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**TO:** Governor Jim Doyle  
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**FROM:** Johnnie Smith, Administrator

**SUBJECT: SITUATION REPORT ON STORMS #32**

**OVERVIEW** — As storms eased out of southern Wisconsin early Friday morning, rising flood waters forced numerous road closings, including interstates. Local agencies continue in the response mode to flooding situations across southern Wisconsin. Information below is current since Situation Report #31. For the detailed overnight information, please refer to Sit Rep #30 and #31.

**Road Closures/Road Conditions**

**Interstate Highways:.**

The following interstates remain **closed**:

- > **I-39 both directions between the I-90/94 split and WIS 82**
- > **I-90/94 eastbound at WIS 82 in Juneau County south to the I-90/94/39 split**
- > **I-94 westbound at the Crawfish River bridge west of Johnson Creek.** Traffic is being detoured south on Highway 26 to County B to County V to Highway 89 at Lake Mills, back to I-94. DOT engineers are monitoring rising water levels at the bridge on County B. An alternate detour may need to be implemented.

Motorists traveling between the Twin Cities and Chicago should use I-94 to WIS 29 to I-43 to I-94. Motorists wanting to travel to the Northwoods from Chicago should use I-94 to I-43 to WIS 29 to I-39.

Motorists are strongly advised to NOT travel in the south central part of Wisconsin due to many flooded state and local highways.

WisDOT, WI National Guard and WI State Patrol are coordinating on sandbagging and pumping operations in the I-39/Cascade Mountain Road area.

**State Highways**

- Marquette County has closed Hwy 22 at the Montello River Dam (Krakow Park Crossing) due to water levels. This is the road on the south side of Montello coming north into town.
- WIS 23 in Fond du Lac west of US 41 is closed.

- WIS 12 south of Baraboo is now **OPEN**.

The Wisconsin Dept. of Transportation web site (<http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/travel/incident-alerts.htm>) has up-to-date maps and information on road closures for Interstate and major state highways; or call 1-800-ROADWIS (762-3947).

## **DAM CONDITIONS**

The Dept. of Natural Resources is currently monitoring dams in southern Wisconsin. Only 4 dams have failed so far, however many others have been damaged. There are 385 large dams in the counties affected by this week's severe weather and many other smaller dams.

- Assessment crews are out in the field today visiting dams that were under the most stress yesterday and looking at dams in the areas hardest hit from yesterday's storms.
- The rest of the boards from the Nemahbin Roller Mill dam near Delafield were pulled this morning and the dam is now fully open.
- The Kingston Dam and the Lower Green Lake (Town of Brooklyn) dams in Green Lake County were sandbagged and watched last night. Both dams made it through the night without failing and are continuing to be monitored.

**Oshkosh Train Derailment:** A Northbound train derailed last night in Oshkosh due to flooding in the area. One locomotive and two cars derailed. Diesel fuel spilled into creek bed on side of tracks which leads to Lake Winnebago. The diesel fuel is not very flammable. A clean-up crew is on-site. DNR and local officials were on-scene. DHFS is also informed of the situation. Boaters are being urged to avoid the portion of Lake Winnebago where the oil sheen is present.

**WI National Guard:** A National Guard engineering assessment team is in Richland County today. National Guard personnel are repairing the access road at the Hidden Valley Dam in Vernon County and approximately 30 personnel are working with State Patrol on traffic control for interstate closures.

**State Patrol:** State Patrol is providing traffic control at WIS 51 and County WW in Marathon County. There was a non-flood related chemical incident in Brokaw (pop 107). Two chemicals mixed accidentally and the gas produced injured 4 people. County officials have a HazMat Response Team on scene and are handling the incident.

State Patrol is deploying traffic control strike teams to Gays Mills for the next 2 days.

There are 4 State Patrol units in Fond du Lac County assisting with responding to calls and crashes outside the city of Fond du Lac and also handling traffic control points within the city of Fond du Lac.

**Dept. of Natural Resources:** DNR will be flying Sauk County emergency management officials over the county today for an aerial damage assessment. DNR is also sending 3 pumps to Spring Green for flood response. Fond du Lac has requested DNR wardens to assist Fond du Lac fire and police with patrols.

Severe weather last evening forced the closing of three state parks and two state trails. The parks

closed currently are Devil's Lake State Park in Sauk County, Rocky Arbor State Park in Juneau and Sauk counties, and Wildcat Mountain State Park in Vernon County. The Department of Natural Resources has also closed two state trails: the Elroy-Sparta State Trail and the 400 State Trail between Elroy and Reedsburg. Other trails in the southern part of the state are open but due to wet conditions visitors are encouraged to use caution. The Department of Natural Resources will post updated condition reports on its Web site: [www.wiparks.net](http://www.wiparks.net).

**Federal Emergency Management Agency:** FEMA, SBA (Small Business Administration) and the State of Wisconsin have begun damage assessments today for the private sector in Sauk, Columbia, Milwaukee, Vernon and Crawford Counties. The teams should finish on Friday.

**Red Cross:** Shelters are open (with the overnight population) in:

Avoca (Community Center), This Shelter has relocated to Muscoda.

Reedsburg (Pine View Elementary -- 8),

Soldiers Grove (North Crawford -- 3),

Columbus (Zion Luther School – 2),

LaFarge (High School),

Milwaukee ( Tommy Thompson Center -- 10).

Ft Atkinson (St Joseph Catholic Church ),

Caledonia(Racine),

Fond du Lac

Waupan (--60)

Montello (--20)

A shelter will be opened in Janesville and a team is in Lancaster. Standby shelters are being readied at: Viroqua (High School), Ontario (Library), Kendall (Community Center).

Monitoring of events for possible shelter needs in: Pewaukee, Portage, and Washington County.

Greater Milwaukee Chapter has a reception Center open at the Chapter office at 2660 W Wisconsin.

Emergency response vehicles are positioned in Reedsburg and Gays Mills with clean up kits, water and comfort kits.

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