



News Release

WISCONSIN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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DATE: September 23, 2010
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TO: Governor Jim Doyle

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SUBJECT: Situation Report #4 on Severe Weather

Flooding continues to affect portions of Wisconsin. Gov. Jim Doyle declared a state of emergency for Jackson and Clark counties this evening, in addition to Trempealeau County earlier today. The declarations followed area flooding from strong storms.

Three hundred and forty three homes were evacuated today due to flooding in Arcadia, affecting approximately 1,000 people.

Black River Falls has declared a state of emergency as well, where up to 80 homes are being evacuated in the Grove area near the river. An emergency shelter is being established at an area church.

According to the National Weather Service, a cold weather front will move into western and central Wisconsin tonight, bringing additional showers and thunderstorms. Heavy rain is anticipated, which will compound ongoing flooding. Strong winds are also possible overnight. A flood watch remains in effect until 7 a.m. for western and north central Wisconsin.

The State Emergency Operations Center remains activated and is monitoring the storms and the flooding. There have been no reports of injuries.

National Guard - The Wisconsin National Guard has 18 personnel in Arcadia, with some actively assisting local law enforcement by operating traffic check points and others ready to respond as needed. The Wisconsin National Guard Joint Operations Center remains in an elevated status. The Guard is delivering 10,000 sandbags each to the cities of Neillsville and Osseo, and has 20,000 sandbags loaded on vehicles and staged in Arcadia.

The State Emergency Operations Center will remain open. At this time, Wisconsin Emergency Management, Wisconsin Department of Transportation, State Patrol, Wisconsin National Guard, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and Wisconsin Department of Health Services are in the EOC.

For further information, contact Wisconsin Emergency Management at 608-242-3292.