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SUBJECT: SITUATION REPORT ON STORMS #54

Additional Counties Declared

Governor Doyle today announced that the federal disaster declaration has been expanded to provide assistance for individuals and business damaged by flooding and heavy rains in Dodge, Green, Washington, Waukesha and Winnebago counties.

Infrastructure damage assessments

Declared Disaster Counties		
Columbia, Crawford, Dodge, Green, Milwaukee, Racine, Richland, Sauk, Vernon, Washington, Waukesha and Winnebago counties		
Individual Assistance Preliminary Damage Assessments*		
<u>Wednesday:</u> Grant Ozaukee Rock Sheboygan	<u>Thursday:</u> Adams Dane Juneau Jefferson La Crosse Monroe Ozaukee (continuing)	<u>Friday:</u> Calumet Lafayette Walworth
Public Assistance Preliminary Damage Assessments**		
Thursday: Adams, Dane, Grant, Milwaukee and Vernon		

*Individual assistance covers residences and, through SBA, businesses.

**Public assistance covers public infrastructure.

New disaster recovery center (DRC) opening tomorrow

FEMA will be opening a disaster recovery center Thursday, June 19, at 1:00 p.m. at the Columbus High School, 1164 Farnham Avenue in Columbus. Hours on Thursday will be 1:00 to 7:00 p.m. and then daily from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. This is in addition to three other DRCs which remain open daily from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the locations below:

North Crawford High School
47050 County X
Soldiers Grove

Living Faith Church
852 N. Main St.
Viroqua

Reedsburg High School
1100 S. Albert Ave.
Reedsburg

Call ahead first

Storm and flood victims who plan to visit a disaster recovery center are asked to register for assistance by calling 1-800-621 FEMA (3362) or TTY 1-800-462-7585 or visit www.fema.gov

FEMA's Community Relations (CR) Teams are mobilized in the declared counties. The CR Teams are providing disaster information on how to register with FEMA. CR members are also assisting at the Disaster Recovery Centers located in Columbus, Reedsburg, Soldiers Grove and Viroqua.

Additional centers in the other declared disaster counties are also expected to open. Exact locations will be forthcoming.

Food assistance available for flood victims

Governor Jim Doyle announced the Department of Health and Family Services will make available emergency food assistance for residents of Columbia, Crawford, Milwaukee, Racine, Richland, Sauk and Vernon counties. Residents of these counties will have from Thursday, June 19 through Friday, June 27 to apply for food assistance. Applications and information can be found at <http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/FoodShare/flood/>.

Disaster assistance reaching \$38,000

Wisconsin residents affected by the recent severe storms, flooding and tornadoes have already received \$37,602 in federal assistance. While that number will continue to increase, FEMA continues to encourage those affected by the storms and flooding to apply for assistance. The FEMA Individual Assistance program covers basic needs for eligible applicants, including emergency home repair, temporary disaster housing, replacement grants for serious disaster-related needs and expenses not covered by insurance or

assistance programs. 1-800-621-FEMA (3362).

ROAD CLOSURES/ CONDITIONS

I-39 northbound lanes are open

The northbound lanes of I-39 in Columbia County are open. However, I-39 northbound ramps to STH 33 and Cascade Mountain remain closed. The posted speed limit through the area is 55 mph. The southbound lanes of I-39 in Columbia County remain closed until further notice.

Expect delays during I-94 crossover construction

While the west-bound lanes remain closed, the Wis. Department of Transportation has contracted to build crossover lanes on I-94 in the Johnson Creek area to convert the eastbound lanes to two way traffic which will accommodate east and westbound I-94. The cross-over lanes will be located east of the Rock River near Johnson Creek and west of the Crawfish River near Lake Mills. The work should be completed by the end of the week.

Slow traffic conditions are expected to prevail at prime drive-time throughout the work week as construction crews work on the cross-over.

Road closures due to flooding:

- I-39 northbound from I-90/94 interchange is now OPEN.
- I-90/94 westbound and eastbound north of Madison all lanes are open.
- I-94 eastbound is restricted to one lane between County Highway Q near Lake Mills and the Rock River near Johnson Creek.
- I-94 westbound from Milwaukee is closed from STH 83 at Delafield west to STH 89 at Lake Mills.
- I-39 southbound is closed from STH 78 to STH 16. The southbound detour goes from STH 16 in Portage to USH 51 to I-39/90/94 north of Madison.
- Exits from I-90/94 to STH 33 remain closed. The entire I-39/STH 33 interchange remains closed.
- I-39 southbound exit ramp at US-51 remains closed.

More road closures can be viewed here:

<http://maps.google.com/maps/ms?hl=en&ie=UTF8&oe=UTF8&msa=0&msid=106714907945366530639.00044f3ec972fee85471d&ll=43.189158,-89.500122&spn=1.874356,3.383789&z=8>

Road conditions:

Telephone: **1-800-ROAD-WIS (762-3947)**.

On the web: (<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.

Wisconsin Army National Guard

The Wisconsin Army National Guard today notified 110 personnel in the 229th Engineer Company, based in Prairie du Chien and Platteville, they are being ordered to State active

duty beginning tomorrow morning. The 229th will assist with life safety issues and emergency road repair in Richland Sauk and Vernon Counties and other areas as needs are identified.

The National Guard is also operating traffic control points on flooded roads in:

- Columbia County (three total)
- Janesville (seven total)
- Jefferson County (six total)

In Fort Atkinson, the Wisconsin Air National Guard used a 100 kilowatt generator to power a sewage lift station which had lost electricity.

Red Cross

Five Red Cross shelters remain open, providing shelter to 56 people last night. The Red Cross also:

- Opened service delivery centers in Richland, Milwaukee, La Crosse, Sauk and Dodge counties. More at: <http://emergencymanagement.wi.gov/docview.asp?docid=13991&locid=18>
- Mobile delivery service for the Cities of Columbus and Portage are detailed at: <http://emergencymanagement.wi.gov/docview.asp?docid=13990&locid=18>
- Bulk distribution sites providing free flood clean-up supplies are open in Crawford, Grant, Richland, Sauk, Juneau, Iowa, Monroe and Vernon counties. Exact locations at: <http://emergencymanagement.wi.gov/docview.asp?docid=13989&locid=18>

State Agency Support

State agency personnel, including the National Guard, continue to provide 24/7 support for the State Emergency Operations Center and the Joint Operations Center. State personnel are working closely with FEMA in the Joint Field Office and in field operations in the Disaster Recovery Centers and Damage Assessment Teams. Additionally, assistance is being provided to communities across southern Wisconsin from the Department of Transportation – Highways, the Wisconsin State Patrol, the Department of Health and Family Services, DNR Law Enforcement and Dam Safety, the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, the Red Cross, the Salvation Army, the Wisconsin National Guard and many more.

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