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**Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS)  
Emergency Operations Center  
Thursday, September 18, 2008, 8:40 a.m. EDT**

**State EOC Activation Level**

The IDHS Emergency Operations Center remains activated at a Level 3 and will remain activated 24 hours to monitor conditions and provide resource support to local county emergency agencies.

\*\*Governor Daniels has signed an executive order declaring a disaster emergency for Lake and Porter Counties.

**Description of Incident**

The remnants of Hurricane Ike have accelerated rapidly and moved over Indiana. As much as 10 inches of rain has fallen and widespread flooding is being reported across northwest Indiana. Damage from strong straight line winds up to 80 mph have been reported in numerous counties damage across much of central and southern Indiana parts of the State. Widespread reports of trees and power lines down have also been received.

**Current Situation**

The Indiana University Northwest/Calumet campus has reported significant flooding in and surrounding the campus.

Civil Air Patrol is performing damage assessments over the Kankakee and Little Calumet Rivers.

Joint preliminary damage assessments are currently being conducted in Lake County. Approximately 500 homes in the county have been reported as severely damaged.

**Agencies Active in State Response Operations (list only)**

State Agencies:

- Incident Management Team (IMAT) – Indiana Department of Homeland Security, Indiana Department of Natural Resources and Indiana State Police
- Indiana Department of Homeland Security
- Indiana Department of Correction
- Indiana Department of Transportation
- Indiana National Guard
- Indiana State Police
- Indiana Department of Natural Resources

Federal Agencies:

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

United States Army Corp of Engineers (USACE)  
United States Geological Survey (USGS)

Non-Government Agencies:  
American Red Cross (ARC)

*The following are reported major concerns for each category:*

### **Weather Forecast**

No significant rain is forecasted through Wednesday (9/24).

### **Outages**

Duke, Vectren and REMC's report there are 72,828 customers still without power as of 8:00 a.m. EDT of 9/18/08.

Verizon has reported 11 remotes out of service. Approximately 1,880 customers do not have phone service in the Corydon and Seymour areas.

### **Lake/River/Dam**

A blockage in the Little Calumet River is causing flooding in the Gary area. A response plan is being formulated at this time.

### **Transportation**

Flooding of sections of Interstate 80/94 (from IL/IN state line through Lake County) continues to be a priority. The Borman Traffic Management Center has received 8 pumps to assist in clearing water from the interstates.

For current road closures, please visit: [www.in.gov/gov/3976.htm](http://www.in.gov/gov/3976.htm)

### **Drinking Water**

All drinking water requests have been fulfilled by IDHS. The drinking water is currently being staged at the Henryville Correctional Center in Clark County.

The boil order continues for Brown County. Kent Water Company customers in Scott County has a boil order also.

### **Food Service**

Red Cross is supporting six fixed feeding sites in Crawford County from 12:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. until further notice.

Leavenworth Senior Citizens Center, Leavenworth, IN  
Patoka Elem School, Taswell, IN  
Marengo Wesleyan Church, Marengo, IN  
Milltown Fire Dept, Milltown, IN  
English Fire Dept, English, IN  
Alton Fire Dept, Alton, IN

### **Public Health & Safety**

Munster reported a shortage of tetanus shots and an order of 980 doses is scheduled to be delivered this morning (9/18/08).

Department of Natural Resources (DNR) boats have been delivering medicine to citizens who cannot get out to pick it up themselves.

Fatalities – 7 total confirmed

Injuries – 19

### **Shelters**

Calumet Twp. Center (Lake County) – 13

Boys and Girls Club (Lake County) – 91

Munster High School (Lake County) – 45

Total Reported Shelter Population – 149

The latest reports received from the American Red Cross (ARC) indicate the daytime shelter average is 1 person and the nighttime average is approximately 150 persons. Residents are utilizing shelter resources intermittently as they need.

### **Environmental**

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management has granted Allied Waste permission to operate their 5 solid waste transfer stations in northern Lake County beyond the hours of operations listed in their IDEM permit (daylight hours only) to 24/7 as needed to manage the debris from the flood.

IDEM continues to coordinate with landfill operators and local solid waste districts in Southern Indiana to properly manage storm debris.

### **Resources – shortages**

Dearborn County has reported that gas stations are being re-supplied with fuel.

Clark County has requested ice to cool insulin for residents in the area.

### **Other concerns and information:**

Department of Correction inmate work crews are assisting with sandbagging. An additional 50 inmate trustees are being deployed to Lake County today (9/18/08).

DNR reports that water is receding in Munster and making it difficult to travel by boat, so they will begin using SUV's.

Jennings County – The Jennings County EMA office has been damaged and continues to be deemed unsafe by local officials. The IDHS Mobile Command trailer has been deployed to Jennings County as a temporary site for the EMA.

Downed power lines, storm debris, fallen trees and high water continue to be a threat to the public and response personnel.