



# INCIDENT REPORT

## Wisconsin Emergency Operations Center

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### Storm Update 5 / September 24, 2016 / 4 p.m.

**Overview-** Governor Walker toured several flooded areas including DeSoto and Gays Mills today. The National Weather Service predicts between one-half and one inch of rain for late Saturday into Monday morning in the affected areas, however isolated storms may produce higher amounts. A flash flood watch has been enacted across the affected area through Sunday evening as a precautionary measure, due to already saturated ground and the potential for heavier rainfall in a short period of time. Here is the latest update by county:

#### Clark County

- Approximately 70 roads remain closed.
- Cleanup kits and well test kits are available through the Clark County Health Department with assistance from the Red Cross. Residents are encouraged to test wells if standing water reached above the well casement.
- Red Cross is also compiling residential damages on behalf of Clark County. Residents with damage are urged to call 877-618-6628. Residents unable to leave their property due to driveway damage are urged to call the Clark County Sheriff's office at 715-743-3157.
- No damage assessments available until standing water has been cleared from roads.
- Boaters should avoid Lake Arbutus dam area due to damage to boat barriers of the dam.
- Forest roads, boat landings, and ATV trails are closed.
- Preliminary public damages exceed \$400,000.

#### Columbia County

- WIS Highway 127 between Portage and Wisconsin Dells remains closed.
- Flood Warning has been canceled for the Wisconsin River at Portage.

#### Crawford County

- Cleanup has concluded after a BNSF train derailed near Ferryville due to a track washout on Thursday. Booms remain in the water to catch any fuel runoff.
- Flood Warnings continue for the Kickapoo River at Soldiers Grove, Gays Mills, and Steuben.
- Road closures include:
  - WIS Highway 131, Closed, Soldiers Grove, water over road.
  - WIS Highway 131, Closed, Gays Mills, water over road.
  - WIS Highway 131, Closed, County Highway E to County Highway S (S. of Gays Mills), water over road.
  - WIS Highway 131, Closed, Steuben, water over road.
  - WIS Highway 131, Closed, WIS 60 Intersection, water over road.
  - WIS Highway 171, Closed, Gays Mills, water over road.
  - WIS Highway 171, Closed, East of Gays Mills, embankment/pavement washout.
  - WIS Highway 179, Closed, Steuben just west of WIS Highway 131

**Eau Claire County**

- Sandbags are available at Lake Altoona County Park boat launch for lakeshore residents (604 North Beach Road-Altoona).
- Residents and businesses who have experienced damages are encouraged to report to the Eau Claire County Emergency Management office at 715-839-4736.
- Cleanup kits have been made available through the Red Cross.

**Jackson County**

- Residents should call 211 to report flood damage.
- Flood Warning continues for the Black River at Black River Falls, although water levels are receding.
- Boaters should avoid both the Hatfield Dam (Lake Arbutus at Clark/Jackson county line) and the Black River Falls Dam as boat barriers are not in place.
- County officials are working with a private association that owns a boat ramp to arrange for people to remove their watercraft during daylight hours.
- West and East Arbutus County Parks have been reopened, but all county owned off-road trails are closed.
- Six local roads remain closed.
- The County's public sector damages are currently estimated at \$586,000.

**La Crosse County**

- Flood Warning continues for the Mississippi River at La Crosse.

**Monroe County**

- Current public sector damage estimates have been reduced to an estimated \$7,350.
- Five families remain displaced due to the floods, but are staying with family or friends.
- Twenty-four homes were affected, and one home received minor damage.
- Two roads remain closed.

**Sauk County**

- Flood Warning continues for Baraboo River at Rock Springs.
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- WIS Highway 136, Closed at WIS Highway 33, water over road.

**Trempealeau County**

- Flood Warning continues for Black River at Galesville.

**Vernon County**

- Public damage (roads, bridges, etc.) assessments continue with damage estimated into the millions of dollars. Officials will conduct more detailed damage assessments once flood waters recede.
- Flood Warning continues for the Kickapoo River at Readstown and La Farge.
- WIS Highway 35 is now open at County Highway UU / Victory
- Still approx. 60 roads closed/partially closed due to high water including:
  - WIS Highway 35, Closed, Approx. 1 mile N. of Victory, debris slide.
  - WIS Highway 131, Closed, Viola, water over road.

The State Emergency Operations Center is transitioning to Level 4 with Wisconsin Emergency Management, Wisconsin National Guard, Wisconsin Department of Transportation, Wisconsin State Patrol, and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

WEM Regional offices remain on scene working with county emergency management agencies.

Press releases and other information on this incident can be found at <http://readywisconsin.wi.gov>.

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