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**INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY  
SEVERE WEATHER UPDATE  
January 29, 2009, 5:45 a.m.**

**State EOC Activation Level**

Level III – Active Emergency Conditions – A situation has occurred requiring limited activation of the emergency operations center.

**Description of Incident**

A severe winter storm system moved through the state dumping heavy snow and freezing rain across most of Indiana. Up to 13 inches of snow and 1 inch of ice reported across central and southern Indiana causing power outages and transportation issues. School systems and county government offices across most of the southern 2/3 of the state were closed. Numerous traffic accidents and hundreds of road closures were reported. Roads in many areas were impassable.

**Health, Safety and Security**

**Confirmed  
Fatalities:**

Two fatalities have been confirmed. A Marengo woman (Crawford County) was killed in a weather-related traffic accident and a resident of Jackson County died while shoveling snow.

**Current Situation**

Greater Clark County Schools will be closed the rest of the week. The school system has several buildings without power and experienced a large water leak at Jeffersonville High School.

A Wind Chill Advisory has been issued for east-central Indiana; with wind chill temperatures between -10 and -15 F in some areas.

**County Emergency Declarations**

Level 1 – A state of emergency has been declared by the county commissioners. Travel restricted to emergency personnel only.

Crawford, Dubois, Posey, Spencer, Sullivan, Brown, Washington, Clark, Franklin, Jennings, Scott, Switzerland

Level 2 – Conditions are threatening to the safety of the public. Only essential travel is recommended (to and from work, emergency situations, etc.).

Knox, Vanderburgh, Huntington, Shelby, Delaware, Randolph, Union, Clay, Owen, Jackson, Lawrence, Dearborn, Floyd, Jefferson, Ohio

Level 3 – Routine travel or activities may be restricted in areas because of a hazardous situation, citizens should use caution or avoid these areas.

Adams, Steuben, Fountain, Morgan, Blackford, Grant, Henry, Rush, Tipton,  
Please visit [www.in.gov/dhs](http://www.in.gov/dhs) for current county emergency situations.

### **Shelter Operations**

Crawford County, Hillview Christian Church – 74  
Dubois County, Huntingburg Event Center – 2  
Spencer County, Trinity United Methodist Church – 40  
Vanderburgh County, Red Cross Shelter, Evansville – 125  
Vanderburgh County, 4H Center – 78  
Vanderburgh County, Washington United Church of Christ – 75  
Vanderburgh County, Camp Reveal – 6  
Warrick County, St. John's Catholic School – 23  
Warrick County, Boonville High School – 22

Total Reported Shelter Population: 445  
Total Capacity Available: 2,751

### **Critical Infrastructure and Facilities**

#### **Power Outages**

Duke Energy – 39,383 – Expected Restoration: 01/31/2009  
Vectren – 69,344 – Expected Restoration: 02/02/2009  
Clark County REMC - 4,000 – Expected Restoration: 01/30/2009  
Harrison County REMC - 9,500 – Expected Restoration: 1/28/2009  
Dubois REMC - 2,500 – Expected Restoration: 01/30/2009  
Orange County REMC – 500 – Expected Restoration: 01/30/2009  
Jackson County REMC - 3,500 – Expected Restoration: 01/29/2009  
Southeastern Indiana REMC - 2,000 – Expected Restoration: 01/31/2009  
Southern Indiana REMC – 4,500 – Expected Restoration: 01/31/2009

Current Total: 135,227  
Peak Total: 187,460

### **Transportation**

Please visit [www.in.gov/dhs](http://www.in.gov/dhs) for current road conditions.

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