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**DATE:** Thursday, 6/19/2008, 1:00 p.m.

**TO:** Governor Jim Doyle  
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State Legislators

**FROM:** Johnnie Smith, Administrator

**SUBJECT:** SITUATION REPORT ON STORMS #55

**Additional Counties Declared**

Governor Doyle announced yesterday 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.

**Infrastructure damage assessments**

<b>Declared Disaster Counties</b>		
Columbia, Crawford, Dodge, Green, Milwaukee, Racine, Richland, Sauk, Vernon, Washington, Waukesha and Winnebago counties		
<b>Individual Assistance Preliminary Damage Assessments*</b>		
<u>Thursday:</u> Adams Dane Juneau Jefferson La Crosse Monroe Ozaukee (continuing)	<u>Friday:</u> Calumet Green Lake Jefferson Lafayette	<u>Saturday:</u> Walworth
<b>Public Assistance Preliminary Damage Assessments**</b>		
Thursday: Adams, Dane, Grant, Milwaukee and Vernon		

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

\*\*Public assistance covers public infrastructure.

### **New disaster recovery center (DRC) opening today**

FEMA will open a disaster recovery center today, Thursday, June 19, at 1:00 p.m. at the Columbus High School, 1164 Farnham Avenue in Columbus. Hours on Thursday will be 1:00 to 7:00 p.m. and then daily from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. This is in addition to three other DRCs which remain 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

### **New disaster recovery center opening tomorrow**

FEMA will open a new disaster recovery center on Friday, June 20 at the Milwaukee County Rehab Center City Campus, 2711 West Wells St., Milwaukee. Operating hours are being finalized.

### **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 mobilized in the declared counties. The CR Teams are providing disaster information on how to register with FEMA. CR members are also assisting at the Disaster Recovery Centers located in Columbus, Reedsburg, Soldiers Grove and Viroqua.

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

### **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 more than \$200,000**

Wisconsin residents affected by the recent severe storms, flooding and tornadoes have

been approved for \$237,515 in federal assistance. While that number will continue to increase, FEMA continues to encourage those affected by 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 program. 1-800-621-FEMA (3362). As of close of business on 6/18/08, 6,837 people have registered with FEMA. Of those, 6,401 are located in the 12 designated disaster counties.

### **Nearly 5,000 SBA Loan Applications Issued**

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has issued 4,966 SBA low interest loan applications for Wisconsin home owners and businesses with more applications expected to be issued. Over 4,000 of the applications are from home owners.

## **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 WIS 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 to 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 and west of the Crawfish River near Lake Mills. The work should be completed by the end of the week. Drivers are reminded that speeds have been reduced to 55 mph through this area.

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:**

- WIS 22 in Pardeeville north of the WIS 44 intersection is now closed to all traffic. The detour is WIS 43 to WIS 33.
- WIS 49 from Green Lake to Berlin in Green Lake County is now closed. Detour is WIS 49 to County V to County F.
- 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 eastbound is restricted to one lane between County Highway Q near Lake Mills and the Rock River near Johnson Creek.
- I-94 westbound from Milwaukee is closed from WIS 83 at Delafield west to WIS 89 at Lake Mills.
- I-39 southbound is closed from WIS 78 to WIS 16. The southbound detour goes

- from WIS 16 in Portage to USH 51 to I-39/90/94 north of Madison.
- Exits from I-90/94 to WIS 33 remain closed. The entire I-39/WIS 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.

### **Wisconsin Army National Guard**

The Wisconsin Army National Guard has 110 personnel in the 229<sup>th</sup> Engineer Company, based in Prairie du Chien and Platteville, on State active duty to assist with life safety issues and emergency road repair in Richland, Sauk and Vernon Counties and other areas as needs are identified. The Guard is also overseeing sandbagging efforts in Jefferson.

The National Guard is also operating traffic control points on flooded roads in:

- Columbia County (three total)
- Janesville (seven total)
- Jefferson County (six total)

In Fort Atkinson, the Wisconsin Air National Guard is using a 100 kilowatt generator to power a sewage lift station which has lost electricity.

### **Red Cross**

Four Red Cross shelters remain open, providing shelter to 47 people last night. The shelters are located in Muscoda, Janesville, Ft. Atkinson and Milwaukee. The Reedsburg Red Cross Shelter is closed.

### **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 any many more.

Department of Corrections

- Most recent information from DOC shows 31 strike teams (approximately 157 inmates) working at nine sites in Wisconsin to assist with sandbagging and debris removal.
  - 2 Strike Teams from Prairie du Chien to Viroqua
  - 4 Strike Teams from Prairie du Chien to Avoca
  - 2 Strike Teams from Prairie du Chien to Gays Mills
  - 4 Strike Teams from Oregon to Columbus
  - 6 Strike Teams from Fox Lake to Columbus
  - 4 Strike Teams from Waupun to Baraboo
  - 1 Strike Team from Portage to Wyocena
  - 2 Strike Teams from Union Grove to Jefferson
  - 2 Strike Teams from Deerfield to Jefferson
  - 2 Strike Teams from Oshkosh to Princeton
  - 2 Strike Teams from Oshkosh to Berlin

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