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SUBJECT: SITUATION REPORT ON STORMS #51

Nursing home evacuated

A nursing home in Fort Atkinson was evacuated earlier today as the Rock River crept dangerously close to the sandbags surrounding the facility. Of the 87 residents of the Golden Living Center nursing home, 10 were taken to a local hospital and 77 to Bethany Evangelical Lutheran Church. No one was injured during the evacuation. The river is expected to crest Thursday in Fort Atkinson.

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.

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

	Marquette	Sheboygan
Public Assistance Preliminary Damage Assessments		
Thursday: Dane, Grant, Vernon, Adams, and Milwaukee		

Three disaster recovery centers open

Third center opens Wednesday in Soldiers Grove

The third disaster recovery center (DRC) opens Wednesday in Soldiers Grove, in Crawford County. It will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at:

North Crawford High School
47050 County X
Soldiers Grove

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

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

Call ahead first

Storm and flood victims who plan to visit a disaster recovery center are asked to register for assistance by calling 1-800-621 FEMA (3362) or TTY 1-800-462-7585 or visit www.fema.gov

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.

What does a Disaster Recovery Center do?

Each center is a little different, but here's what is available at the Reedsburg DRC: FEMA and Small Business Administration have set up shop, of course. So has the American Red Cross. Second Harvest has set up a food pantry. County Human Services is offering counseling services. Sauk County Zoning is helping people with permit applications. The IRS is handing out information on tax credits and claim forms for flood victims.

Also in the Reedsburg DRC: Sauk County Ag Extension, County Commission on Aging, County Public Health, Central WI Community Action Council, the Humane Society, and Project Recovery.

The Southern Baptist Disaster Relief is providing temporary child care for people visiting the DRC. And they are handing out teddy bears to children. A St. Clare Hospital nurse is talking about tetanus shots and may be giving them later in the week.

Elsewhere in Reedsburg, the US Coast Guard will be in the area to help with clean up later this week. First United Methodist Church is collecting clothes. HAM radio operators are working with the Sauk County EOC.

ROAD CLOSURES/ CONDITIONS

Expect delays during I-94 crossover construction

While the west-bound lanes remain closed, the Wis. Department of Transportation has contracted to build crossover lanes on I-94 in the Johnson Creek area to re-route west-bound traffic to one lane on the eastbound side. That will restrict eastbound traffic to one lane, as well. The cross-over lanes will be located east of the Rock River near Johnson Creek to Highway Q near Lake Mills. The work should be completed by the end of the week.

As construction crews began work this evening, rush-hour east-bound traffic on I-94 was backed up at the Lake Mills exit more than two miles as one of the lanes was closed down to prepare for the cross-over. Those conditions are expected to prevail at prime drive-time throughout the work week. Traffic through the city of Lake Mills was also heavy, as a result.

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:

Telephone: **1-800-ROAD-WIS (762-3947)**.

On the web: (<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.

RED CROSS AND SALVATION ARMY

Red Cross shelters will remain open in Janesville this evening and in Fort Atkinson due to sandbag failures earlier today.

The Red Cross also:

- Opened service delivery centers in Richland, Milwaukee, La Crosse, Sauk and Dodge counties. More at:
<http://emergencymanagement.wi.gov/docview.asp?docid=13991&locid=18>

- Mobile delivery service for Columbus and Portage counties are detailed 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. Exact locations at: <http://emergencymanagement.wi.gov/docview.asp?docid=13989&locid=18>

Protect your health during reconstruction

Before flood victims can rebuild they must demolish what has been damaged. The Department of Health and Family Services advises homeowners to be wary of airborne mold and bacteria in the dust generated from demolition activity. If you will be engaged in activities that generate a lot of dust, a dust mask or respirator may be appropriate to reduce exposure. Filtering face piece respirators (dust masks) can be purchased at most hardware or home improvement stores.

- More information can be found at: www.osha.gov/OshDoc/FloodFacts
- OSHA can be reached at: (608)441-5388 (Madison office) or (414) 297-3315 (Milwaukee office).
- Contact your local health department or the Wisconsin Division of Public Health at 608-266-1120 with questions about health and safety associated with flood recovery.

Residential damage

A four-foot wall of sandbags failed near Newville in Rock County, south of Lake Koshkonong. Five houses were flooded as a result. The National Guard supervised the rebuilding of the sandbag wall.

In Fond du Lac County, 23 residences in sustained major flooding damage .

DAMS and RIVERS

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.

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.

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