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**DATE:** Saturday, 6/14/08  
6:00 AM

**TO:** Governor Jim Doyle  
Wisconsin Congressional Delegation  
State Legislators

**FROM:** Johnnie Smith, Administrator

**SUBJECT:** SITUATION REPORT ON STORMS #36

**OVERVIEW** — Friday evening Governor Jim Doyle formally requested a federal disaster declaration for six Wisconsin counties — Columbia, Crawford, Sauk, Vernon, Milwaukee and Richland.

### Weather

National Weather Service forecast is for mostly “Light Rain” over the next 48 hrs. Expect the weather to dry up after that.

### Road Closures/Road Conditions

**Interstate Highways:** DOT has announced the following changes affecting the Interstate highways. Travelers are urged to follow official detours and not find their own routes due to many locations where roads are affected by flooding. There are reports of traffic back-ups in many locations due to the normal volume of weekend travelers now having to drive on these detoured routes.

### **New information:**

- **I-90/94 eastbound is now OPEN between WIS 82 and US 12 at Lake Delton.** Eastbound I-90/94 traffic will be diverted to US 12 to go toward Madison.
- **I-94 westbound from Milwaukee is now being closed at WIS 83 at Delafield.** The NEW DETOUR is south on WIS 83 to I-43 to I-39/90 at Beloit. The previous detour has been changed because of flooding concerns on County B.
- **I-39/90/94 northbound/westbound traffic at Madison wanting to go north and west on I-90/94** are being asked to use US 12/18 west (Beltline) in Madison to US 12.
- **I-39/90/94 northbound/westbound traffic at Madison wanting to go northeast,** are being asked to use US 151 north.
- **I-39 southbound from is OPENS at 8:00 a.m. from Wis 82 to Wis 16.** Traffic can take Wis 16 to US 51 to Madison.

- I-39 northbound is open beginning at US 51 in Portage
- I-90/94 westbound closed from US 151 to US 12 by Lake Delton
- **NOTE: These changes will cause heavier traffic volumes both ways on the Beltline (US 12/18) in Madison.**

The following interstates remain **closed**:

**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 WIS 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.
- US 12 south of Baraboo is now **OPEN**.
- **Lafayette County:** Lafayette County officials report that ALL roads over the Pecatonica River in Lafayette County are **OPEN**.

**Commercial motor vehicles:** Because of flooded roadways throughout large areas of southern Wisconsin, DOT is temporarily suspending all commercial motor vehicle oversize and overweight operation south of WIS 29 except for vehicles moving to provide relief supplies, assist in flood abatement, or respond for emergency services. This suspension is in effect immediately and will continue until Tuesday, June 17, 2008, at 12:01 a.m.

DOT Highways and State Patrol Staff are continuing to closely monitor the water level at the Interstate 94 Crawfish River and Rock River Bridges. Debris is accumulating at the upstream side of the westbound Interstate 94 Rock River bridge and DOT Highways will be working with Jefferson County forces to remove the debris this morning. Presently, both eastbound lanes of Interstate 94 continue to remain open to traffic. Both westbound lanes continue to remain closed and the marked detour is being utilized.

DOT Highways Field Staff noted that approximately 150 - 200 feet of the State Trunk Highway 33 on ramp to westbound Interstate 90/94 has partially washed out. This ramp has already been closed with the Interstate closure. Once floodwaters recede and the Interstate reopens in this area, this ramp will continue to be closed for reconstruction.

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.

- The Pardeville dam is once again overtopping and passing flow through the temporary spillway over Wis 22. Water has been rising approximately 1 inch per hour and should crest later tonight.
- The Waterford dam in the Village of Waterford is experiencing problems with seepage and high water levels. Dam safety staff have worked with the county on an emergency action plan should conditions deteriorate. The dam will be monitored throughout the night.

## **Information for private water well owners**

<http://dnr.wi.gov/org/water/dwg/flood.htm>

## **Dept. of Natural Resources:**

DNR has educational information for citizens affected by flooding on their web site at [http://dnr.wi.gov/emergency/current\\_flood.html](http://dnr.wi.gov/emergency/current_flood.html)

Updated information on parks and state trails can be found at: [www.wiparks.net](http://www.wiparks.net).

DNR wardens are assisting with flood issues in Iowa and Sauk counties.

## **WI National Guard:**

All National Guard personnel were released from their traffic points to free-up personnel for sandbagging.

NG reports that sandbags were delivered to Wyocena at 4:00 a.m., Racine at 6:00 a.m. and is currently enroute to Waukesha County.

## **State Patrol:**

Possible fatality crash involving two semi units on State Hwy 12 at CTH W. This is the current by pass route - the new route due to the crash at STH 12 and W (Baraboo near hwy 159) is 159-123-CTHDL-113S-78-12. They are working to clear the scene ASAP.

## **Dept. of Corrections:**

DOC received requests for, and will deploy, 19 strike teams on Saturday to 9 sites (144 inmates). They have requests for 8 strike teams on Sunday and 6 on Monday.

Inmates from Columbia Correctional Institution are currently sandbagging at Columbia County's request.

## **Green County:**

Green County Emergency Management asks all Green County residents who have had flood damage to call their office at 328-9416 and report their damage.

## **Kenosha County:**

Residents of Kenosha County who have sustained flood or storm damage are asked to call the Kenosha County Emergency Management Damage Hotline at 262-605-7926 to report the amount of damage they have.

**Red Cross:**

Five truckloads of clean-up kits will be delivered to Madison Saturday morning for distribution to flood damaged areas Saturday afternoon.

The National Guard has a shelter open in the Spring Green Middle School. A request was received from Lone Rock Fire Department for 20 cots and blankets. They are concerned about the rising waters in Spring Green and along the river that could cause a need to evacuate part of Lone Rock. Lone Rock was advised that the Red Cross would deliver 20 cots and blankets to the Spring Green Shelter. Also, the Red Cross will send a Shelter manager and nurse.

61 people were served today at Red Cross shelters. Shelters are open in: Muscoda (Community Center); Reedsburg (Pine View Elementary); Soldiers Grove (North Crawford H.S.); Columbus (Zion Luther School); LaFarge (High School); Milwaukee (Tommy Thompson Center); Ft Atkinson (St Joseph Catholic Church); Fond du Lac; Waupan; Oshkosh (Oshkosh Convention Center); Janesville, Baraboo (Sauk Co. Courthouse).

Standby shelters are on standby at: Viroqua (High School), Ontario (Library), Kendall (Community Center), Montello (Montello High School), Caledonia.

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

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