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**DATE:** Tuesday, 6/17/2008 9:00 a.m.

**TO:** Governor Jim Doyle  
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**FROM:** Johnnie Smith, Administrator

**SUBJECT:** SITUATION REPORT ON STORMS #49

## OVERVIEW

FEMA Preliminary Damage Assessment teams will meet with representatives from Fond du Lac, Waukesha, Kenosha, Marquette and Iowa counties today, and will finish assessments in Dodge, and Winnebago counties. Dane County announced that it will meet with state-federal disaster assessment teams on Thursday, June 19.

The President has declared a disaster for the following counties:

- Columbia
- Crawford
- Milwaukee
- Racine
- Richland
- Sauk
- Vernon

Governor Jim Doyle announced Monday that individuals in these seven counties are eligible to apply for assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), including Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA). For more information:

[http://www.wisgov.state.wi.us/journal\\_media\\_detail.asp?locid=19&prid=3459](http://www.wisgov.state.wi.us/journal_media_detail.asp?locid=19&prid=3459)

**Vernon County DRC Opens Today in Viroqua:** FEMA will open a Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) in Viroqua today, Tuesday, June 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. It will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Living Faith Church  
852 N. Main St.  
Viroqua, WI 54665

**Reedsburg DRC:** FEMA opened the Reedsburg DRC on Monday and it will be open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily.  
Reedsburg High School  
1100 S. Albert Ave.  
Reedsburg, WI

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

### **DAMS**

Throughout the storm-affected region, dams are holding but are being monitored very closely as many are not expected to crest until later this week.

### **PRIVATE WELLS**

DHFS reported that 1,900 private well test kits have been distributed. From the 43 results received so far, about half are considered unsafe due to bacteria. Residents with private wells should contact their local health departments for test kits.

### **ROAD CLOSURES/ CONDITIONS**

#### **Interstate highway system**

- 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. The detour goes from STH 83 SB to I-43 SB to I-39/90 NB to Madison.
- I-39 northbound and 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. The northbound detour follows the same route, starting from the USH 51/I-39/90/94 interchange north of Madison.
- Exits from I-90/94 to STH 33 remain closed. The entire I-39/STH 33 interchange remains closed.

#### **Road closures due to flooding (state owned roads only).**

<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:**

The public is asked to call **1-800-ROAD-WIS (762-3947)**.

The Wisconsin Dept. of Transportation (DOT) web site (<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.

### **Special Regulations:**

Weight limits — Vehicles carrying relief supplies, assisting in flood abatement, and responding to emergency services are exempted from DOT oversize and overweight vehicle regulations on and along a line from I-90 at LaCrosse, east to I-94 at Tomah, north on I-94 to STH 21, east on STH 21 to I-39, north on I-39 to USH 10 at Stevens Points and east on USH 10 to Manitowoc.

### **FEDERAL/STATE**

A Joint Field Office will open today in Madison, staffed by state agencies, FEMA, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), and other federal agencies. Crews will continue assessing private sector damage in additional counties today, and begin assessing damage to public infrastructure next week.

FEMA is advising citizens that its disaster assistance covers an individual's basic needs only and will not normally compensate the entire loss. The government may help pay for basic needs not covered under insurance policies.

The disaster declaration frees up federal funding for individual assistance in these counties for eligible expenses such as home repair and temporary housing. Individuals need to call 1-800-621-FEMA to apply for assistance, or apply online at [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov).

When applying for help, be sure to have the following information available:

- Your current telephone number;
- Your address at the time of the disaster and the address where you now are staying;
- Your Social Security number, if available;
- A general list of damages and losses you suffered;
- If insured, the name of your company or agent and your policy number;
- General financial information;
- Bank account coding if you wish to speed up your assistance with direct deposit.

Disaster victims may be eligible for grants and or loan interest loans. The FEMA representative will explain the details to you when you call.

U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) offers low-interest disaster loans for homeowners, renters and businesses of all sizes to repair or replace damaged or destroyed property.

### **RED CROSS AND SALVATION ARMY**

The Red Cross has made several announcements, including:

- The opening of Service Delivery Centers in Richland, Milwaukee, La Crosse, Sauk and Dodge counties. Find the press release at: <http://emergencymanagement.wi.gov/docview.asp?docid=13991&locid=18>
- Mobile Delivery Service for Columbus and Portage counties. Find the press release 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. Find the press release with exact locations at: <http://emergencymanagement.wi.gov/docview.asp?docid=13989&locid=18>

## **Resources:**

- The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) stands ready to assist victims of recent severe storms, tornadoes and flooding in Wisconsin:  
[http://www.sba.gov/idc/groups/public/documents/sba\\_homepage/serv\\_recent\\_wi\\_1288\\_fact.pdf](http://www.sba.gov/idc/groups/public/documents/sba_homepage/serv_recent_wi_1288_fact.pdf)
- DNR has educational information for citizens affected by flooding on its web site at [http://dnr.wi.gov/emergency/current\\_flood.html](http://dnr.wi.gov/emergency/current_flood.html)
- Information for disposal or reuse of sandbags can be obtained by contacting a DNR waste management specialist: <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/wm/contacts/solid.htm>
- Updated information on parks and state trails can be found at: [www.wiparks.net](http://www.wiparks.net).
- Information for private water well owners: <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/water/dwg/flood.htm>
- Information on consumer protection, agricultural assistance and food safety for flood victims can be found at <http://www.datcp.state.wi.us/flood2008/index.jsp>
- DHFS recommends that home owners and renters with private well water that has been subjected to flooding contact their local public health department for a well water test kit. Some private wells in flooded areas have tested positive for fecal coli form bacteria and deemed unsafe.

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