

Missouri River Flooding – State Joint Information Center Update

DES MOINES – The Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division (HSEMD) continues to work closely with personnel from various state and federal agencies in response to flooding along the Missouri River in Western Iowa. SEOC is staffed daily from 7:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. until further notice.

State Response Summary

- **HSEMD**

- **NEW:** There have been false reports that the Saylorville Lake reservoir is full due to heavy rains in Central Iowa in recent days. The Saylorville Lake reservoir was at 860.43 feet as of 9 a.m. Wednesday June 15, 2011. The reservoir is 30 feet below flood stage.
- **NEW:** The Iowa Concern Hotline has been designated by the Governor's Office as the official disaster hotline. The hotline is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. All calls are free and confidential. 1-800-447-1985.
- **NEW:** The Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division (HSEMD) will be conducting joint preliminary damage assessments with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and local officials as a result of flooding along the Missouri River.
 - Public Assistance joint PDA teams will review damage in six counties along the Missouri River: Fremont, Harrison, Mills, Monona, Pottawattamie and Woodbury. The Public Assistance program provides to public entities and select nonprofit agencies funding to rebuild damaged infrastructure that may include roads, bridges, culverts, and other public facilities.

- **Iowa National Guard**

- Guard personnel continue to work with the Army Corps of Engineers to build up the secondary levee near Hamburg. Guard personnel are placing HESCO barriers on the levee and the Corps will fill the barriers with trucked-in materials.
- The Iowa National Guard currently has 180 soldiers performing levee patrol duties in Pottawattamie and Mills County. The Guard has 24 personnel on duty in Sioux City doing levee patrol.

- **DOT**
 - **NEW:** The Iowa Department of Transportation has closed the off-ramp on southbound Interstate 29 at exit 1 (Iowa 333 and Fremont County Road J-64) near Hamburg due to flooding.
 - Call center established for road closures: 1-866-452-8510
 - For more information on road closures, visit <http://www.iowadot.gov/floods/index.html> or www.511ia.org, or call 5-1-1 or 1-800-288-1047.
- **DHS**
 - **NEW:** Disaster Behavioral Health Response Teams (DBHRT) will begin canvassing Council Bluffs in area targeted by the county emergency manager as risk/high need. This area consists of about 6,000 homes or 30,000 people.
- **DNR**
 - **NEW:** DNR reminds citizens that they may not use a boat or other flotation device to check on their property. The flood waters are now a part of the Missouri River, which is closed to all boating traffic.
- **DOC**
 - **NEW:** The Iowa Department of Corrections (DOC) will send six inmates and guards for sandbagging operations near Onawa rest stops on Interstate 29.
 - Inmates from DOC will fill in for volunteers to fill rodent holes in the levees in Mills County.
- **Iowa Finance Authority (IFA)**
 - IFA continues to develop a rental housing resource guide for individuals who are seeking long term housing due to flooding.

EVACUATION SUMMARY

County	Location	Population
Woodbury		
Monona		
Harrison	Modale (6/7/2011)	200-300 voluntary

		evacuation
Pottawattamie	100 homes in Council Bluffs 6/9/2011	unknown
Mills	125 homes	unknown
Fremont	Mandatory evacuation in effect in the South Hamburg area – between Hamburg and the Missouri River (south end of City of Hamburg)	300+

SHELTER SUMMARY – IOWA SHELTERS

County	Location	Population
Woodbury	West Middle School, Sioux City, IA 3301 W. 19th St., Sioux City	0
Monona	West Monona High School, Onawa, IA 1314 15th St., Onawa	0
Harrison	NOW OPEN: Missouri Valley, Missouri Valley High School 605 Lincoln Highway, Missouri Valley	0
Pottawattamie	Lakin Human Services Campus 915 North 16th St., Council Bluffs	1
Mills	No shelters at this time	
Fremont	Sidney High School, Sidney, IA 2754 Knox Rd., Sidney	2

SHELTER SUMMARY – NEBRASKA SHELTERS OPEN

Location	Address	Population
Fort Calhoun High School	1506 Lincoln Street	Unknown
South Sioux City Middle School	3625 G Street	Unknown

County updates

- **Woodbury**
 - A Direct Federal Assistance Letter was submitted to the Army Corps of Engineers for emergency access and flood protection of city wells.
 - The Missouri River remains closed to all vessel traffic from the Iowa/Missouri border to Gavin's Point Lock & Dam at Yankton, South Dakota.

- **Monona**
 - **NEW:** Monona County has requested evacuation planning and assistance. Iowa Department of Public Health has been assigned this task.
 - The Army Corps of Engineers has provided a 16-inch pump to the City of Blencoe.

- **Harrison**
 - **NEW:** Harrison County has requested Army Corps of Engineers expertise in assessing areas of concern and pump needs.
 - 1,500 feet of poly and 3,000 sandbags have been requested to protect the rural electric co-op.
 - Western Iowa Power customers have had their service interrupted. This service will not be restored until August.

- **Pottawattamie**
 - Seven Iowa HSEMD Incident Management Team members have been deployed to Pottawattamie County through Sunday.
 - Iowa National Guard is currently conducting levee patrols. The National Guard will be installing surveillance cameras to watch levees.

- **Mills**
 - Mills County has requested 4,000 linear feet of poly. Iowa HSEMD has the poly in stock and will provide to Mills County.
 - Mills County has requested 2-10 inch trash pumps and 2-12 trash pumps for Pacific Junction. Iowa HSEMD has requested direct assistance from the Corps concerning boils in the levee near Pacific Junction.

- **Fremont**
 - **NEW:** The City of Hamburg has requested 50 Iowa National Guard soldiers to assist setting up HESCO barriers along Interstate 29 near Hamburg, Iowa.
 - **NEW:** The Iowa Department of Transportation and Iowa National Guard continue to deliver sand to Hamburg. The secondary levee continues to be built.
 - **NEW:** Iowa State Patrol reports that the water level on Interstate 29 near Hamburg has risen considerably in the last 24 hours. Water has risen to the southbound ditch at Exit 1 and the southbound onramp is closed with water covering the road.
 - **NEW:** The power and gas companies in Hamburg will be cutting power and gas services to all customers south of C Street.

- Iowa State Patrol will assist Fremont County Sherriff in patrolling Interstate 29 corridor where residents have evacuated. There have been no reports of looting at this time.

Donations and Volunteering

- **Donations of items such as clothing, food, furniture, etc, are NOT needed at this time.** Unsolicited donations cause additional staffing and storage problems that local officials do not have the resources to manage.
- **If you want to help, cash is best.** It doesn't need to be sorted, stored or distributed, and cash allows the receiving voluntary agency to direct the donation to the most urgent needs. To donate cash, visit www.aidmatrixnetwork.org/CashDonations/Default2.aspx?ST=Iowa
- Those wishing to volunteer in a disaster-related capacity may sign up to do so at <https://volunteer.truist.com/icovs/volunteer/register/>.

For more information, please visit www.iowahomelandsecurity.org or <https://governor.iowa.gov/news/missouri-river-flooding> .

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