

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. The State Emergency Operations Center will be staffed as warranted to provide response to declared counties.

State Response Summary

- **HSEMD**
 - **NEW:** Technical assistance has been requested from the Army Corps of Engineers for all counties along the Missouri River from Woodbury County south. Staging areas for water, sandbags and pumps have been established in Avoca, Onawa, and Denison. HSEMD continues to respond to resource requests from county emergency management coordinators.
 - **NEW:** A boil was reported Wednesday afternoon on a new levee near the Desoto Bend Wildlife Refuge. The Corps is providing Direct Assistance to address the issue. Should a breach occur, the highest impact would be to US Highway 30. The lowest section of Highway 30 is mile marker 2.1. The DOT will survey to confirm.
 - 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.
 - 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.
 - **NEW:** ING is providing levee patrol support in Woodbury, Mills, and Pottawattamie counties.

- **DOT**
 - **NEW:** The Iowa Department of Transportation has closed southbound Interstate 29 at exit 10 (Iowa 2) due to flooding. The southbound I-29 closure extends to the U.S. 136 interchange near Rock Port, Missouri.
 - **NEW** Northbound I-29 is open between Rock Port, Missouri, and Iowa exit 10 (Iowa 2). However, the Iowa and Missouri departments of transportation are working closely to monitor this very volatile situation. Northbound I-29 will be kept open as long as possible for local and emergency traffic. Other traffic is urged to find an alternate route around the flooding in southwest Iowa and northwest Missouri.
 - 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:** DHS is working with care facilities to make contingency plans, should they have to evacuate.
 - **NEW:** Crisis counseling teams have been active in Blencoe and are going door to door in Council Bluffs to distribute evacuation plans. They have also been invited to Hamburg, where many residents are expressing anxiety.
- **DNR**
 - **NEW:** DNR is providing technical assistance to waste water facilities, water supplies, industry, fuel stations, etc. Conservation officers in Hamburg and Missouri Valley are in place for rescue missions, if needed.
- **DOC**
 - **NEW:** The Iowa Department of Corrections (DOC) has crews in Hamburg in Hamburg, Council Bluffs, and Onawa for sandbagging.
- **DPH**
 - **NEW:** At their request, DPH is working closely with Monona County Emergency Management and Burgess Medical Center for a potential patient evacuation plan.
- **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	South Sioux City	2 homes, voluntary
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	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**
 - 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**
 - Harrison County has requested Army Corps of Engineers expertise in assessing areas of concern and pump needs.
 - 1,500 feet of poly/3,000 sandbags have been requested to protect 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.
 - Direct Assistance has been requested for levee support from the Army Corps of Engineers.

- **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 two 10-inch trash pumps and two 12-inch trash pumps for Pacific Junction. Iowa HSEMD has requested direct assistance from the Corps concerning boils in the levee near Pacific Junction.

- **Fremont**

- The City of Hamburg has requested 50 Iowa National Guard soldiers to assist setting up HESCO barriers along Interstate 29 near Hamburg, Iowa.
- 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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