



**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 #5

**Reporting Period:** 07/07/2014 12:00 - 07/08/2014 11:59

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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. In addition to infrastructure and residential damages, crop damage also resulted from large hail, damaging winds and the heavy rains received during this continuing time-frame.

Severe weather, including some heavy rain, is again expected this week in portions of Minnesota.

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.

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

- Preliminary Damage Assessments resumed today in Chippewa, Freeborn, Murray, Pipestone, and Hennepin Counties. PDAs will continue the remainder of the week in Sibley, Steele, Martin, Carver, Scott, Nicollet, Blue Earth, Ramsey, Brown, and Dakota Counties. Additional counties will be added to the PDA schedule as their Initial Damage and Impact Assessment Reports are received and verified.
- DEED is reporting that they have received approximately 95 responses to their disaster business surveys. The deadline to submit surveys will be extended to a date yet to be determined.
- **PDA Schedule**
  - **Tuesday, July 8**  
Chippewa, Freeborn, Murray, Pipestone, and Hennepin counties.
  - **Wednesday, July 9**  
Sibley, Steele, Martin, Hennepin (Day 2), and Carver counties.
  - **Thursday, July 10**  
Nicollet, Blue Earth, Hennepin (Day 3, if needed), Ramsey, and Carver (Day 2) counties.
  - **Friday, July 11**  
Brown, Blue Earth (Day 2), Ramsey (Day 2), and Dakota counties.
- It is important for any tribal government, state agency, or county emergency manager to report sites that are inaccessible due to the disaster and cannot be safely assessed. This can be reported during the county PDA, or for state agencies, directly to [angela.d.brown@state.mn.us](mailto:angela.d.brown@state.mn.us).

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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 Operations staff continue to monitor and support 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.

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## **SEOC Volunteer Resource Coordinator**

## *Agency Summary*

- Headwaters Disaster Relief is planning a third visit to New Ulm to finish two remaining clean-ups.
- MN-WI Baptists assisted a homeowner over the holiday weekend and attempted contact with several others.
- HSEM and MNVOAD are working with Blue Earth and Le Sueur counties to determine needs for voluntary agency assistance.
- HSEM and MNVOAD conference calls continue on Wednesday, July 9 and Friday, July 11.

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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:  
<https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/hsem/disaster-recovery/Documents/2014-floods-disaster-impact-survey-final.pdf>
  - Online survey:  
<http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/1705840/Floods>
- The deadline for returning the survey has been extended to July 25
- Total surveys received as of July 7, 2014: 92

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## MN Pollution Control Agency

### *Agency Summary*

- Solid waste staff prepared to advise and assist on debris collection from flooded homes.
- The 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 is participating in the Minnesota Recovers Task Force.

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## MN Department of Transportation - SEOC

### *Agency Summary*

Most MnDOT districts are not involved in any flood recovery activity. The following Districts are reporting activity.

### **District 1**

- Water levels are slowly receding at Rainy Lake along TH11. Anticipate some shoulder erosion repairs necessary.

### **District 7**

- Impacted sites are still being evaluated, repairs being made as conditions allow.

### **Metro District**

- Will be removing the dike on I-35W on Wednesday evening.
- Still inspecting slope failures.

## SEOC Operations Section

Weather

### Five Day Forecast: Minnesota - Sibley

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				
Clear	Clear	Likely Thunderstorms	Chance of Thunderstorms	Chance of Thunderstorms
76 F / 24 C 55 F / 12 C	76 F / 24 C 58 F / 14 C	81 F / 27 C 66 F / 18 C	81 F / 27 C 66 F / 18 C	79 F / 26 C 62 F / 16 C

Severe weather is possible several days this week, with showers and some thunderstorms possible today. **Please monitor NOAA All-Hazards Weather Radio and National Weather Service information sources for current information.**

- Northwest MN - <http://www.weather.gov/fgf>
- Northeast MN - <http://www.weather.gov/dlh>
- Southern 2/3 of MN - <http://www.weather.gov/mpx>
- Southeast MN - <http://www.weather.gov/arx>
- Southwest MN - <http://www.weather.gov/fsd>
- Western MN - <http://www.weather.gov/abr>
- Storm Prediction Center - <http://www.spc.noaa.gov/>