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SUBJECT: SITUATION REPORT ON STORMS #68

UPDATE:

Emergency Operations Center

The Emergency Operations Center (EOC) will be operating until 5:00 p.m. today. The EOC will be open on Tuesday (6/24) from 7:00am until 5:00 p.m. After 5:00 p.m., all phone calls will be transferred to the on-call Duty Officer. Operations of the EOC (scheduling and staffing) will be re-evaluated on Wednesday.

Counties declared disasters

FEMA has so far declared a state of disaster for 22 counties: Columbia, Crawford, Dane, Dodge, Fond du Lac, Grant, Green, Iowa, Juneau, Kenosha, Marquette, Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Racine, Richland, Rock, Sauk, Sheboygan, Vernon, Washington, Waukesha and Winnebago. FEMA evaluations are ongoing and additional counties may be added.

FEMA teams to look at damage public infrastructure in four counties on Tuesday

FEMA officials will meet with local and state officials to view flood-damaged public infrastructure such as roads, bridges, and public buildings in Waukesha, Marquette, Lafayette and Crawford counties on Tuesday, June 24.

Initial damage assessments

Initial damage assessments have been reported from the 30 counties under the Governor's state of emergency. These are preliminary and should not be considered a true indicator of the amount of damages as reports continue to come in.

Residential Damage: \$203,176,875
Business Damage: \$45,325,742
Agricultural Damage \$146,685,000
Public Assistance: \$75,346,334
Total: \$470,533,951

Damage assessments

FEMA has completed all Individual Assistance Preliminary Damage Assessments and is now conducting Public Assistance Preliminary Damage Assessments. On Monday, FEMA conducted Public Assistance Preliminary Damage Assessments in Richland, Winnebago, Sauk, Iowa and Dodge counties. Assessments of other counties will be announced throughout the week.

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

**Public assistance covers public infrastructure.

Disaster recovery centers

A Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) opened in Dodge County at the Public Safety Building, located at 128 Cross Street, Juneau, WI 53039 at 12:00 p.m., Monday, June 23.

Six DRCs remain open daily from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the locations below:

Portage High School
301 E. Collins St.
Portage

Columbus High School
1164 Farnham Avenue
Columbus

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

Milwaukee County Rehab Center City Campus
2711 West Wells St.
Milwaukee

Register before visiting DRCs

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, even if they previously reported their damage to local authorities. They need to formally register with FEMA to be eligible to receive assistance.

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 Portage, Columbus, Milwaukee, Reedsburg, Soldiers Grove and Viroqua.

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

Reporting agricultural losses

Information about reporting agricultural crop losses due to flooding is available on the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection Web site at: www.datcp.state.wi.us/flood2008/index.jsp

Disaster Unemployment Benefits may be available for some Wisconsinites

FEMA announced Sunday, June 22, that individuals who lost their job or can't work because of the severe storms, tornadoes and ongoing flooding that began on June 5 may be eligible to receive Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) from the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development. The benefits, which also extend to those who are self-employed, are funded through the Federal Emergency Management Agency in a 26-week program administered by the state of Wisconsin.

For more information on Wisconsin disaster recovery, visit www.fema.gov or <http://emergencymanagement.wi.gov/>

Food assistance available for flood victims

Governor Jim Doyle announced that the Department of Health and Family Services will make available emergency food assistance. Residents in affected areas of [Columbia](#), [Crawford](#), [Milwaukee](#), [Racine](#), [Richland](#), [Sauk](#) and [Vernon](#) Counties can apply for emergency food assistance benefits June 19, 2008, through June 27, 2008. Residents in affected areas of [Dodge](#), [Fond du Lac](#), [Green](#), [Iowa](#), [Marquette](#), [Washington](#), [Waukesha](#) and [Winnebago](#) Counties can apply for emergency food assistance benefits June 23, 2008, through July 1, 2008. Residents in affected areas of [Grant](#), [Kenosha](#), [Rock](#) and [Sheboygan](#) Counties can apply for emergency food assistance benefits June 25, 2008, through July 3, 2008. Applications and information can be found at <http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/FoodShare/flood/>.

More than 6,500 SBA Loan Applications Issued

As of the close of business on Friday, June 20, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has issued 6,579 SBA low interest loan applications for Wisconsin home owners and businesses with more applications expected to be issued. More than 5,500 of the applications are from home owners.

ROADS

The Wisconsin Interstate System is now open to travel.

- I-94 is limited to one-lane of eastbound and one-lane of westbound traffic between Lake Mills and Johnson Creek. Motorists may experience delays and back-ups at peak hours. Motorists are advised to use alternate routes.
- I-94/WIS 26 westbound on-ramp is closed and will be monitored to be opened as quickly as possible.

Major closures

- 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.

Passenger rail

Service by the Empire Builder between St. Paul and Chicago has been temporarily suspended since June 10 due to flooding on the Canadian Pacific Railway in Wisconsin and the closing of a detour route since June 15. There is no predicted service restoration date.

Alternate transportation by chartered motor coaches is being provided between St. Paul and Chicago, with the exception of Glenview, Ill., where passengers are being offered travel on Hiawatha Service trains, which are available as alternate transportation between Glenview and Chicago.

The buses have been mimicking the train route and schedules, stopping at all served stations between Milwaukee and St. Paul, including Wisconsin Dells, Columbus, Portage, and La Crosse.

Red Cross

Shelters

Red Cross advises that it currently has a shelter open in Milwaukee and shelters on standby in Janesville and Fort Atkinson. The Milwaukee shelter has moved to the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center at 1531 W. Vliet St., Milwaukee.

Client Service Centers

All client service centers will operate seven days a week as long as the need is there from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. (CDT). Clients are asked to bring identification with them in order to help expedite the process.

Clients or potential clients who have questions about locations of Red Cross service centers, or clarification of what items to bring, may call 1-866-GET-INFO (1-866-438-4636), or 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Private Wells

Owners of private drinking water wells are reminded that if a private well has been submerged by floodwaters, do not drink the water from the well – assume that it is contaminated. Wait for water to recede and then shock/chlorinate the well. Sample the well for bacterial contamination. If the sample is unsafe to drink, disinfect the well again and resample.

Well test kits are available from local county health departments. Find their locations under the government pages of the phone book or check the Dept. of Health and Family Services web site: <http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/localhealth/>.

Well disinfection instructions are available on the Dept. of Natural Resources web site at <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/water/dwg/flood.htm> along with other information on flooded private wells.

Wisconsin National Guard

As of Monday, June 23, Wisconsin National Guard operations consist of:

- 4 traffic control points and roving patrols in Rock County
- 5 traffic control points in Jefferson County
- Ongoing power generation at Fort Atkinson
- Road repairs and debris removal on County S in Vernon County.
- Road repairs in the vicinity of Viroqua and WIS 113 Baraboo
- Debris removal in the vicinity of Rock Springs
- Pumping water to clear airport runways in the vicinity of Lone Rock

Troops and equipment are on standby at various locations in anticipation of future requests for assistance in the vicinity of Fond du Lac, Fort Atkinson, and other areas as requested.

State agency support

Wisconsin Emergency Management along with other state agencies and the National Guard, continue to provide 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 Corrections (DOC), the Department of Health and Family Services (DHFS), Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Law Enforcement, forestry, Land and Water staff, the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, the Department of Commerce, the Red Cross, the Salvation Army, the Wisconsin National Guard and many more.

Department of Natural Resources Incident Management Team has finished its coordination of volunteer work in Sauk County today. Volunteer work will continue under the coordination of Sauk County officials.

Septic systems

The Department of Commerce reminds owners of flooded, privately-owned septic systems that the water must recede and the system be pumped before reuse.

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