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DATE: Saturday, 6/14/08
3:50 p.m.

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FROM: Johnnie Smith, Administrator

SUBJECT: SITUATION REPORT ON STORMS #38

OVERVIEW

The President has declared a disaster for Columbia, Crawford, Sauk, Vernon and Milwaukee counties, Gov. Doyle reported in a press conference this morning with FEMA Administrator David Paulison after they completed an aerial tour of flooded areas. We're waiting for word on Richland County.

Waukesha County Sheriff's Department has reported the first fatality resulting from flooding. A 68-year-old man in the Town of Summit apparently tried to walk to safety after his car became disabled when he tried to drive through floodwaters.

Pardeeville Dam is failing, but attempts to stabilize it are under way. All affected homes have been evacuated.

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. Because of the difficulty of finding routes from Volk Field to the areas in most need of sandbags, WEM will move them to Madison and stage from here.

Most of the interstate closures imposed Friday remain closed, as do many local and county roads.

FEMA

The disaster declaration frees up federal funding for individual assistance in these counties for eligible expenses such as home repair and temporary housing. Individuals need to call 1-800-621-FEMA to apply for assistance, or apply online at www.fema.gov. FEMA is seeking locations for Disaster Recovery Centers (DRC) that will begin opening in affected communities for residents to get assistance and information.

A joint field office will open in Madison, staffed by FEMA, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), and other federal and state agencies. FEMA crews will continue assessing private sector damage in additional counties on Monday, and begin assessing damage to public infrastructure next week.

Weather

National Weather Service at about 3:25 p.m. issued a severe thunderstorm watch for southern Wisconsin, and at 3:45 issued severe thunderstorm warnings for Iowa and Dane counties.

Road Closures/Road Conditions

Requests for route assistance: Motorists seeking routes around closed areas should call **1-608-242-8484** or **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 is being diverted to US 12 toward Madison. As of 2 p.m., traffic was reported backed up 5-6 miles on that detour.
- **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 has been cleared.**
- **Lafayette County:** Lafayette County officials report that ALL roads over the Pecatonica River in Lafayette County are **OPEN**.

Commercial motor vehicles: Effective at sunrise Sunday, June 15, WisDOT is revising its suspension of permits for oversize and overweight vehicles. The change will allow for permits to be valid on and along a line from I-90 at LaCrosse, east to I-94 at Tomah, north on I-94 to WIS 21. Vehicles moving to provide relief supplies, assist in flood abatement, and respond for emergency services will be excepted. WisDOT will issue a press release with details later today.

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 monitoring dams in southern Wisconsin. Five dams have failed so far, however many others have been damaged. There are 85 high-hazard 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 is failing. However, it is still holding back Park Lake. Temporary repairs have started to stabilize the dam. A portion of WIS 22 that forms the embankment on one side of the lake overtopped, releasing water, but water has now returned to an emergency channel built last week. Homes downstream have been evacuated. Portage water levels should not be affected significantly because of massive wetlands between the two cities.
- Water is rising at Beaver Dam Lake, and the dam may be overtopped
- A portion of the embankment on a dam in Grand River Marsh has been overtopped.
- DNR has sent two engineers to an unauthorized dam in Sauk County that appears to be failing.
- For current National Weather Service water levels and flood predictions:
<http://www.weather.gov/ahps/forecasts.php>

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

Updated information on parks and state trails can be found at: www.wiparks.net.

Information for private water well owners: <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/water/dwg/flood.htm>

DNR has issued a boil-only notice in the Village of Eastman in Crawford County.

WI National Guard

Took a pump to Reedsburg. Are looking for a route from Volk Field to Jefferson so they can deliver sandbags.

State Patrol

State Patrol is escorting the National Guard on sandbag deliveries and responding to a request for two troopers to assist with traffic control in Fort Atkinson.

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 27 strike teams on Saturday to 12 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.

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 and populations:

Baraboo (Sauk County Court House) 4
 Columbus (Zion Luther School) 2
 Fond du lac (Fond Du Lac Fairgrounds) 30
 Fort Atkinson (St. Joseph Catholic Church) 0
 Janesville 4
 LaFarge (LaFarge High School) 0
 Milwaukee (Tommy Thompson Center) 34
 Muscoda (Riverdale Middle School) 24
 Oshkosh (Oshkosh Convention Center) 0
 Reedsburg (Pine View Elementary School) 18
 Waupun (Waupun High School) 0
 Viola (United Methodist Church) (RC Supported) 25
 Montello (Montello High School) 0
 Avoca 30
 Union Grove 5
 Spring Green River Valley Middle School (RC Supported) 5

Shelters on standby:

North Crawford
 Caledonia
 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.

Volunteers/donations

To volunteer or to donate items, individuals should call 2-1-1.

Monetary donations can be made to:

- Red Cross 1-800-RED CROSS
- Salvation Army 1-800-264-6412
11315 W. Watertown Plank Rd.
Wauwatosa, WI 53226
- WI Voluntary Organization Active in Disasters
c/o Wisconsin Council of Churches
750 Windsor St., Suite 301
Sun Prairie, WI 53590

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