most are receding. There are no river levels in Wisconsin showing Minor (Orange) Flooding or above.
- Affected Counties continue conducting clean-up operations and the County Emergency Managers and WEM Regional Directors are conducting damage assessments and reporting on the WEM Uniform Disaster Situation Report (UDSR).
- The WEM SEOC remains at Level 4 (DO and SDO) and continues to monitor damage assessment progress, weather, and flood situation.
- Due to the improving situation and recovery efforts proceeding well, this will be the final SITREP for this event.

REGIONAL UPDATES:

- Northwest WEM Region:
 - The Town of Hayward's flooding is still an area we are monitoring, but water levels continue to drop. Town officials called off sandbagging operations Saturday (Sep 6) night.
 - Debris removal from roadways continues today as all six (6) roads in the Town of Hayward still have water on them and the Town of Round Lake has not been cleared to the shoulders. Most roads have at least one lane access.
 - The Sawyer County Emergency Management Director is meeting with elected officials from the impacted areas this afternoon (Sep 8).

- Clean up in Price County from flooding and debris will continue today.
- Personnel continuing to assess the damage to roads and campgrounds in the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest .
- Private sector debris cleanup is still ongoing in Village of Luck.
- The rivers and streams in the region were all above normal but are receding. The Namekagon River near Cable, north of Hayward on 63, is going down. The Chippewa River near Winter is high but has remained steady since the last reporting period. The St. Croix River near Danbury was above normal but has fallen since the last reporting period. The St. Croix River near Grantsburg has receded since the last reporting period as well.
- No additional request for State assistance. At the peak of the response there were three (3) Flood Control Task Forces deployed in the field conducting sandbagging operations. DOC provided a Strike Team and there were approximately thirty (30) volunteers who filled sandbags.
- Northeast WEM Region:
 - All river flows in NE region have crested and rivers are receding.
- West Central WEM Region:
 - All river levels are going down.
- East Central WEM Region:
 - Door County: Emergency Manager reports that there is still a lot of standing water and basements still have water in them but everybody seems to be coping and the County is starting to gather damage reports. Cleanup is progressing. Businesses that had a significant impact are beginning to resume business operations as the also continue with cleanup.
 - Waupaca County: The NWS Green Bay flood warning for a portion of Waupaca County for the Embarrass River has ended. The river crested at 8.50 feet on Saturday and the level is now going down. No reports of flooding.
 - Region is forecast to receive 2 – 3” of rain between Tuesday night and Wednesday night, which is a concern for a repeat of events.
- Power Outages:
 - MG&E: 37 (up from 2)
 - Alliant Energy: 58 (down from 107)
 - WPS: 87 (up from 79)
 - Xcel Energy: 284 (up from 43)
 - WE Energies: 9 (down from 17)
 - Total: 475 (up from 246)
- Critical Infrastructure/Key Resources (CI/KR) Impacts: No reports of significant impacts on critical infrastructure or key resources.
- Damage to Homes/Businesses/Other: No additional reports of damaged or destroyed homes, businesses, or other properties.
- Declarations: Fourteen (14) Municipalities and Two (2) Counties. Town of Hayward, City of Hayward, Towns of Round Lake, Draper, and Winter (Sawyer County); Village of Luck, Towns of Luck, Laketown, and Bone Lake (Polk County); City of Phillips (Price County); Towns of Frog Creek, Minong, Stinnett, and Chicog (Washburn County). Sawyer and Price Counties declared states of emergency. Washburn County is considering declaring a state of emergency.

CURRENT WEATHER:

- Today: Mostly sunny, with a high near 77. South winds around 10 mph. Tonight: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly after 1am. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 59. South wind 5 to 10 mph.
- Tuesday: A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms before 7am, then a slight chance of showers between 7am and 1pm, then a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1pm. Partly sunny, with a high near 78. South wind 5 to 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20%. Tuesday Night: Showers and possibly a thunderstorm. Some of the storms could produce heavy rain. Low around 65. Breezy, with a south wind 10 to 15 mph increasing to 15 to 20 mph after midnight. Chance of precipitation is 100%. New rainfall amounts between 1 and 2 inches possible.
- Wednesday: Showers and possibly a thunderstorm before 1pm, then showers likely. High near 74. South wind around 15 mph becoming west in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph. Chance of precipitation is 80%. New rainfall amounts between a half and three quarters of an inch possible. Wednesday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 49. Northwest wind 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.
- Thursday: Partly sunny, with a high near 60. Northwest wind 10 to 15 mph. Thursday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 45. Northwest wind 5 to 10 mph.
- Friday: A 30 percent chance of showers. Partly sunny, with a high near 59. Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 40.
- Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 62. Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 44.
- Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 64.

WEATHER IMPACTS:

- Localized flooding of roads, road intersections, fields, and other low-lying areas caused by heavy rainfall.
- Damage to structures and agriculture caused by hail.
- Power outages caused by high winds.

ADVISORIES/WARNINGS:

- A Flood Watch is in effect from 7pm Tuesday through 7pm Wednesday for much of northeast Wisconsin.

STATE/LOCAL RESPONSE:

- Regional Directors continue to monitor their Regions and report any significant issues or concerns.
- State Activation Level:
 - The WEM SEOC remains at Level 4 (DO and SDO) and continues to monitor damage assessment progress and weather.
 - WEM DO will continue to monitor the weather; collaborate with the WI NG JOC; and provide information to the WEM Administrator, TAG, and Governor as appropriate.

PRIVATE SECTOR RESPONSE:

- The Salvation Army and the American Red Cross continue monitor and are prepared to provide assistance for residents.