



News Release

WISCONSIN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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DATE: September 24, 2010
10:00 a.m.

TO: Governor Jim Doyle

FROM: Mike Hinman
WEM Administrator

SUBJECT: Situation Report #6 on Severe Weather

The State Emergency Operations Center remains activated. A State of Emergency was issued yesterday for Jackson, Clark and Trempealeau Counties. Below is the latest update:

BUFFALO COUNTY: No major issues

CLARK COUNTY: The County Emergency Operations Center remains activated. Officials are concerned about the Black River and are monitoring the Schneider Dam. Some schools are closed. They are setting up a sandbag distribution point.

- **Hatfield Dam:** North American Hydro issued a “red alert condition” at the Hatfield Dam which means all gates are open and the level at Lake Arbutus continues to rise.
- **Neillsville:** The state delivered 10,000 sandbags

COLUMBIA COUNTY: County Emergency Management Officials report the Wisconsin River is rising and has issued a "Slow No Wake Zone" from Lake Wisconsin to the dam at the Wisconsin Dells. Several residents in the Blackhawk Park area have voluntarily evacuated. They are also monitoring the levy. The river crest is now predicted to be 6 inches lower than expected. However, flood stage is 17 feet and the river is now expected to crest at 18'8". They will be patrolling the levy today periodically and may increase the patrols should the need warrant. Sandbags are being filled in preparation.

DUNN COUNTY: No major issues

JACKSON COUNTY: County officials are reporting flooded basements in the eastern part of the county and several roads are flooded.

Black River Falls:

- As a precautionary measure, “The Grove” neighborhood in the City of Black River Falls was under a mandatory evacuation which involved approximately 80 homes. Adjacent, less threatened homes were encouraged to evacuate. Fourteen individuals stayed overnight at the shelter at the Methodist Church located at North 4th Street. Other evacuees went to friends and relatives.
- At 5 a.m. the Black River was at 60.77 feet. Floodstage is 47 feet. The record is 61.2. Expecting to reach or exceed the record.
- Sandbagged adjacent to the Hatfield Dam and around the municipal power plant.

Melrose: Some roads are now under water.

LINCOLN COUNTY: Several roads are closed. The Wisconsin River gauge in Merrill is currently at 11.91', and 11' is flood stage. However, no serious flooding has been reported, except in lowland and park areas.

MARATHON COUNTY: Officials are reporting seven homes in the Village of Marathon City were evacuated last night due to rising waters on the Rib River.

MONROE COUNTY: Some road flooding

PEPIN COUNTY: The City of Durand is making for preparations for high water.

PIERCE COUNTY: County Emergency Management reports minor basement flooding and some road washouts.

PORTAGE COUNTY: Some road closures reported

SHAWANO COUNTY: Reports of flooded roads

TREMPEALEAU COUNTY:

- **Arcadia:** The state delivered 20,000 sandbags yesterday. Approximately 30 people stayed at the shelter overnight at the National Guard Armory. Ashley Furniture will partially reopen today. Schools will remain closed. Highway 93 is closed between Arcadia and Independence. Approximately 20 residents from a senior housing residence along the west side of the city are being evacuated this morning. They are also evacuating an area east of Oak Street.
- **Osseo:** The state delivered 10,000 sandbags last night.

WAUPACA COUNTY: The Embarrass River is above flood stage but only lowland areas are impacted

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE:

Flood warnings continue in the following counties: LaCrosse, Trempealeau, Buffalo, Pepin, Pierce, Dunn, Eau Claire, Jackson, Clark, Monroe, Wood, Portage, Marathon, Waupaca, Lincoln, Columbia and Shawano.

Flood Watch in Sauk County.

Flood Advisory in Taylor County.

Road Update: For current road conditions, dial 511, or visit <http://www.511wi.gov>