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**DATE:** Saturday, 6/14/08  
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**TO:** Governor Jim Doyle  
Wisconsin Congressional Delegation  
State Legislators

**FROM:** Johnnie Smith, Administrator

**SUBJECT:** SITUATION REPORT ON STORMS #37

**OVERVIEW** — Pardeeville Dam has breached. All affected homes have been evacuated. FEMA Administrator David Paulison and Gov. Doyle are doing an aerial tour this morning of flooded areas. They will hold a press conference at 11:15 a.m. at the Army Aviation Support Facility #2, along with Sen. Feingold, Sen. Kohl, and Rep. Kind. The Rock and Crawfish rivers are still rising. Sandbagging and pumping operations are continuing. 90,000 sandbags were delivered to Columbia, Racine and Waukesha counties early this morning. Most of the interstate closures imposed Friday remain closed, as do many local and county roads. 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**

**REQUESTS FOR ROUTE ASSISTANCE:** Motorists seeking routes around closed areas should call **1-800-375-7302**. This will be answered by a live person. There is also a recorded message at **1-800-ROAD-WIS (762-3947)** 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.

**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.

## Current information:

- **I-39 southbound is now OPEN between WIS 82 and WIS 16.** This allows access to US 51 through Portage to the south.
- **I-39 northbound is OPEN beginning at US 51 in Portage.**
- **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 still closed at WIS 83 at Delafield.** The detour is south on WIS 83 to I-43 to I-39/90 at Beloit.
- **I-39/90/94 northbound/westbound traffic at Madison heading north and west** on I-90/94 is being directed to use US 12/18 west (Beltline) in Madison to US 12.
- **I-39/90/94 northbound/westbound traffic at Madison heading northeast** is being directed to use US 151 north.
- **I-39 southbound is now OPEN from Wis 82 to Wis 16.** Traffic can take Wis 16 to US 51 to Madison.
- **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.**

**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.

WisDOT, WI National Guard and WI State Patrol are coordinating on sandbagging and pumping operations in the I-39/Cascade Mountain Road area.

## Other roadways

- Traffic on **US 12 south of Baraboo**, which is the detour for the interstate, is currently being detoured because of a crash on 12.
- **Lafayette County:** Lafayette County officials report that ALL roads over the Pecatonica River in Lafayette County are **OPEN**.
- **Areas of WIS 23 and US 151 near Fond du Lac and Waupun** are water-covered.

**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.

### **AMTRAK SERVICE ALERT**

Amtrak reports that flooding in Iowa and Wisconsin is affecting service between Chicago and San Francisco, via Omaha and Denver, and between Chicago and Portland via Milwaukee and St. Paul. Railroad routes and stations are flooded, as are motorcoach routes that would otherwise be used as alternatives. Passengers need to contact Amtrak if they plan travel on those routes between now and June 16.

### **DAM CONDITIONS:**

The Dept. of Natural Resources is currently monitoring dams in southern Wisconsin. Five 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 city-owned Pardeeville dam on the Fox River has breached. Homes downstream have been evacuated. Portage water levels should not be affected significantly because of massive wetlands between the two cities.
- Engineers will go to the hot spots today. The Rock and Crawfish rivers are of particular concern. They are still rising. The Rock is predicted to crest Tuesday at 1.5 feet above its historic high.
- For current National Weather Service water levels and flood predictions:  
<http://www.weather.gov/ahps/forecasts.php>

### **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).

### **WI National Guard:**

Sandbagging, traffic control and aerial reconnaissance will continue today. The RC26 plane will fly over I-94 at the Rock and Crawfish rivers first, then travel the entire length of the Rock River to the Illinois border. The Guard is also assisting with traffic control in Avoca.

**State Patrol:**

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.

Personnel are in the area of Hwy 49 in Horicon Marsh monitoring rising water due to a culvert washing out. The water is NOT on the highway as of this report. Also have personnel out at a traffic point on Hwy 26 and TC (near Rosendale) slowing traffic to 15 mph because of water on the roadway. Personnel also at interstate bypasses.

**Dept. of Corrections:**

DOC is deploying 23 strike teams on Saturday to 11 sites (144 inmates). In addition, inmates at Columbia County Correctional Institution are filling sandbags. They have requests for 8 strike teams on Sunday and 6 on Monday.

**DATCP**

Sent packets to local and county governments with information on avoiding fraud in cleanup and construction. Working with food stores and processors to voluntarily dispose of food contaminated by flood waters.

**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 and Salvation Army:**

Five truckloads of clean-up kits will be delivered to Madison Saturday and Sunday for distribution to flood damaged areas as soon as possible. Red Cross requested and anticipates delivery of 5000 and Salvation Army expects 3000.

Shelters currently open:

- Baraboo --- Sauk County Court House
- Columbus --- Zion Luther School
- Fond du Lac --- Fond Du Lac Fairgrounds
- Fort Atkinson --- St. Joseph Catholic Church
- Janesville --- Janesville
- LaFarge --- LaFarge High School
- Milwaukee --- Tommy Thompson Center
- Muscoda --- Riverdale Middle School
- Oshkosh --- Oshkosh Convention Center
- Reedsburg --- Pine View Elementary School
- Soldiers Grove --- North Crawford High School
- Waupan --- Waupun High School
- Viola --- United Methodist Church (RC Supported)
- Spring Green --- River Valley Middle School (RC Supported)

Shelters on standby:

Caledonia --- Caledonia

Montello --- Montello High School

Viroqua --- Viroqua High School

Ontario --- Ontario Library

Kendall --- Community Center

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

**FEMA**

Teams are in Milwaukee, Richland and Racine counties today. We had a report of someone representing themselves as FEMA inspectors in Fond du Lac. PIOs will issue release warning people that FEMA teams have official ID and if they have any question about legitimacy, they should call their local emergency management to see if FEMA is in their area.

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