



INCIDENT REPORT

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Weather

Light to moderate rainfall has moved through southern Wisconsin today with estimates of 0.10" to 0.50" falling so far. This has helped to push the more concerning air mass further south into Iowa and Illinois. A Severe Thunderstorm Watch has just been issued for the far southern row of counties in Wisconsin including: Lafayette, Green, Rock, Walworth, Racine and Kenosha counties.

The southern portion of Wisconsin still has the threat for flash flooding this evening into the overnight hours. At least an inch of rainfall is expected along the WI/IL border with up to 3" possible. Some locally higher rainfall amounts is possible, but not looking as likely with the stronger storms focusing further south. The main severe threat (besides flooding) is from damaging winds and possibly hail.

River Levels

Flood warnings remain in effect for the Baraboo, Rock, Pecatonica, Sugar, Kickapoo, Trempealeau and Fox Rivers

State of Emergency

Governor Walker declared a State of Emergency for 17 Wisconsin counties due to flooding. The counties in the declaration are Buffalo, Crawford, Dane, Grant, Green, Iowa, Jackson, Juneau, La Crosse, Lafayette, Monroe, Pepin, Richland, Rock, Sauk, Trempealeau and Vernon Counties.

This morning, Governor Walker, Major General Don Dunbar, Adjutant General of the Wisconsin National Guard, Wisconsin Emergency Management Administrator Brian Satula and Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Deputy Secretary Kurt Thiede met with flood victims and local officials and surveyed flood damage in Arcadia in Trempealeau County and Ontario in Vernon County. Between 6 to 8 inches of rain fell Wednesday night, causing flash flooding and rivers to rise to major flood stage. Many homes and businesses have been impacted by flooding. Sandbagging efforts continue throughout the region. So far, there have been no reports of fatalities.

Emergency Shelters

Emergency shelters are currently open in the following locations:

Trempealeau County

Holy Family Catholic Church
532 McKinley Street
Arcadia, Wis., 54612

Gale-Etrick-Trempealeau High School
17511 North Main Street

Galesville, Wis., 54630
Number of occupants not known

La Crosse County

Southern Bluff Elementary School
4010 Sunny Drive
La Crosse, Wis., 54601

Monroe County

Barney Center
1000 East Montgomery Street
Sparta, Wis., 54656

Crawford County

North Crawford Elementary School
47050 Co. Road X
Soldiers Grove, WI 54655

Richland County

Richland County Community Center
1050 N. Orange Street
Richland Center, WI 53581

Southwest Wisconsin Flood Update

Vernon County

Fifteen people were evacuated today in Readstown. The Coon Valley Business Association (CVBA) along with the La Crosse Trout Association canceled the 7th Annual Coon Creek Trout Fest scheduled for Saturday, July 22, after flood water damaged Veterans Memorial Park.

Richland County

The Richland County Emergency Operations Center is open to monitor storms.

La Crosse County

Local officials have closed Lake Neshonoc in West Salem to boat traffic as water levels continue to rise. County officials are monitoring the Neshonoc Dam and report the integrity of the dam is not in danger. . There are numerous roads damaged throughout the county.

Monroe County

Flood waters are receding. They plan to close their emergency operations center this evening.

Sauk County

Wisconsin Department of Corrections has sent 17 inmates to assist with filling sandbags in Rock Springs.

Trempealeau County

The Wisconsin National Guard delivered 10,000 sandbags to Trempealeau County. Flooding continues in Centerville and Dodge.

Southeast WI Recovery Efforts

Racine County

In Burlington, the Echo Lake Dam and Jefferson Street Bridge are still closed and will be inspected next week. Home Depot has donated 20 pair of safety glasses. Volunteer efforts continue.

Kenosha County

Damage assessments continue. Uline is donating 200 pairs of safety glasses for volunteers assisting with cleanup.

Walworth County

The Red Cross opened a Multi-Agency Resource Center at the Walworth County Health and Human Services building in Elkhorn.

Waukesha County

In the Town of Mukwongo, public works and the fire department have been helping pump water out from the basements of about a dozen homes in a subdivision. The flooding was caused by recent storms.

Other Information

Wisconsin Department of Health Services is providing information on well testing, cleanup, and mold resources to the newly impacted counties.

The State Emergency Operations Center remains on Level 3.

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