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## State of Iowa Joint Information Center Update

DES MOINES – This update is provided by the Joint Information Center at the State Emergency Operations Center. For comprehensive disaster-related information and resources, visit the Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division (HSEMD) website at [www.iowahomelandsecurity.org](http://www.iowahomelandsecurity.org).

**NEW** – After today, updates from the Joint Information Center will be sent weekly rather than daily. Updates will be distributed on Thursdays.

This release includes the latest updates for the following severe weather events:

- DR-1998 - Missouri River flooding
- Summer 2011 severe weather and wind storm events

### **NEW – WEEKLY MEDIA CONFERENCE CALLS SUSPENDED**

Beginning Aug. 17, the weekly media calls have been suspended. Should response and recovery activities increase, the calls will again be held.

For information relating to the Missouri River flooding and summer storms, contact the State of Iowa Joint Information Center at 515-725-3231 or [HSEMDPIO@iowa.gov](mailto:HSEMDPIO@iowa.gov).

### **OTHER INFORMATION**

- **Donations:** Donations of items such as clothing, food, furniture, etc, are NOT needed at this time. If you want to help, cash is best. To donate cash, visit [www.aidmatrixnetwork.org/CashDonations/Default2.aspx?ST=Iowa](http://www.aidmatrixnetwork.org/CashDonations/Default2.aspx?ST=Iowa).
- **Volunteers:** Those wishing to volunteer in a disaster-related capacity may sign up to do so at [www.volunteeriowa.org](http://www.volunteeriowa.org).
- **Scams:** Iowans should be aware of the potential for disaster-related scams and price gouging. For information, visit the Iowa Attorney General's website at: [www.iowaAttorneyGeneral.gov](http://www.iowaAttorneyGeneral.gov).
- **Additional links**
  - Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division: [www.iowahomelandsecurity.org](http://www.iowahomelandsecurity.org).
  - Governor Branstad's flood page: <https://governor.iowa.gov/news/missouri-river-flooding>.

## **MISSOURI RIVER FLOODING**

<http://iowahomelandsecurity.org/disasters/disaster2011.html>

### **DR-1998: May 25 - Continuing**

- Counties: Fremont, Harrison, Mills, Monona, Pottawattamie and Woodbury
- Federal Public Assistance – All six counties
- **NEW** Federal Community Disaster Loan (CDL) Program – All six counties
- **State** Individual Assistance – All six counties

### **News and Updates:**

- **NEW – FEMA Approves Request to Activate Loan Program for Six Counties.** The State of Iowa's Aug. 15 request that FEMA activate its Community Disaster Loan (CDL) program for six Iowa counties has been approved.

Local communities in Fremont, Harrison, Mills, Monona, Pottawattamie and Woodbury counties are now eligible to apply for loans through the CDL program. The CDL Program provides operational funding to help local governments that have incurred a significant loss in revenue due to a major disaster that has or will adversely affect their ability to provide essential municipal services.

- **Gov. Branstad Requests Extended Timeframe to Appeal for Individual Assistance** Gov. Terry E. Branstad has requested an extension of the time period to appeal FEMA's decision to deny Individual Assistance to residents of Fremont, Harrison, Monona, Pottawattamie and Woodbury counties, due to Missouri River flooding.

On Aug. 4, 2011, Gov. Branstad received notification that FEMA had denied his request. The State has 30 days to appeal FEMA's denial. However, the governor has asked FEMA for an extension of the appeal to Nov. 15, 2011, so it may include damages that surface beyond that 30-day time period.

Iowa HSEMD is coordinating the appeal, working closely with the local emergency management agencies to determine additional damages and impacts caused by ongoing flooding.

- **Stay Aware, Be Prepared.** Iowa HSEMD reminds Iowans that flooding along the Missouri River is continuing, and river levels are projected to remain high for many more weeks. It is important that residents in threatened areas remain prepared in case conditions change. Keeping a bag packed with essential items and establishing a family evacuation plan will help Iowans be ready to evacuate if an order is given.
- **DNR Provides Sand and Sandbag Disposal Information.** The Iowa Department of Natural Resources has posted information on their website concerning disposal of sand and sandbags. The DNR provides guidance for cities, counties, residents and businesses. Visit [www.iowadnr.gov/InsideDNR/SocialMediaPressRoom/DisasterAssistance.aspx](http://www.iowadnr.gov/InsideDNR/SocialMediaPressRoom/DisasterAssistance.aspx), scroll down the page to the "Sand and Sandbag Disposal" link. There is a variety of useful information and resources at this site.

**State Response Summary:**

- **Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division (HSEMD)**
  - HSEMD continues to work closely with various local, state, federal, voluntary and faith-based organizations as well as private partners, and continues to field calls and provide assistance to local emergency management officials.

**SUMMER 2011 SEVERE WEATHER AND WIND STORM EVENTS**

[www.iowahomelandsecurity.org/disasters/storm2011.html](http://www.iowahomelandsecurity.org/disasters/storm2011.html)

**June 26: Severe Storms**

- **State Individual Assistance:** Marion County

**July 10-11: Severe Storms and Wind**

- Governor's Proclamation for Resources: Benton, Marshall, Story and Tama Counties
- **State Individual Assistance:** Benton, Marshall, Story, and Tama Counties

**July 13: Severe Storms and Flooding**

- **State Individual Assistance:** Dickinson County

**July 27: Severe Storms and Flooding**

- Governor's Proclamation for Resources: Dubuque County
- **State Individual Assistance:** Dubuque County

**Please note:** The July 10-11, July 13, and July 27 weather events occurred within the "July 9 and continuing" incident period.

**News and Updates:**

- **Small Business Administration Loans Available in Five Counties.** The Small Business Administration (SBA) low-interest federal disaster loans are available to Iowa residents and business owners affected by the severe storms and flash flooding that occurred July 27–28, 2011. The loans are available in the counties of Clayton, Delaware, Dubuque, Jackson and Jones.

SBA customer service representatives will be on hand weekdays through Friday, Aug. 26, at a Disaster Loan Outreach Center to issue loan applications, explain the application process and assist individuals. No appointment is necessary.

**Disaster Loan Outreach Center**

Federal Historic Building  
350 West 6th Street, 2nd Floor, Room 222  
Dubuque, Iowa 52001  
Hours: Monday–Friday, 9 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Applicants may apply online using the Electronic Loan Application (ELA) via SBA's secure website at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>. Disaster loan information and application forms are also available from SBA's Customer Service Center by calling SBA toll-free at (800) 659-2955, emailing [disastercustomerservice@sba.gov](mailto:disastercustomerservice@sba.gov), or visiting SBA's website at [www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance](http://www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance). Individuals who are deaf or hard-of-hearing may call (800) 877-8339.

The filing deadline to return applications for property damage is **Oct. 11, 2011**. The deadline to return economic injury applications is **May 12, 2012**.

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