



Situation Report

Wisconsin Emergency Operations Center

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DATE: December 20, 2012

TO: Governor Scott Walker

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SUBJECT: **Situation Report #4 on Severe Weather Operation Snow Fall**

The State Emergency Operations Center at 3 pm held a conference call with the National Weather Service (NWS) at Sullivan, WI. There is a blizzard warning for most of the southern half of the state extending up through Door County. The southeastern corner of the state and most of the northern half of the state are under a winter storm warning or winter weather advisory. From 7 am through the end of the storm another 6-8 inches is expected in most of southern Wisconsin with the exception of the counties along the lake which will get 3-4 inches total. Currently the rain-to-snow transition is a line from approximately Port Washington to Lake Geneva that is expected to move east and reach Milwaukee around 5 pm. Wind is expected to increase this evening culminating in gusts over 30 mph in the western part of the state and over 40 mph along the lake. Winds over 60 mph may occur in the Door County peninsula. Wind chill temperatures will be in the singles and teens throughout the state tonight and tomorrow. For more information check the NWS website.

Wisconsin State Patrol reports that there was a semi jackknifed on I-39/I-90 westbound (northbound) at mile marker 152 (just north of the Highway 51 interchange near Stoughton) in Dane County. Traffic is moving in the left lane. Units are at the scene. There have also been numerous reports from across the state of semis jackknifed. This indicates that roads are slippery and the high winds create an increased risk.

Power is out to 17,673 customers scattered throughout southern Wisconsin. More outages are being reported in southeastern Wisconsin as the snow line advances in that direction. All companies are working to restore power. The following is a breakdown by company:

- Madison Gas & Electric: 2,060 in the Madison area
- Alliant Energy: 9,835
- We Energies: 2,834
- Wisconsin Public Service: 2,944

Air operations reported that the FAA is not expecting any airport closures, but several airlines will be delaying and cancelling flights. O'Hare is not sending flights to Wisconsin because the planes have not arrived from Wisconsin to reload.

Public information has been in contact with over 40 media outlets: radio, newspaper, and television including CNN. Updates have also been disseminated via social media with good feedback.

The State Emergency Operations Center is activated to Level 3. This activation includes Wisconsin Emergency Management, the Department of Natural Resources, the Wisconsin State Patrol, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, and the Wisconsin National Guard. The incident is actively being worked in a continuous 24-hour cycle.