



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



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

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**Recovery Phase: Situation Report**

**Subject:** Recovery Phase Situation Report #18

**Reporting Period:** 07/24/2014 12:00 - 07/25/2014 11:59

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*Current Situation*

**Background**

Minnesota has 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.

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.

On July 9, 2014, Governor Dayton submitted a request for a Presidential Disaster Declaration to the White House.

On July 21, 2014, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency announced that federal disaster aid has been made available to the State of Minnesota to supplement state and local recovery efforts in the area affected by severe storms, straight-line winds, flooding, landslides, and mudslides during the period of June 11 to July 11, 2014. This is disaster DR-4182.

**Current Situation**

- A flood warning continues in an area east of International Falls due to high water on Rainy Lake and surrounding areas. This area was impacted by the current incident.
- Preliminary Damage Assessments (PDAs) have concluded for this incident.

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## SEOC Recovery - Preliminary Damage Assessment Teams *Agency Summary*

The Preliminary Damage Assessment process for this disaster has concluded. Some county determinations are still being made. The attached map shows the current status for all counties in Minnesota.

The Minnesota Department of Commerce (DOC) has reported that funding is available in Minnesota under the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP).

- **Summary:** The DOC Weatherization Disaster Plan has been approved by the US Department of Energy, and has been put into play whenever there is a disaster-declared area. A homeowner who is eligible for the WAP may be eligible for additional work to their home. Both in-progress and previously weatherized dwellings are included. The homeowner must use all other means of assistance prior to receiving WAP disaster assistance and even then, there are limits as to what may be done with the USDOE WAP funds.
- **Provider Notification:** DOC has notified their Service Providers throughout the state that the disaster plan was in effect so agencies that are located in designated disaster areas will be prepared for eligible homeowners. DOC also reminded those identified lenders to be aware of the following requirements.
- **Allowable expenditures under WAP include:**
  - 1) the cost of incidental repairs to an eligible dwelling unit if such repairs are necessary to make the installation of weatherization materials effective and,
  - 2) the cost of eliminating health and safety hazards, elimination of which is necessary before the installation of weatherization materials (10 CFR 440.18(d)(9); 10 CFR 440.18(d)(15)).
  - To the extent that the services are in support of eligible weatherization (or permissible re-weatherization) work, such expenditure would be allowable. For example, debris removal at a dwelling unit so that the unit can be weatherized would be an allowable cost. Debris removal from a dwelling unit that is not to be weatherized would not be an allowable cost.
- **Household Eligibility:** Households in disaster areas must meet the same eligibility criteria as other WAP-eligible households.
- **Dwelling Eligibility:** In order for a dwelling to be considered eligible for WAP assistance under this plan it:
  - Must be occupied by an eligible household (or was prior to the disaster).
  - Must be in a federal or state designated area.
  - Must be a habitable structure, or will be once all work is complete.
  - Was an in-progress WAP unit at the time of the disaster where already-installed materials are damaged or destroyed by the disaster.
  - Is located in a county contiguous to the official disaster counties and damage was caused by the disaster.
  - May include previously weatherized dwellings that may be re-weatherized without regard to the date of the original weatherization.
- **Priority of Service:** Disaster-damaged dwellings will be a priority in designated disaster areas. Both in-progress and previously weatherized dwellings are included. This priority designation will last for up to one year, depending upon the circumstances of the disaster, as determined by Commerce.
- **Eligible Activities:** All dwellings must have a current energy audit in order to determine which of the following allowed activities are needed and feasible within the parameters of the WAP rules and guidance:
  - Limited clean-up in those areas of the dwelling where weatherization and/or health and safety materials

will be installed. Costs will be charged to the General Repairs measure type in the WA software.

- Removal of previously-installed weatherization and/or health and safety materials that are damaged beyond repair, and will be replaced as part of the current activity.
  - Installation of weatherization materials as described in the State Plan.
  - Repair or replacement of mechanical system components including, but not limited to heating plants, water heaters, venting, controls, and distribution.
- **Work Quality/Inspection:** All work must be completed according to the standards contained in the WAP Policy manual and field guides, as well as building, mechanical or other relevant codes. No unit will be counted as complete until all materials are installed in a quality manner and have passed a final inspection by subgrantee staff.
  - **Coordination With Other Funds:** It is expected that WAP activities will be coordinated with other funded activities to the maximum extent practical. This will not only help make the most prudent and non-duplicative use of all funds, but will also help to ensure that service to eligible households will be maximized. However, WAP funds will not be used to supplant other funds such as FEMA and insurance dollars, which must be applied first in renovating disaster-damaged dwellings.
  - **Walk-Away:** Some dwellings may be beyond the scope of the WAP assistance because of a disaster. The subgrantee will carefully evaluate, document, and inform the client in writing of the reasons for the walk-away determination.
  - **Required Documentation:** Files must contain sufficient documentation to establish the eligibility of the household and dwelling, as well as to justify the work performed, in accordance with Minnesota's WAP State Plan and WAP policy manual. Such documentation includes but is not limited to:
    - Household eligibility;
    - Certification of disaster status (could be a FEMA letter or habitability document, etc.);
    - Documentation that all other applicable funds have been used or have been denied prior to the use of WAP funds;
    - Existing conditions that will be remediated by WAP activities;
    - Amount of other funds being used in renovation of the dwelling;
    - Reasons for walking away, where appropriate; and,
    - Other, as specified by Commerce.
  - **Costs/Averages:** While exact costs for work in disaster-damaged dwellings are anticipated to run somewhat higher than the state average cost per unit, Minnesota will maintain its statewide average at about the same level as it would be if there were no disaster completions.
  - **Reporting:** Disaster-related completions and expenses will be tracked and reported separately from other completions as required by USDOE grant guidance, using the WA and eHEAT software.

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## Operations Section Chief

## Agency Summary

- The State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) remains at Activation Level III: Partial Activation. The incident has transitioned from Response to Recovery operations. The incident officially began on June 11th, 2014.
- HSEM Readiness Section staff are supporting the demobilization of the PDA staff and their equipment.
- **Process for Recovery Resource Requests**
  - The MN Duty Officer will take calls from *County Emergency Managers (or their designee)* requesting resources for recovery efforts (651-649-5451 / 800-422-0798).
  - The request will be routed to the SEOC where a corresponding DisasterLAN call ticket can be entered, tracked and actions can be documented.
  - Coordination with the Public/Private Coordination and Action Team (P2CAT), or other appropriate entity, will be handled by SEOC Logistics.
  - Requesters can track request progress by using the DisasterLAN Ticket Manager and searching for the corresponding DLAN call ticket.
- The Operations Section continues maintaining situational awareness for SEOC partners and those involved in the recovery process.

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

## Agency Summary

- Voluntary Agency Updates
  - Mennonite Disaster Services – They are working with a homeowner in Blakely and a homeowner in Wadena.
  - United Way 211 – one new call for assistance from St. Louis Park.
  - Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (LDS), Headwaters Disaster Response – They will assist with a second clean-up day in Wadena to be scheduled on Tuesday, July 29. The Wadena Police Department is working as the local partner to identify and schedule those who need assistance.
- Next Call: Monday, July 28, 2014, 1:00 PM.

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## SEOC Operations Section

## Weather

### Five Day Forecast: Minnesota - Koochiching (KDLH)

Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
				
Scattered Thunderstorms	Likely Rain Showers	Chance of Rain Showers	Clear	Clear
76 F / 24 C 58 F / 14 C	81 F / 27 C 57 F / 13 C	70 F / 21 C 49 F / 9 C	72 F / 22 C 54 F / 12 C	76 F / 24 C 55 F / 12 C

**Please monitor NOAA All-Hazards Weather Radio and National Weather Service information sources.**

