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**Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS)
Emergency Operations Center
Thursday, September 18, 2008, 12:20 p.m. EDT**

NOTE: New items are in **bold**.

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 Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) are conducting joint damage assessment operations to expedite the federal declaration process.

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.

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 67,064 customers still without power as of 9:00 a.m. EDT of 9/18/08.

Harrison REMC reporting sections of Floyd County may not have power until 09/24/08.

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

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

Munster High School (Lake County) – CLOSED yesterday, population transferred to new shelter located at the Family Christian Center in Munster.

Calumet Twp. Center (Lake County) - 44

Boys and Girls Club (Lake County) - 113

Family Christian Center (Lake County) - 22

Total Reported Shelter Population – 179

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.

Ice shipments have been ordered for medicinal purposes, including insulin refrigeration, in Clark County.

Other concerns and information:

Emergency operations have begun to transition from response to recovery.

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).

An Incident Management Team (IMT) from a wildland fire community agency will replace the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) field personnel on Saturday.

Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has reported water is receding in Munster, Lake County and field personnel are beginning to switch from boats to SUVs.

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.

IPSC SAFE-T system currently has 8 radio tower sites on generator power only and all sites continue to be operating in wide trunking.