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**TO:** Governor Jim Doyle  
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**FROM:** Johnnie Smith, Administrator

**SUBJECT:** SITUATION REPORT ON STORMS #50

## OVERVIEW

### I-94 Crossover

Wisconsin DOT officials have executed an emergency contract to hire a company to build a crossover lane in the Johnson Creek area that will allow one lane of eastbound and one lane of westbound interstate traffic. The work should be completed by the end of the week.

### Lake Delton Receives Funds to Divert Stream

The U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will provide \$160,000 to help the Village of Lake Delton route the water that is currently flowing through the breached area back into the original stream channel and back through the dam. The reconstruction effort will help prevent additional loss of property through further erosion of banks and will take 10 days to complete.

After a flyover inspection, the DNR reports that it does NOT appear the Caledonia levee has been breached, despite some other reports.

### Governmental infrastructure damage assessments

The first public assistance preliminary damage assessments are tentatively scheduled to begin on Thursday in Dane, Grant, Vernon, Adams, and Milwaukee counties. Public assistance covers public infrastructure — things like (but not limited to) roads, government buildings, wastewater treatment plants, bridges.

Individual assistance covers residences and, through SBA, businesses.

In a preliminary damage assessment (PDA), state and federal officials, including FEMA and the Small Business Administration, go on-site to evaluate the extent and severity of disaster damage.

<b>Declared Disaster Counties</b>		
Columbia, Crawford, Milwaukee, Racine, Richland, Sauk, Vernon		
<b>Individual Assistance Preliminary Damage Assessments</b>		
<u>Monday:</u> Dodge Winnebago	<u>Today:</u> Fond du Lac Iowa Kenosha Marquette	<u>Wednesday:</u> Grant Ozaukee Rock Sheboygan
<b>Public Assistance Preliminary Damage Assessments</b>		
Thursday: Dane, Grant, Vernon, Adams, and Milwaukee		

**Viroqua Disaster Center opened today:** FEMA will open a Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) in Viroqua today, Tuesday, June 17 at 1:00 p.m. It will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at:

Living Faith Church  
852 N. Main St.  
Viroqua, WI 54665

**Reedsburg DRC:** FEMA opened the Reedsburg DRC on Monday and it will be open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily at:

Reedsburg High School  
1100 S. Albert Ave.  
Reedsburg, WI

FEMA’s Community Relations (CR) Teams are working in the declared counties, Vernon, Crawford, Richland, Sauk, Columbia, Racine and Milwaukee. The CR Teams are providing disaster information on how to register with FEMA. CR members are also assisting at the Disaster Resource Centers located in Reedsburg and Viroqua.

Additional centers in the other declared disaster counties are also expected to open. Exact locations will be forthcoming.

**DAMS**

Throughout the storm-affected region, dams are holding but are being monitored very closely as many are not expected to crest until later this week.

**PRIVATE WELLS**

DHFS reported that 1,900 private well test kits have been distributed. From the 43 results received so far, about half are considered unsafe due to bacteria. Residents with private wells should contact their local health departments for test kits.

## ROAD CLOSURES/ CONDITIONS

### Interstate highway system

- I-90/94 westbound and eastbound north of Madison all lanes are open.
- I-94 westbound from Milwaukee is closed from STH 83 at Delafield west to STH 89 at Lake Mills. The detour goes from STH 83 SB to I-43 SB to I-39/90 NB to Madison.
- I-39 northbound and southbound is closed from STH 78 to STH 16. The southbound detour goes from STH 16 in Portage to USH 51 to I-39/90/94 north of Madison. The northbound detour follows the same route, starting from the USH 51/I-39/90/94 interchange north of Madison.
- Exits from I-90/94 to STH 33 remain closed. The entire I-39/STH 33 interchange remains closed. Early this afternoon, State Patrol had to clear out civilian traffic coming into Highway 33. Those vehicles had been following dump trucks in, possibly due to a signage or flagging problem.

### Road closures due to flooding (state owned roads only):

<http://maps.google.com/maps/ms?hl=en&ie=UTF8&oe=UTF8&msa=0&msid=106714907945366530639.00044f3ec972fee85471d&ll=43.189158,-89.500122&spn=1.874356,3.383789&z=8>

### Road conditions:

The public is asked to call **1-800-ROAD-WIS (762-3947)**.

The Wisconsin Dept. of Transportation (DOT) 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.

### Special Regulations:

Weight limits — Vehicles carrying relief supplies, assisting in flood abatement, and responding to emergency services are exempted from DOT oversize and overweight vehicle regulations on and along a line from I-90 at LaCrosse, east to I-94 at Tomah, north on I-94 to STH 21, east on STH 21 to I-39, north on I-39 to USH 10 at Stevens Points and east on USH 10 to Manitowoc.

## FEDERAL/STATE

A Joint Field Office opened today in Madison, staffed by state agencies, FEMA, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), and other federal agencies. Crews will continue assessing private sector damage in additional counties today, and begin assessing damage to public infrastructure.

FEMA is advising citizens that its disaster assistance covers an individual's basic needs only and will not normally compensate the entire loss. The government may help pay for basic needs not covered under insurance policies.

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).  
When applying for help, be sure to have the following information available:

- Your current telephone number;
- Your address at the time of the disaster and the address where you now are staying;
- Your Social Security number, if available;
- A general list of damages and losses you suffered;
- If insured, the name of your company or agent and your policy number;
- General financial information;
- Bank account coding if you wish to speed up your assistance with direct deposit.

Disaster victims may be eligible for grants and or low-interest loans. The FEMA representative will explain the details to you when you call.

U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) offers low-interest disaster loans for homeowners, renters and businesses of all sizes to repair or replace damaged or destroyed property.

### **RED CROSS AND SALVATION ARMY**

The Red Cross has made several announcements, including:

- The opening of Service Delivery Centers in Richland, Milwaukee, La Crosse, Sauk and Dodge counties. Find the press release at: <http://emergencymanagement.wi.gov/docview.asp?docid=13991&locid=18>
- Mobile Delivery Service for Columbus and Portage counties. Find the press release at: <http://emergencymanagement.wi.gov/docview.asp?docid=13990&locid=18>
- Bulk Distribution Sites providing free flood clean-up supplies are open in Crawford, Grant, Richland, Sauk, Juneau, Iowa, Monroe and Vernon counties. Find the press release with exact locations at: <http://emergencymanagement.wi.gov/docview.asp?docid=13989&locid=18>

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