



# INCIDENT REPORT

## Wisconsin Emergency Operations Center

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### **Incident Report #17 – August Wisconsin Flooding**

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While the state is getting some relief from recent heavy rainfalls that caused flooding across southern and western Wisconsin, high river levels continue to threaten several communities. The Baraboo River continues to be at major flood stage at Rock Springs and Baraboo in Sauk County. The Kickapoo River has crested, but remains at moderate flood stage at Viola, Steuben, and Gays Mills. There is also moderate flooding along the Rock River at Jefferson and the North Fox River at Berlin. No significant precipitation is expected until at least the middle of next week, which should help flooded areas dry out.

Governor Scott Walker on Friday visited with volunteers, flood victims, and local officials in Monroe and Sauk counties. In addition to viewing flooded areas in the region from the air, Walker toured a small business damaged by floodwaters in Leon and met with volunteers at a donation center that has been opened in Reedsburg to help Sauk County residents.

The governor also visited members of the Wisconsin National Guard who assisted with sandbagging efforts along Interstates 90/94 and Interstate 39 in Columbia County. The mission was completed on Friday. Approximately 160 Guardsmen were involved in the effort to make sure these important routes remain open.

Private property owners should report flood and storm damage by calling 2-1-1 or 877-947-2211. Homeowners and businesses with damages should save receipts and document damage by taking pictures. It is also important to check with your insurance agent.

Agricultural producers who suffered crop or livestock losses should contact their local Farm Service Agency office. You can find the office in each county at <http://offices.usda.gov>

Multiple resources designed to help residents with their recovery efforts are being posted online at <http://readywisconsin.wi.gov/flooding/AUG2018.asp>

The Statewide Emergency Operations Center remains elevated. The state is monitoring the situation and providing assistance to local emergency responders as requested.