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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).

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

- DR-1998 - Missouri River flooding
- **NEW** – DR-4016 – Severe storms, straight-line winds, and flooding
- Summer 2011 severe weather and wind storm events

### **WEEKLY MEDIA CONFERENCE CALLS SUSPENDED**

As of 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**

[www.iowahomelandsecurity.org/disasters/disaster2011.html](http://www.iowahomelandsecurity.org/disasters/disaster2011.html)

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

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

**News and Updates:**

- **NEW – Conference Regarding Missouri River Flooding Held.** Lt. Gov. Kim Reynolds and HSEMD Administrator J. Derek Hill attended the Governor's Missouri River Conference on Friday, Aug. 19. Seven governors from states affected by Missouri River flooding met with the Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE). The governors stated that flood control is their number one priority. There will be another meeting with Gen. McMahon from the ACOE in November.

The ACOE is expected to reduce outflows at Gavins Point Dam to 40,000 cubic feet per second (cfs) by early October and 20,000 cfs by Dec. 1.

- **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:

- **NEW – Iowa Department of Transportation**
  - Contracts have been let and are in place to deal with the debris removal from the roads.
- **NEW – Iowa Army National Guard**
  - The National Guard is beginning to look forward to the demobilization process for their personnel.
- **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)

#### **NEW – DR-4016: July 9-14**

- Counties: Benton, Clay, Dickinson, Marshall, Story and Tama
- Federal Public Assistance – All six counties
- **State** Individual Assistance – Benton, Dickinson, Marshall, Story and Tama counties

### News and Updates:

- **NEW – President Obama Authorizes Major Disaster Declaration for Six Counties.**  
On Aug. 24, Gov. Branstad received notification that President Obama has authorized a Major Disaster Declaration for Public Assistance for six counties impacted by severe storms, straight line winds, and flooding that occurred from July 9-14, 2011. The counties included in this declaration are Benton, Clay, Dickinson, Marshall, Story and Tama.

“This declaration by the President will help the impacted cities and counties recover from these disasters,” Branstad said. “Unfortunately, Iowans have experienced several disasters this summer. I am proud of the way the citizens of Iowa, Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division and all state and local agencies have worked together to bring relief to the disaster affected communities. Lieutenant Governor Reynolds and I remain committed to seeking as much aid as possible to assist with the recovery of our communities.”

The declaration by the President will provide federal funding to the declared counties under the Public Assistance Program. A Presidential Major Disaster Declaration for Public Assistance puts into motion long-term federal recovery programs, some of which are matched by state programs, and designed to help public entities and select non-profits. Public Assistance funds may be used for emergency work and the repair or replacement of disaster-damaged facilities and may include debris removal, emergency protective measures, repair of damaged public property, loans needed by communities for essential government functions and grants for public schools.

The Governor also received notification that the Presidential Disaster Declaration includes funding to conduct hazard mitigation activities for the entire state. With this funding, Iowa will be able to minimize the impact of future natural disasters by taking steps now to strengthen existing infrastructure.

This Presidential Disaster Declaration is the 13th Major Presidential Disaster Declaration Iowa has received since March 2007.

**Prospective Applicant Briefing Schedule:**

- Aug. 31, 2011 @10 a.m.  
For prospective applicants in Clay and Dickinson counties  
Clay County EOC/Clay County Administration Bldg.  
300 W. Fourth St., Spencer  
Contact: Eric Tigges, 712-264-3987 or 712-260-2216
- Aug. 31, 2011 @10 a.m.  
For prospective applicants in Marshall and Story counties  
Marshall County EOC  
24 N. Center St., Marshalltown  
Contact: Kimberly Elder, 641-754-6385 or 641-751-1726
- Aug. 31, 2011 @2 p.m.  
For prospective applicants in Benton and Tama counties  
Tama County Historical Society  
104 W. State St., Toledo  
Contact: Ryan Currens, 641-484-6261 or 641-481-3441

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**June 26: Severe Storms**

- **State** Individual Assistance: Marion County

**July 27-29: Severe Storms and Flooding**

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

**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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**NEW – Aug. 22: Severe Storms and Hail**

**News and Updates:**

- **Governor Branstad Requests Crop Assessment.** Governor Terry E. Branstad requested that the FSA (Farm Service Agency) conduct a crop assessment from the rain and hail storm that passed through Iowa on Monday, Aug. 22.

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