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**DATE:** Wednesday, 6/18/2008 2:00 p.m.

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

**FROM:** Johnnie Smith, Administrator

**SUBJECT: SITUATION REPORT ON STORMS #53**

#### **Additional Counties Declared**

Governor Doyle today announced that the federal disaster declaration has been expanded to provide assistance for individuals and business damaged by flooding and heavy rains in Dodge, Green, Washington, Waukesha and Winnebago counties.

#### **Food assistance available for flood victims**

Governor Jim Doyle announced the Department of Health and Family Services will make available emergency food assistance for residents of Columbia, Crawford, Milwaukee, Racine, Richland, Sauk and Vernon counties. Residents of these counties will have from Thursday, June 19 through Friday, June 27 to apply for food assistance. Applications and information can be found at <http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/FoodShare/flood/>.

#### **Disaster assistance reaching \$38,000**

Wisconsin residents affected by the recent severe storms, flooding and tornadoes have already received \$37,602 in federal assistance. While that number will continue to increase, FEMA continues to encourage those affected by the storms and flooding to apply for assistance. The FEMA Individual Assistance program covers basic needs for eligible applicants, including emergency home repair, temporary disaster housing, replacement grants for serious disaster-related needs and expenses not covered by insurance or assistance programs. 1-800-621-FEMA (3362).

#### **Infrastructure damage assessments**

<b>Declared Disaster Counties</b>
Columbia, Crawford, Milwaukee, Racine, Richland, Sauk, Vernon, Dodge, Green, Washington, Waukesha and Winnebago counties

<b>Individual Assistance Preliminary Damage Assessments*</b>		
<u>Wednesday:</u> Grant Ozaukee Rock Sheboygan	<u>Thursday:</u> Dane Juneau Jefferson Monroe	<u>Friday:</u> Calumet Lafayette Walworth
<b>Public Assistance Preliminary Damage Assessments**</b>		
Thursday: Dane, Grant, Vernon, Adams, and Milwaukee		

\*Individual assistance covers residences and, through SBA, businesses.

\*\*Public assistance covers public infrastructure.

### **Three disaster recovery centers (DRC) open**

All DRCs will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the locations below:

North Crawford High School  
47050 County X  
Soldiers Grove

Living Faith Church  
852 N. Main St.  
Viroqua

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](http://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, Soldiers Grove and Viroqua.

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

### **ROAD CLOSURES/ CONDITIONS**

#### **I-39 northbound lanes are open**

The northbound lanes of I-39 in Columbia County are open. However, I-39 northbound ramps to STH 33 and Cascade Mountain remain closed. The posted speed limit through the area is 55 mph. The southbound lanes of I-39 in Columbia County remain closed until

further notice.

### **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 convert the eastbound lanes to two way traffic which will accommodate east and westbound I-94. 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.

Slow traffic conditions are expected to prevail at prime drive-time throughout the work week as construction crews work on the cross-over.

### **Road closures due to flooding:**

- I-39 northbound from I-90/94 interchange is now OPEN.
- 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.
- I-94 eastbound is restricted to one lane between County Highway Q near Lake Mills and the Rock River near Johnson Creek.
- I-39 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.
- Exits from I-90/94 to STH 33 remain closed. The entire I-39/STH 33 interchange remains closed.
- I-39 southbound exit ramp at US-51 remains closed.

More road closures can be viewed here:

<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**

Five Red Cross shelters remain open, providing shelter to 56 people last night. 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>

**State Agency Support**

State agency personnel, including the National Guard, continue to provide 24/7 support for the State Emergency Operations Center and the Joint Operations Center. State personnel are working closely with FEMA in the Joint Field Office and in field operations in the Disaster Recovery Centers and Damage Assessment Teams. Additionally, assistance is being provided to communities across southern Wisconsin from the Department of Transportation – Highways, the Wisconsin State Patrol, the Department of Health and Family Services, DNR Law Enforcement and Dam Safety, the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, the Red Cross, the Salvation Army, the Wisconsin National Guard and many more.

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