



**Minnesota Department of Public Safety  
Division of Homeland Security and  
Emergency Management**



**2014-MN-006: High Precipitation Storms - June 2014**

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**Situation Report**

**Subject:** Situation Report #12

**Reporting Period:** 06/27/2014 12:00 - 06/30/2014 11:59

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*Background / Current Situation*

**Background**

The previous fifteen days have seen significant precipitation fall throughout portions the state. Beginning June 11, a high precipitation weather system crossed the state causing localized flooding due to stream, river and lake rises coupled with saturated soils. Koochiching and Rock counties began reporting flooding, but experienced little infrastructure damage early in the period.

As rains continued, and waters continued to rise, roads and wastewater systems were flooded in larger areas of north-central MN and southwest MN. Storms continued bringing torrential or steady heavy rains to the same areas from June 11 to June 19, affecting the Twin Cities Metro, northwest Minnesota, and southern Minnesota. County, state and federal roadways have been closed, numerous drinking water and wastewater systems have been impacted, power outages impacted over 100,000 people, multiple landslides and mudslides have occurred throughout the state, and other infrastructure damages have also been reported.

More widespread flooding issues for local communities, counties and state agency partners are beginning to arise. Flood warnings remain valid for numerous areas throughout Minnesota.

Severe weather, including heavy rain, occurred this last Sunday to Monday morning in central and southern Minnesota, but rainfall amounts were less than the maximum models. In addition, crop damage occurred from large hail, damaging winds and the heavy rains during this continuing time-frame.

This next weekend is forecast to see high-precipitation weather events and severe weather for much of Minnesota Friday afternoon through Monday morning.

Governor Mark Dayton issued Governor's Executive Order 14-11, "Declaring a State of Peacetime Emergency in the State of Minnesota" declaring a state of emergency in 35 Minnesota counties.

**Current Situation**

- The State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) remains at Level II: Full Activation. State Agency Briefings are held at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. each weekday.
- FEMA recovery teams will be in Minnesota for a briefing on Monday.

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## **Operations Section Chief**

## *Agency Summary*

On June 16, 2014, the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) moved to Activation Level II: Full State Activation in response to the severe storms and continuing high precipitation that has impacted the entire state. SEOC operational hours are 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. The incident officially began on June 11th, 2014.

Command and General Staff assignments for Saturday, June 28th - Sunday, June 29th:

- Governor's Authorized Representative (GAR): Kris Eide
- State Incident Manager: Kevin Reed
- Operations Chief: Kari Goelz
- Logistics Chief: Cassie Calametti
- External Affairs / Lead PIO: Julie Anderson

The Operations Section continues to coordinate with the Regional Program Coordinators in gathering damage information from local jurisdictions and maintaining situational awareness for SEOC partners. FEMA Recovery Staff will be traveling to MN over the weekend.

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## **MN Department of Agriculture**

## *Agency Summary*

- MDA field staff are continuing normal inspections. Inspectors are checking with the farms and facilities they normally monitor and reporting any issues.

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## **MN Department of Corrections**

## *Agency Summary*

Friday, June 27, 2014

- The Minnesota Department of Corrections sent one 8 offender ICWC crew and one staff to Minnetonka to sandbag for 8 hours.

Saturday, June 28, 2014

- The Minnesota Department of Corrections sent one 10 offender ICWC crew and one staff to Minnetonka to sandbag for 8 hours.

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## **MN Department of Education**

## *Agency Summary*

- MN Department of Education (MDE) facilities staff are maintaining contact with the school districts located within impacted counties to collect damage information as it becomes available.

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## **MN Department of Employment and Economic Development**

## *Agency Summary*

An impact survey has been posted online. It is titled "Survey of Minnesota Business and Organizations affected by

Flooding in June 2014"and is available at:

- Faxable/email-able survey: <http://tinyurl.com/MNflood>
- Online survey: <http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/1705840/Floods>

Total surveys received (St. Paul - 1)

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## MN Department of Health

### *Agency Summary*

- MDH staff from multiple divisions are providing normal inspections and consultations.
- MDH staff are also available to provide consultation for any flood-related concerns.
- There were no requests for flood-related assistance or activity over the weekend.

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## MN Department of Labor and Industry

### *Agency Summary*

- The heat stress Smartphone app, entitled "Heat Safety Tool", can be found at this address:
  - [www.osha.gov/sltc/heatillness/heat\\_index/heat\\_app.html](http://www.osha.gov/sltc/heatillness/heat_index/heat_app.html)
- Additional Heat Stress safety information can be found at the following state and federal OSHA websites:
  - [www.dli.mn.gov/osha/heatstress.asp](http://www.dli.mn.gov/osha/heatstress.asp)
  - [www.osha.gov/sltc.heatstress/index.html](http://www.osha.gov/sltc.heatstress/index.html)

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## MN Department of Natural Resources

### *Agency Summary*

- DNR staff continue to assess site facilities and natural resources statewide for damages and conduct repairs to infrastructure including roads, trails, culverts, dams, campsites, docks, piers, and landings.
- Blue Mounds State Park and Fort Snelling State Park remain closed to the public.
- Many state parks, trails, and recreation areas have partial closures. Specific information on each park may be obtained from the MN DNR website at:
  - [http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/state\\_parks/list\\_alpha.html](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/state_parks/list_alpha.html)
- OHV trail closure info can be found at:
  - <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/ohv/closures.html>
- State Forest Road closure info can be found at:
  - <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/trailconditions/listing.html>

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## MN Office of Pipeline Safety

### *Agency Summary*

CenterPoint Energy reports the following

**Water Crossing:** High Water Survey update - South suburban/outstate service area.

**Luverne service area:** Water is receding, no risk to company facilities was observed.

**Mankato, St. James and Blue Earth:** High water levels are receding in Mankato, St. James and Blue Earth. The area will continue to be monitored even after water levels recede to identify any areas of risk.

**St. Peter:** Monitoring Highway 99 Bridge where a CNP main is attached to bridge. Bridge is closed to traffic at this

time and water level is still substantially below the deck and water levels are receding.

**Highway 169:** is reopened between County Road 8 in Le Sueur and County Road 22 in St. Peter. CNP facilities were not affected by high water levels in this area.

**Waterville:**

- 40 slab on grade homes experienced flooding on Friday afternoon, June 20. Home owners remain evacuated from the area by the fire department. MN Office of Pipeline Safety was notified by CNP Monday morning, June 23. Once water levels recede CNP will shut off and blind plate affected gas meters to allow inspection of each regulator and meter for repair, replacement or removal. Water levels have receded 8 inches.
- CNP personnel attended a city coordinated information meeting with affected residence at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, June 26, 2014. The CNP Ops supervisor, Belinda Wilson, communicated key messages from the 2014 Flood Plan & flood safety tips. CNP will work with applicable officials regarding natural gas facilities.

**Le Sueur:** Saturday, June 21 - The service to a home in Le Sueur was capped by CNP personnel as a result of a basement wall cave in after water weakened the structure.

**Prior Lake:** Observed for high water conflicts with gas facilities. CNP HSP responded to one customer who wanted a mechanical equipment assessment after their basement experienced high water. The gas meter was not affected.

**Hastings and surrounding service area:** No risk to company facilities as a result of high water.

**Lakeland Township:** As of Wednesday, June 25th CNP personnel began monitoring homes and businesses near the St. Croix River where sandbagging has occurred to prevent flooding. A number of years ago, regulator vents were extended above anticipated flood levels as well as meter sets being raised.

**St. Mary's Point/Beach:** As of Wednesday, June 25th CNP personnel began monitoring homes and business near the St. Croix River, again, remedial steps were taken in previous years to elevate regulator vents and meter sets.

**Shakopee service area:** An area in the City of Carver was observed Thursday afternoon, June 19th due to erosion that occurred 400 yards north on Broadway St No. from 6th ST E. To ensure zero risk to the exposed pipe, C&M crew cut and capped the main just north of Broadway St North on Friday afternoon. There is one residential service beyond an exposed section of a main. This customer will be served by a CNG tank until noted repairs by the city and CNP are completed.

**Chaska:** Beginning Thursday, June 26th, a water crossing on Creek Road, ¼ mile north of Creek Lane is being monitored as water levels in the Chaska Creek rise and debris has potential to collect on the upstream side of the bridge near a 3" ST CL-2 main which CNP has attached to the bridge. Operations have identified that necessary stopper equipment and materials are on hand in the Shakopee emergency materials storeroom.

**Jordan:** Valley Green Trailer Park in Jordan was assessed Wednesday, June 25, for high water impact on CNP regulators and meters. The park was reported Wednesday morning to have been flooded; water will continue to affect the area as the water levels crest and recede. CNP personnel inspected the area and determined water levels did not reach any regulators or meters. The area will continue to be monitored. The TBS serving Jordan, MN was inspected Thursday, June 19 upon reports of ground erosion. Ground erosion occurred 300 yards from the TBS. There is no risk to the facility, including the main it serves.

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## **MN Pollution Control Agency**

## *Agency Summary*

- MPCA staff members are advising wastewater operators.
- MPCA providing specific assistance to Waterville operator.
- MPCA staff will be assisting operators to return to normal treatment operations when flooding abates.
- Solid waste staff are conferring with the county solid waste administrators to advise and assist on debris collection from flooded homes.
- MPCA is standing by for any reports of floated basement fuel tanks or debris assistance requests.
- MPCA flood debris and cleanup "toolkit for local government officials" webpage has been activated. MPCA webpages on debris and cleanup advice for homeowners have been activated.

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## **MN State Fire Marshal**

## *Agency Summary*

Friday, June 27, 2014

- Spoke with AHIMT team lead and the water is continuing to recede, the sandbagging operation may finish tonight (1800). The team is generating a situation map with locations of damaged, destroyed, and untouched structures using google maps and a field survey. The documentation is being compiled and local EM representatives given some training/guidance in preparation for them taking over the role. The primary objectives for the team are to create the damage assessment (google map) and to create the IAP template for the response efforts. They are also working a recovery plan into the IAP that City Hall is developing.
- IAP's were developed for Friday and tomorrow's (Saturday). The FAST Team, along with a Statewide Mutual Aid company, be providing coverage tonight. Waterville Fire is scheduled to resume their own coverage Saturday morning (tomorrow). The team will probably transition out tomorrow unless there is a problem that is identified that has not already been.
- A Google Map was developed for Waterville that plotted the damage.
- Deputy State Fire Marshal demobilized from Waterville.

Saturday, June 28, 2014

- All State Fire Marshal requested resources have been demobilized

Sunday, June 29, 2014

- Spoke with Fire Chief of Waterville and even with an additional inch of rain overnight, things are still looking good. The water is still receding. They are waiting until tomorrow to open up some of the streets, but it appears that is possible. Monday morning they anticipate starting the recovery plan.

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## **MN State Patrol**

## *Agency Summary*

- MN State Patrol Flight Section fulfilled a photo flight/observation request from St. Paul on June 27th. Passengers were employees in the St. Paul Divisions of Emergency Management, Parks and Engineering.
- No other reports of resources deployed due to flooding issues.

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## **MN Department of Transportation - SEOC**

## *Agency Summary*

- All MnDOT districts are reporting that conditions have stabilized and they most are back to routine

maintenance activities. Site damage assessments continue in affected areas.

- District 1 is watching Rainy Lake as it continues to rise near State Hwy 11. A landslide area on Hwy 53 appears to have stabilized. Monitoring continues.
- District 6, nothing new over weekend. Hwy 60 at the entrance to the city of Wabasha remains closed. Hwy 65 in Albert Lea is opening this morning.
- District 7 opened Hwy 99 bridge in St. Peter was opened Saturday. No new damage over the weekend. Inspections continue. Scour monitoring at bridges continues.
- Metro reports rivers are receding, no new damage over the weekend. Crews are out assessing damage.
- MnDOT continues to keep the emergency road closure applications up to date. Please visit [511mn.org](http://511mn.org) if you are unable to access the DLAN COP viewer for the most current road closures or advisories.

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## American Red Cross

## Agency Summary

In the seventeenth day of response:

- American Red Cross (ARC) of Southern MN has opened 12 flood-related cases to date (Le Sueur County, Redwood County); ARC of Northern MN has opened three flood-related cases (Dakota County, Ramsey County.)
- No shelters have been activated but are available if needed.
- ARC is working with Scott County to assess needs in Blakely Township.
- ARC has distributed 288 clean-up kits (Blue Earth County, Brown County, Sibley County), with additional available as needed.
- ARC reports that sandbagging has ceased in Koochiching County and will respond if conditions change.
- ARC is in direct contact with Emergency Management in Blue Earth, Brown, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Koochiching, Le Sueur, Ramsey/St Paul, Redwood County, Rice, Roseau, Scott, Sibley, Steele, Washington and Wright.

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## MN Voluntary Agencies Active in Disaster (MNVOAD) - Liaisons in SEOC

## Agency Summary

Several member agencies are continuing response activities in southern MN this weekend:

- United Way 211 continues to compile a list of all callers requesting assistance for flood-related needs across the state. Residents are encouraged to call 211 or (800-543-7709) to find information on flood recovery resources available, including resources from MNVOAD and its partners.
- Nechama continued clean-up efforts in Rock county; while Catholic United and Headwaters Relief partnered for clean up in Brown County (New Ulm) on Saturday. Red Cross Southern Region provided snacks and hydration for workers, the Adventist provided their cooling trailer as a mobile respite station, and Martin Luther College has offered their facility for lodging.
- Catholic United, IOCC, United Methodists, Christian Aid Ministries, and Baptist Convention are prepping their resources to help with clean up efforts early next week in the Metro and in the Central MN areas (starting with whichever county is ready for their assistance first).
- CORRECTION: Team Rubicon was NOT able to fulfill request from Sibley Co to assist a disabled veteran, with basement clean up...other MNVOAD agencies are assessing to see if they can assist.
- MNVOAD paused their coordination conference calls for the weekend to allow members to focus on planned clean-up efforts or to get some rest. These calls will resume on Monday, June 30th, at 1:00 p.m. each day.

**SEOC Operations Section**  
**Five Day Forecast: Minnesota - Hennepin**

*Weather*

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				
Slight Chance of Thunderstorms	Likely Rain Showers	Clear	Clear	Chance of Thunderstorms
82 F / 27 C	68 F / 20 C	70 F / 21 C	75 F / 23 C	77 F / 25 C
60 F / 15 C	55 F / 12 C	53 F / 11 C	58 F / 14 C	63 F / 17 C