



MICHIGAN STATE POLICE Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division

Incident Update: September 15, 2008 at 5:30 p.m.

State Response

The Michigan State Police, Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division (MSP/EMHSD) continues monitoring the flooding situation throughout the state, especially in central and southwest Michigan. The State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) was partially activated today to address issues related to the recent storm systems. The MSP/EMHSD remains in frequent contact with local officials and is prepared to support local response activities as needed to address any public health and safety concerns. There are currently no requests for state assistance.

Updated Local Damage Reports

Berrien County

Reports indicate Niles Township and New Buffalo are the hardest hit areas and flooding continues to be an area of concern. The River Valley Public Schools are canceled for Tuesday. The Pucker Street Dam has water flowing over spillway and around the structure itself. Water appears to be at record level and the dam is holding its integrity. All other county dams report no issues at this time. Updated reports show the water level for the Galien River remains high. Royalton Township reports minor flooding near the St. Joseph River. The water level of the St. Joseph River at the Niles reporting station shows 11.7 feet as of 12:30 p.m. The flood stage for this area is 11 feet

City of Lansing

Local officials are monitoring flooding conditions in the Old Town area near the Grand River. Approximately 200 residents reported flooded basements throughout the city. The Red Cedar is now expected to crest at 2 a.m. on September 17 at 9 feet. The Grand River is now expected to crest at 2 a.m. on September 16 at 13.07 feet.

Eaton County

Eaton County declared a local emergency on September 14. The Eaton County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) has been closed.

Kalamazoo County

Water levels in the Portage area are receding near the Plainwell Dam. Approximately six inches of water is scheduled to be released downstream at the Marrow Dam; local officials notified citizens located downstream who might be affected. Kalamazoo County is reviewing damage assessment information and will determine whether a local declaration is needed on Tuesday.

Flood Warnings in Effect

According to the National Weather Service (NWS), water levels will be slow to recede into Tuesday, September 16. No additional rainfall is expected through Tuesday. A Flood Warning remains in effect until Tuesday morning for the counties of Allegan, Barry, Berrien, Branch, Cass, Calhoun, Clinton, Eaton, Ingham, Jackson, Kalamazoo, Kent, Livingston, Ottawa, Shiawassee, St. Joseph, Van Buren, and Washtenaw.

Power Outages

Reports indicate power has been restored to the majority of citizens affected by the recent storms.

Local Declarations

Eaton County (September 14)

Tornadoes Confirmed

- Plymouth Township (Wayne County) - EF 2 tornado on September 13
- Paw Paw (Van Buren County) - EF 1 tornado on September 13