



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



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

Recovery Phase: Situation Report

Subject: Recovery Phase Situation Report #2

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Background / 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.

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.

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.

SEOC Recovery - Preliminary Damage Assessment Teams *Agency Summary*

Preliminary Damage Assessments (PDA) were conducted in 3 counties on Tuesday: Rock, Jackson, and Nobles.

- **Rock County:** significant damages were identified for the Buffalo Ridge Regional Railroad, Sioux Valley Energy electric cooperative, Blue Mounds State Park dam failure, and numerous bridge approach washouts. Rock county damages were estimated at \$5.1 million.
- **Jackson County:** the assessment revealed \$350,000 in storm related costs and damages. The most significant issue for Jackson county was reported to be the 100 miles of debris created by cornstalk runoff into road ditches which restricted the drainage system.
- **Nobles County:** experienced similar costs and damages with repair estimated at \$650,000. The most significant damages were reported by the two electrical cooperatives.
- **The total estimate after Day 1 is \$6.1 million.**

Additional counties are being scheduled as HSEM receives county Damage and Impact Assessment Reports. PDAs will continue next Tuesday, July 8, in southern Minnesota.

PDA Schedule

- Tuesday, July 1
 - Teams 1 and 3: 9:00 a.m. in Rock County
 - Team 2: 9:00 a.m. in Jackson County and 1:30 p.m. in Nobles County
- Wednesday, July 2
 - Team 1 at 10:00 a.m. in Renville County

Operations Section Chief

Agency Summary

- On June 30, 2014, the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) moved to Activation Level III: Partial Activation. The incident has transitioned from Response to Recovery operations. The incident officially began on June 11th, 2014.
- HSEM staff will continue to closely monitor both remaining response activities and recovery activities now underway.
- 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 and those involved in the recovery process.
- FEMA Recovery Staff arrived in Minnesota and preliminary damage assessments were conducted yesterday and today in the first group of impacted areas. Preliminary damage assessment activities will resume Tuesday, July 8.

MN Department of Corrections

Agency Summary

- On July 1, 2014 the Department of Corrections sent a seven-offender ICWC crew along with one supervisor to remove sandbags and remove tree debris in Eden Prairie, MN.

MN Department of Health

Agency Summary

- The Behavioral Health Program Coordinator is participating in the Long-Term Recovery conference calls for

situational awareness. No specific need for MDH resources has been identified at this time.

- An environmental health sanitarian responded to a flooded restaurant in Scott County and reviewed the modified food preparation and protection procedures.

MN Department of Natural Resources

Agency Summary

- DNR staff continue to conduct damage assessments and repairs to infrastructure including roads, trails, culverts, dams, campsites, docks, piers, and landings.
- Closings and Re-openings
 - Blue Mounds State Park and Fort Snelling State Park remain closed to the public.
 - MN Valley State Trail is closed to the public.
 - Scenic Park Drive has reopened at Maplewood State Park.
 - Washington/Ramsey and Straight Arrows Trails have reopened to the public.
 - State Forest Trails are now open at Chengwatana, Fond du Lac, and St Croix.
 - Many state parks, trails, and recreation areas still 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
 - OHV trail closure information can be found at:
 - <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/ohv/closures.html>
 - State Forest Road closure information can be found at:
 - <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/trailconditions/listing.html>

MN Department of Transportation - SEOC

Agency Summary

There are few changes from yesterday. Most MnDOT districts are not involved in any flood recovery activity.

- A few districts are doing minor repair work.
 - District 7 - Throughout the district there are a large number of slides and washouts that are being repaired. Site assessments are on-going. Highway 93 from Highway 169 into Le Sueur is being inspected today to determine when it can be reopened. Repairs are being made as conditions allow.
 - Metro District
 - Will be removing the I-35W barricades next Tuesday or Wednesday (after the fourth of July weekend).
 - Will be removing the ditch block at Black Dog Road.
 - Water on TH41 is receding. Engineering will assess the damage and determine if there are any needed repairs.
 - Many slope failures. The district is in the process of identifying them all. It may take a couple of weeks before all damaged areas are assessed.
 - The Stillwater Bridge is opening today (July 2nd) at approximately 4:00 p.m.

MN Pollution Control Agency

Agency Summary

- MPCA staff members are advising wastewater operators on recovering full operations.
- Solid waste staff are conferring with the county solid waste administrators to advise and assist on debris collection from flooded homes.
- 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.

- MPCA participating in Minnesota Recovers Task Force.

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

- Several member agencies are preparing to support clean-up and recovery 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; Headwaters Relief resumed clean up in Brown county (New Ulm) on Wednesday with volunteers from local community and borrowing some tools from Salvation Army.
 - Catholic United and IOCC began clean up for a few homes in Sibley county on Wednesday; planning to assist in Blakely (Scott county) when finished.
 - United Methodists, Christian Aid Ministries, and Baptist Convention are prepping their resources to help with clean up efforts later this week in other affected Central MN areas (starting with whichever county is ready for their assistance first).
- MNVOAD continues to have their daily coordination conference calls at 1:00 p.m.
- MNVOAD also hosted a separate conference call on Wednesday morning to begin discussing long-term recovery issues.

American Red Cross Agency Summary

- The Red Cross continues to support and coordinate requests for assistance from throughout the State. Such requests are being assigned through MNVOAD calls daily.
- The Red Cross in the Southern MN Region will support MNVOAD partners and volunteers today in New Ulm with feeding as they begin cleanup efforts. We expect to feed approximately 30 volunteers.
- The Red Cross currently has two shelter teams on standby with potential shelter locations if needed.
 1. One is in Koochiching County as the wind is expected to blow from the north/northwest potentially impacting the homes on the southern shores of Rainy Lake; and,
 2. The second is in Scott County prepared to shelter clients from the Prior Lake area. Neither team has been requested at this time.

SEOC Operations Section Weather

Five Day Forecast: Minnesota - Sibley

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				
Clear	Clear	Chance of Thunderstorms	Chance of Thunderstorms	Chance of Thunderstorms
70 F / 21 C 52 F / 11 C	74 F / 23 C 56 F / 13 C	78 F / 25 C 63 F / 17 C	80 F / 26 C 66 F / 18 C	84 F / 28 C 67 F / 19 C