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SUBJECT: SITUATION REPORT ON STORMS #70

UPDATE:

Additional counties declared disasters

FEMA on Tuesday declared a state of disaster for Adams, Calumet, Green Lake, Jefferson, LaCrosse and Walworth counties, bringing the total number of counties where individual assistance is available to 28. Other declared counties include 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.

Additional severe weather possible this week

The National Weather Service reports two weather systems moving into Wisconsin later this week could bring additional severe weather. The first system is expected to move Wednesday night into southern Wisconsin from the west, bringing with it up to 2 inches of rain through Thursday evening and up to 4 inches through Friday morning. The second system is expected to move in Friday night, creating a severe weather threat statewide and a higher tornado threat in western Wisconsin. Rain accumulation estimates are not yet available for the second system, but the threat exists for hail, strong winds and significant rainfall. Emergency management officials will closely monitor the movement of these weather systems and make preparations to respond if necessary.

Governor Doyle requests reduction in state share of flooding assistance

Governor Doyle joined Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich, Indiana Gov. Mitch Daniels and Iowa Gov. Chet Culver in a joint letter asking President Bush to reduce the state share of Public Assistance from 25 percent to 10 percent. Governor Doyle said that the states have suffered recent multiple disasters which have placed enormous stress on state and local governments. (*Clarification to Situation Report #69: Missouri Gov. Matt Blunt did not sign the letter.*)

Emergency Operations Center

The Emergency Operations Center (EOC) will be operating until 5:00 p.m. today and will transfer to the on-call duty officer system at that time. Operations will remain at duty officer status into Wednesday. Staffing levels will be reevaluated throughout Wednesday as weather forecasts are monitored, and personnel will be on standby to staff the EOC if necessary.

Wisconsin residents have received \$3.2 million in assistance

Wisconsin residents have received almost \$3.2 million in federal and state disaster assistance grants. Officials continue to urge homeowners, renters and business owners who sustained storm and flood-related damage to register by calling 1-800-462-7585 or registering online at www.fema.gov.

- **15,212** residents have registered for Individual Assistance in the 22 declared Wisconsin counties.
- **\$2.8 million** in Individual Assistance has been distributed for temporary housing and home repairs.
- **\$401,000** has been provided for other disaster needs such as transportation, medical and dental expenses, moving and storage fees, and replacement or repair of personal property.
- **4,485** home inspections have been completed.
- **1,293** individuals have visited the seven Wisconsin Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs).

FEMA teams to look at damage to public infrastructure in five counties

FEMA has completed all Individual Assistance Preliminary Damage Assessments and is now conducting Public Assistance Preliminary Damage Assessments.

FEMA officials have been meeting 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 today.

Tomorrow FEMA will meet with local and state officials to conduct Public Assistance Preliminary Damage Assessments in Ozaukee, Fond du Lac and Calumet counties. Assessments of other counties will be announced throughout the week.

Disaster recovery centers

A Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) will open Wednesday, June 25 at 10:00 a.m. in Winnebago County at South Park School, 1551 Delaware St., Oshkosh.

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

Public Safety Building
128 Cross Street
Juneau

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, Juneau and Viroqua.

Transportation:

Road Closure Updates

The frontage road on the North side of I94 at Hwy 26 is now open to local traffic.

Repair work on the Madison Beltline will take place this morning to repair pavement that blew out last night. Westbound lanes will be closed by South Towne and eastbound lanes by John Nolan will be closed for the repairs.

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.

National Guard

The National Guard will be assisting Fond du Lac with debris removal. Additionally, the National Guard is active on the following:

- 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

Department of Corrections/Inmate Assistance

DOC continues to respond to local requests to send out inmate strike teams to assist with debris removal.

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 citizens

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. Find information at <http://www.dwd.state.wi.us/>.

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 [Dane](#), [Grant](#), [Juneau](#), [Kenosha](#), [Ozaukee](#), [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/>.

Private Wells

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.

State agency support

Wisconsin Emergency Management along with other state agencies and the National Guard, continue to provide support. 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.

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