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TO: Governor Jim Doyle
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SUBJECT: SITUATION REPORT ON FLOODING #15

OVERVIEW

The State Emergency Operations Center is operational from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Wisconsin Emergency Management has regional directors stationed in Vernon, LaCrosse, and Crawford Counties. The state continues to coordinate with local and county officials.

REPORTS FROM COUNTIES

Sauk County – Sauk County is reporting flooding mainly in the northwest and central portion of the county. Some of the hardest hit areas are Loganville, Woodland and LaValle.

Kenosha County – Kenosha County Executive Allan Kehl has declared State of Emergency for all of Kenosha County as heavy rains have caused a rapid rise in the levels of the Fox and DesPlaines Rivers.

Vernon County – Vernon County has announced that monetary donations are being accepted to assist flood victims. Donations may be sent to:

Bethel Butikk
Food Pantry and Thrift Shop
341 Blackhawk Avenue
Westby, WI 54667
608-634-3473

American Red Cross
2927 Losey Blvd So
LaCrosse WI 54601

REPORTS FROM STATE AGENCIES & VOLUNTEER GROUPS

Department of Corrections – The Wisconsin Department of Corrections is providing 12 prisoners to assist with cleanup at the Sidie Hollow Park in Vernon County this afternoon. They are working under the supervision of Wisconsin Department of Corrections personnel. An additional 12 inmates will be clearing debris from a Kickapoo Dam this evening.

Wisconsin National Guard - Approximately 50 Wisconsin National Guard soldiers are deploying in three teams to help clear debris in Vernon and Crawford Counties. Two Wisconsin Air National Guard Engineer Teams are providing debris removal support to the Department of Natural Resources to remove debris from dams in Vernon County. This brings the total number of Wisconsin National Guard members supporting recovery operations to 90.

Wisconsin State Patrol – The State Patrol continues to provide assistance in Soldiers Grove and Gays Mills. The patrol continues to provide traffic control, area patrols, escorts as heavy equipment is moved into the impacted areas and has aircraft on standby.

Salvation Army – They plan on providing an additional 200 flood cleanup kits to the area.

Red Cross – Crawford and Richland County shelters are still open. A shelter has been opened at the Old Union Grove Elementary School in Kenosha. Vernon County shelter is on standby if needed. Lacrosse County shelter is closed. They plan to open service centers where flood victims can pick up cleaning supplies, food, etc. in LaCrosse and Vernon Counties. A reception center is opened at the Viroqua High School in Viroqua. Crisis counseling, food and cleanup kits are available at the reception center.