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**DATE:** Sunday, 6/15/08  
5:15a.m.

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

**FROM:** Johnnie Smith, Administrator

**SUBJECT:** SITUATION REPORT ON STORMS #39

#### 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.

WIS 33 east of I-39 about 1/4 mile east of County U was breached on Saturday. There is about a 30'-40' opening where the roadway has washed away. Water velocity is high and trees and debris are flowing through the breach. It's reported there were residents in the area of the breach that may be affected.

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.

Many local, county and state roads remain closed. Westbound I-90/94 from Madison toward Mauston and westbound I-39/90/94 at WIS 151 were reopened around 10:00 p.m. Saturday. Eastbound I-90/94 east of US 12 Exit 92 in Sauk County remains closed. I-39/US51 southbound from WIS 16 near Portage also remains closed.

#### 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](http://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.

## **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. Motorists may experience traffic back-ups in many locations due to the normal volume of weekend travelers driving on detoured routes.

### **Current information:**

#### **Closings:**

- I-94 westbound from Milwaukee remains closed at WIS 83 at Delafield. The detour is south on WIS 83 to I-43 to I-39/90 at Beloit.
- The right shoulder along I-94 eastbound at the Crawfish River is closed. Engineers are assessing the situation. There is a potential that the right lane or the entire eastbound direction may need to be closed.
- Eastbound I-90/94 east of US 12 exit 92 in Sauk County remains closed.
- I-39/US51 southbound from WIS 16 near Portage remains closed.
- Exits from I-39/90/94 to Highway 33 and I-39 entrances remain closed.
- WIS 60 near the Rock River in Dodge County east of Hustisford is closed due to high water.
- WIS 33 Fox River Bridge crossing on the east side of the village of Portage is closed due to high water.

#### **Openings:**

- I-39/90/94 northbound/westbound at WIS 151 is OPEN.
- I-90/94 northbound/westbound from Madison toward Mauston is OPEN.
- All entrance ramps to I-39/90/94 (Dane and Columbia counties) eastbound from Madison to WIS 33 near Portage are OPEN.
- Hwy 67 near the town of Summit is OPEN.
- I-39 southbound is 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 OPEN between WIS 82 and US 12 at Lake Delton. Eastbound I-90/94 traffic is being diverted to US 12 toward Madison.
- I-39 southbound is OPEN from WIS 82 to WIS 16. Traffic can take WIS 16 to US 51 to Madison.

#### **Detour routes:**

- Traveling westbound along I-90/94 toward Eau Claire remain on I-90/94.
- Traveling northbound along I-39 toward Wausau take exit 132 (US 51) north to WIS 16 west near Portage to I-39 northbound
- Traveling Eastbound along I-39/94 take exit 92 (US 12) to Madison to I-90 or I-94.
- Traveling southbound along I-39 take exit 89 (WIS 16) east to US 51 southbound to I-90/94 near Madison
- Traveling between the Twin Cities and Chicago use I-94 to WIS 29 to I-43 to I-94.

**NOTES:** Speeds are reduced to 55 mph on the Interstate in the area of flooding near Portage to protect the pavement due to overly saturated conditions.

The continuing closure of eastbound I-90/94 is causing heavier traffic volumes on the Beltline (US 12/18) in Madison.

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 US12 at the Water Street intersection in Sauk City was backing up. A change was made to the US12 approaches to a yellow flash in an effort to keep traffic moving.
- 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, Wisconsin DOT 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, east on WIS 21 to I-39, north on I-39 to US 10 at Stevens Points and east on US 10 to Manitowoc. Vehicles moving to provide relief supplies, assist in flood abatement, and respond for emergency services will be exempted.

#### **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. Eight homes downstream have been evacuated. Portage water levels should not be affected significantly because of massive wetlands between the two cities.
- The Beaver Dam River rose significantly. The river was up against the side of several buildings causing concern for structural collapse of the buildings. Beaver Dam issued mandatory evacuations for a 3-4 block area. Advisory evacuations were also given for 1 -2 blocks both north and south of the mandatory evacuation area. Motor vehicle and foot traffic is not being allowed in the mandatory evacuation area, while foot traffic of residents is being allowed in the advisory evacuation area.
- 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. The dam was intentionally breached by staff creating a relatively stable condition. It will continue to be monitored.
- The Waterford dam made it through the night and the water is receding. Concerns for the stability of the dam have diminished.
- 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.htm](http://dnr.wi.gov/emergency/current_flood.htm)

Updated information on parks and state trails can be found at: [www.wiparks.net](http://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 reported light traffic volumes overnight on the newly-opened segments of I-39/90/94 northbound/westbound and no problems with enforcement of the 55 mph speed limit. State Patrol continues to enforce closures and monitor detour routes.

### **Dept. of Corrections**

DOC deployed 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.

### **Columbia County**

The local public health department will be giving tetanus shots Sunday from 11 am to 1 pm at the Pardeeville EMS Building, 511 Gillette, Pardeeville.

### **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.

Currently Open Shelters:

Baraboo - Sauk County Court House  
Columbus - Zion Luther School  
LaFarge - LaFarge High School  
Oshkosh - Oshkosh Convention Center  
Fond du Lac - Fond Du Lac Fairgrounds  
Fort Atkinson - St. Joseph Catholic Church  
Milwaukee - Tommy Thompson Center  
Muscodia - Riverdale Middle School  
Reedsburg - Pine View Elementary School  
Waupan - Waupun High School  
Montello - Montello High School  
Union Grove - Union Grove Elem. School  
Janesville - St. John's Lutheran

Red Cross Supported:

Viola - United Methodist Church  
Spring Green - River Valley Middle School

Non-Red Cross:

Pardeeville - Pardeeville (unconfirmed)

Standby:

Caledonia - Caledonia  
Viroqua - Viroqua High School  
Ontario - Ontario Library  
Kendall - Community Center  
Soldiers Grove - North Crawford High School

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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