



Newest Information on Missouri River Flooding



May 31, 2011

The Nebraska Emergency Management Agency Public Information Hotline can be reached at:
(855) 211-2453 or **(855) 211-2454**

[Yankton Flood Information](#)

The Y Cancels Healthy Kids Day™ Due To Flooding.

Healthy Kids Day, which was scheduled to take place at the Y's Outdoor Complex on Saturday June 4 has been cancelled. The Y's outdoor fields are currently 50% submerged by the Missouri River.

"We are facing a very challenging time as a community" said YMCA CEO Kevin Engel-Cartie, "Our fields are currently unusable. Our next concern is our facility and outdoor pool which sit directly on the river. We are working on contingency plans to evacuate the building when necessary and to possibly have some alternate sites for our members should we be significantly impacted.

In the meantime, our thoughts and prayers are with our fellow community members who are already being impacted. We are proud to be part of this community and inspired by the outpouring of spirit and service which is being shown."

Information regarding any changes in building hours or schedules will be posted on the Y's website: www.NWSymca.org. Information will also be posted on the Y's Facebook and Twitter pages.

For more information, contact the Y at 402.404.8439 or visit www.NWSymca.org

Drivers Asked to Avoid Using Exits 1 and 2 of I-29

DAKOTA DUNES, S.D. – South Dakota Department of Transportation officials have closed Exit 1 to traffic and residents who live in Dakota Dunes and are traveling in and out of the city working on securing their property are asked to use Exit 2.

Authorities are requesting other motorists to avoid these two exits to allow residents to secure their homes and construction crews to proceed with their work unimpeded by traffic.

Sioux City Alpha Center Walk for Life Cancelled

SIoux CITY, IA – The Alpha Center Walk for Life scheduled for Saturday, June 4, at 8:30 a.m. at the Chris Larsen Park Shelter has been cancelled due to flooding along the Missouri River. The Alpha Center is devoted to helping those in need. Our desire is that efforts be focused on helping those affected by the flood.

However, the Walk for Life is our main annual fundraiser, and your donations are still critically needed. If you planned to attend the walk, please walk on your own and mail or bring your sponsor form to the Alpha Center, 4016 Morningside Ave., Sioux City, Iowa 51106, as soon as possible. Normal business hours are 8:45 a.m. to

4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Please call 712-276-0237 for more information. Online donations may be made via PayPal at www.alphacenter-sc.org.

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Contact: Stefanie Bond or Mark Shearer, 515-725-3231 or HSEMDPIO@iowa.gov

Agricultural Producers Can Prepare for Flooding Now

DES MOINES – Producers in extreme Western Iowa may face flooding issues with projected crests along the Missouri River over the next two weeks. However, there is time to secure valuable farm infrastructure and minimize damage.

- Secure structurally unstable materials (e.g. fuel and fertilizer tanks, lumber, logs, equipment).
- Keep surface water out of your well by sealing the well cap, and top of the well casing with heavy plastic and duct tape.
- Turn off all utilities at the main power switch and close gas valves.
- Turn off electrical power, gas and water supplies.
- Leave building doors and windows open at least 2 inches to equalize pressure and help prevent buildings from shifting.
- If possible, move motors and portable electric equipment to a dry location.

The Multi-State Partnership for Security in Agriculture and Iowa State University have published a preparedness guide for multiple hazards, including floods. If a producer faces imminent flooding, preparation tips include:

For a more complete flood preparedness checklist for farmers, visit www.prep4agthreats.org/Assets/Factsheets/Floods-and-Your-Farm.pdf.

For information on other hazards and natural disasters, see www.prep4agthreats.org.

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Status Report: Dakota Dunes Medical Facilities CNOS, Siouxland Surgery Center, Midlands Clinic, Family Health Care of Siouxland-Dakota Dunes Clinic & Imaging Center, Siouxland Pulmonary Critical Care and Sleep, Ear Nose & Throat Consultants, and Siouxland Urology Associates

While the potential of flooding is a very severe situation, we remain confident that with the assistance of our state, federal and local agencies and the numerous volunteers that we will continue our operations without interruption. We are, however, dependent upon utilities, electric, sanitation and sewer. At this time there are no intentions of any interruption of these services.

Currently we are open and available to see patients and do not anticipate any interruptions.

Our current status is as follows:

- We are open for business as usual at this time.
- Patients will be notified individually if there are changes to appointment schedules.
- PLEASE use exit 2 (River Drive) then south to Sioux Point Road. (Exit 1: travel is cumbersome and priority for flood efforts and residents.)
- We are closely monitoring the situation and working with the appropriate agencies to make sure we can continue to provide care.
- We will continue to update media if changes arise.

Thank you for your patience and continued support during this time. For questions please call the individual facilities.

CNOS: 605.217.2667

Siouxland Surgery Center: 605.232.3332

Midlands Clinic: 605.217.5500

Family Health Care of Siouxland-Dakota Dunes Clinic: 605.217.2175 and Imaging Center: 605.217.2195

Siouxland Pulmonary Critical Care and Sleep: 605.217.4330 Ear Nose & Throat Consultants: 605.217.4327

Siouxland Urology Associates: 605.217.7000

Public Information Meeting

PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contract: Joe Johnson, Assistant City Administrator, (402) 494-7573

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SOUTH SIOUX CITY, Nebraska – The Dakota County Emergency Management, Dakota County, and South Sioux City will hold a public information meeting on Wednesday, June 1, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. at the South Sioux City High School Mini Dome. The intent of the public information meeting is to provide the general public with information regarding high water flows on the Missouri River and impact to Dakota County and South Sioux City.

For City of South Sioux City information and updates, please go to www.southsiouxcity.org.

MERCY TO DISTRIBUTE PACKING BOXES WEDNESDAY AT TWO LOCATIONS

May 31, 2011

For Immediate Release

For more information, contact:

Jim Wharton, Director of Marketing and Communications (712) 279-2732

Dianne Krier, Mercy Marketing and Communications Coordinator (712) 279-5682

Mercy Medical Center volunteers will be distributing large packing boxes to residents tomorrow beginning at 9 a.m.

The packing boxes will be available at the Mercy Breast Care Clinic at 330 Dakota Dunes Boulevard and at the South Sioux Mercy Medical Clinic at 501 First Avenue in South Sioux City.

Residents are invited to take as many boxes as they need.

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Guardsmen supporting flood prevention efforts downriver

Maj. Wayne Asscherick, SDNG Public Affairs Office

PIERRE, S.D. – The South Dakota National Guard is mobilizing approximately 200 Airmen and Soldiers to the Dakota Dunes community today to supplement efforts in thwarting rising floodwaters.

They will be heavily involved in sandbagging operations much like they remain in the Pierre/Fort Pierre communities.

"We will be showing up at the locations where the communities and volunteers have already been working," said Maj. Gen. Timothy Reisch, adjutant general of the South Dakota National Guard. "Much the same as Pierre and Fort Pierre the community has already been sandbagging for a number of days."

The Governor has advised residents to have their possessions moved, homes secured and be out of those homes by late Thursday, June 2. They should expect to be away from their homes for as much as two months because elevated releases of water from the mainstem dams will continue for several weeks.

"Every property owner in Dakota Dunes should assume the worst – that protective measures will be impossible or will fail – and should act now to remove their possessions and secure their homes," said Governor Daugaard.

Over the past several days, the Corps of Engineers dramatically increased its calculation of water releases required from the mainstem dams on the Missouri River. The Corps believes that this increased water release is necessary to avoid overtopping of the spillways.

The South Dakota National Guard continues to work flooding operations in the Pierre/Fort Pierre area.

"We had a great day yesterday," said Reisch. "The output of the Guard has been noticeably increased to its highest level. The influx of more than 200 Airmen has an impact on what we are able to accomplish in Pierre and Fort Pierre."

The Guard continues filling sandbags for the community to utilize in protecting their property. Construction of a levee near the Ramkota in Pierre began yesterday and is near completion.

The National Guard will continue to supplement community volunteers in providing sandbags. The portion of the levee south of the bridge near the Ramkota should be completed tomorrow.

"I am very proud of the way the National Guard has responded to this emergency and particularly happy with the way the Air Guard and Army Guard have been working shoulder to shoulder. That's what the people of South Dakota expect.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Monday, May 30, 2011

Contact: Terry Woster, Public Information Officer, 605.773.3178

Governor Daugaard Calls for Residents of Dakota Dunes to Begin Planning for Evacuation on Thursday

Note: This release is based on projections and the most current information from the Army Corps of Engineers. This is a rapidly-evolving situation that may change as more information becomes available.

For questions about the situation, or information about flood preparation:

1-866-446-5324 or <http://disasterrecovery.sd.gov>

PIERRE, S.D. – Gov. Dennis Daugaard announced today that, based on projections by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, all residents of Dakota Dunes should immediately begin making plans to evacuate later this week, due to Missouri River flooding.

Residents should have their possessions moved, homes secured and be out of those homes by late Thursday, June 2. They should expect to be away from their homes for as much as two months because elevated releases of water from the mainstem dams will continue for several weeks.

"State and local officials are coordinating to respond to this flooding, and we are considering all possible protective measures," Gov. Daugaard said. "Every property owner in Dakota Dunes should assume the worst – that protective measures will be impossible or will fail – and should act now to remove their possessions and secure their homes."

The Corps of Engineers now projects that, once water releases reach a maximum flow of 150,000 cubic feet per second (CFS), water levels in Dakota Dunes will reach 1,098 feet above sea level. That means protective measures should be built to 1,100 feet above sea level.

When will this begin and for how long will it last?

According to Corps' plans, water releases from Gavins Point Dam will increase gradually beginning today and continue through the end of this week. Beginning next week, water releases will increase more rapidly and will reach a maximum of 150,000 CFS by mid-June.

Explanation of the cause:

Over the past several days, the Corps of Engineers dramatically increased its calculation of water releases required from the mainstem dams on the Missouri River. The Corps believes that this increased water release is necessary to avoid overtopping of the spillways.

Huge rainfalls in Wyoming, Montana, and western North Dakota and South Dakota over the past month have exceeded rainfall in a normal year. This has used capacity of the reservoir system that had been reserved to accommodate the annual snowmelt. In addition, mountain snowpack is 135 percent to 140 percent of normal, and it is melting at a later time. As a result, all the moisture will require the Corps to increase water flows to unprecedented levels.

[Spring 2011 Flood Response Information](#), provided by the US Army Corps of Engineers, Omaha Division.

[Riverwatch - May 30, 2011](#), Provided by the US Army Corps of Engineers, Omaha Division.

[Siouxland Flooding](#), a Facebook group for sharing information on the flood. Updates, donation information, opportunities to help.

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MISSOURI RIVER UPDATE

The Army Corps of Engineers has increased the outflow from Gavin's Point to the Missouri River resulting in higher waters in the Sioux City region. City officials and Emergency Operations Center personnel have met and are monitoring levels along the riverfront and the tributaries and any potential impacts.

While low lying areas in some communities along the Missouri River may be impacted, Sioux City officials don't anticipate any flood related issues within the City. City water and wastewater utilities are unaffected and no major issues are expected.

Riverfront activities: Boaters on the Missouri River are urged to use caution. As a precautionary measure, boat docks have been pulled from the Chris Larsen Park boat ramp with limited access available. Portions of the riverfront trail north of Chris Larsen Park remain closed due to I-29 construction.

We will continue to provide updates through multiple channels, including the City's website www.sioux-city.org.

Boaters below Oahe and Gavins Point Dams Urged to Use Extreme Caution

PIERRE, S.D. – With high water flows from the dams on the Missouri River, boaters are being asked to use extreme caution when out on the water.

"The high flows of water will be carrying great amount of debris, driftwood and fallen trees," said Assistant Wildlife Director, Emmett Keyser. "Boaters will need to be on constant watch, especially below Gavins Point, due to the large number of trees on the area islands and sandbars."

Boaters should also be aware of the three "No Wake Zones" that are currently being enforced.

1. From the Bad River to Oahe Dam, near Pierre

2. Below Gavins Point Dam, from Paddlewheel Point upstream to a line stretching from the electronic sign placed near the boat ramp in at the Nebraska Tailwaters Recreation Area to a similar sign on the Training Dike Recreation Area. At the point of the electronic signs, the river is closed to boating.

3. 15 mile portion of the lower reach of the Missouri River in South Dakota, beginning at the confluence of Big Sioux River (River Mile Marker 734) then upstream to the Rosenbaum Boat Landing (River Mile Marker 749)

Even if a posted no wake zone area is not present, boaters need to operate their vessels in a manner that is reasonable for the time, place and conditions. Just because you can't see any debris, doesn't mean there aren't dangers.

"Missouri River boaters should realize that the areas below all the Missouri River Dams will have high currents and rapidly changing conditions," said Keyser. "If people are taking their boats out for the first time for the year, or aren't very comfortable with their boats, these areas might not be the best places to go."

Portion of the Missouri River Below Gavins Point Dam Declared "No Wake Zone"

PIERRE, S.D. – To protect the public and limit further damage to homes, docks and other private property along the Missouri River, Governor Dennis Daugaard has declared the South Dakota portion of the Missouri River from Paddlewheel Point upstream to a line stretching from the electronic sign placed near the boat ramp in Nebraska Tailwaters Recreation Area to a similar sign on the Training Dike Recreation Area as a No Wake Zone, effective at Noon on Friday, May 27, 2011.

This order will be in effect until rescinded by the Governor.

State law gives the Governor authority to prohibit or restrict recreational use or navigation on any portion of a river, lake or stream in order to protect the public peace, health, or safety, according to Jeff Vonk, Secretary of the State Department of Game, Fish and Parks.

In addition to this No Wake Zone restriction, the US Army Corps of Engineers is restricting boat access to a portion of the river below Gavins Point Dam due to swift river currents and extremely hazardous conditions. Effective immediately, vessels of any kind will be prohibited from a line stretching from the boat ramp in the Nebraska Tailwaters Recreation Area to the boat ramp in the Training Dike Recreation Area and then upstream to the dam. At this time, the two US Army Corps of Engineers boat ramps below Gavins Point Dam will continue to be available for use for those vessels operating downstream from these two recreation areas. This restriction is in effect until further notice.

"Increased discharges through the mainstem reservoirs on the Missouri River have caused the water levels on the lower portion Missouri River to rise substantially. Motorboat usage of these waters at other than a no-wake speed will cause unnecessary and additional damage to both public and private property," Vonk said. "In addition, floating debris in these areas can cause substantial safety hazards for boaters, so it is important that all boaters operate in accordance with these restrictions."

Fishing and boating will be popular family activities this coming weekend," Vonk said. "We are asking those boaters and fishermen who plan to use this stretch of the Missouri River to show consideration to homeowners who are being impacted by high water flows."

Notices of the No Wake Zone will be posted at boating access sites in the affected area along the Missouri River. A violation of the public waterway restriction is a Class 2 Misdemeanor, punishable by up to 30 days in jail, a fine of \$500 or both.

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Governor Says Emergency Levees To Be Built At Pierre/Fort Pierre

PIERRE, S.D. – Gov. Dennis Daugaard said today that emergency levees will be constructed to protect areas of

Pierre and Ft. Pierre from the flooding Missouri River.

"We are moving with urgency and haste to get these levees in place, but those who are in flood-prone areas should not rely on the levees getting finished in time or holding the water back once they are in place," the Governor said. "Weather is unpredictable, and equipment issues and many other problems may occur that can impact construction of the levees, and people should not abandon individual measures to protect their own property."

Engineers from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers worked through the night Thursday to design the levees. Their primary purpose is to protect public infrastructure; however, a secondary effect will be to also protect private property.

Levees will be constructed to protect the shoreline south of the Missouri River bridge, on both the Pierre and Ft. Pierre sides of the river. The levees will be designed to prevent flooding from an overflow of water from Oahe Dam of up to 120,000 cubic feet per second (CFS), or a water level of 1,434 feet above sea level. No levees will be constructed north of the Missouri River bridge.

The Corps of Engineers has approved funding for the levees.

Bids, which are being taken today from contractors, require that construction of the emergency levees be started immediately and be completed no later than Tuesday, June 2.

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Guard Mobilizes Soldiers in Flooding Response

PIERRE, S.D. – The South Dakota National Guard is mobilizing 300 soldiers to assist in the fight against flooding along the Missouri River in the Pierre and Fort Pierre areas.

The 147th Field Artillery Battalion and 139th Brigade Support Battalion were alerted Thursday night to prepare for assisting the state with flooding efforts. Soldiers reported to their armories this morning to prepare to move to the flood area by this afternoon and into the evening.

The Guard members will assist with filling and transporting sandbags. They will use PLS (Palletized Load Systems) and HEMTT (Heavy Expanded Mobility Tactical Trucks) for loading and hauling the sandbags.

The 147th Artillery Battalion headquarters is Watertown. Soldiers are also mobilizing from Aberdeen, Salem, Sioux Falls, Yankton, Mitchell, Webster, and Sisseton. The 139th Brigade Support Battalion is mobilizing from Brookings, Redfield, Watertown and Miller.

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Boat access restricted at Gavins Point

Omaha, Neb.-- The increased water flows from Gavins Point Dam are creating swift river currents and extremely hazardous conditions in the Missouri River directly below Gavins Point power plant and spillway.

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Releases from the Missouri River reservoirs will reach historic levels in the coming weeks, the result of above-normal snow in the mountains and extraordinary rain over the last several weeks. Significant flooding in cities, towns and agricultural land is expected in North and South Dakota.

"The Corps number one concern is public safety," says Omaha District Commander Col. Robert Ruch. "We will do

everything we can to promote public safety."

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State Releases Missouri River Map Showing Downstream Elevations; Urges Boaters To Use Caution This Weekend

PIERRE, S.D. – At Gov. Dennis Daugaard's direction, the South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources has released a series of maps showing the 100-year floodplain for the Missouri River from Pierre to Sioux City, Iowa.

The 100-year floodplain maps are intended to serve as guides for local officials, emergency managers, and private property owners. They are available online at http://disasterrecovery.sd.gov/flood_info.aspx

It is important to understand, however, that flooding may affect areas outside of the 100-year floodplain. In the Pierre/Ft. Pierre area, flooding is already projected to impact areas beyond the 100-year and 500-year floodplains.

"These maps are a valuable reference for communities and citizens along the river to use as they begin planning for the rising river levels," Gov. Daugaard said Friday. "The elevation of this water upstream is already the highest in the history of the reservoir system, so people should use the maps only as a guide. The river could well rise above the 100-year floodplain."

Lt. Gov. Matt Michels, a Yankton native, said that while the public's focus has been on rising water in the Pierre and Fort Pierre areas, those people living along the river downstream from that area should make immediate plans to protect themselves and their property.

"I'm telling people to take personal action right now to assess the situation, talk with local emergency managers and implement their own steps to protect themselves and their property," Michels said. "This is not something that may happen. This is a certainty. We know it will happen, and we have a little time downstream to

prepare."

Michels also cautioned residents along the Missouri that the river will be more dangerous than they've seen it before.

"I don't care if you think you're the best river rat ever, this is a whole different river than you know," he said. "Please pay attention to conditions and make safe choices."

More information will be released to local officials and to the general public as it becomes available.

Those with questions can call the state's emergency hotline at 1-866-446-5324. For information about flood preparedness, visit <http://www.breadysd.com/floods.cfm>

5/26/2011

Dakota County Emergency Management

Dakota County Emergency Management (DCEM) called a meeting of area officials on Thursday May 26, 2011 to discuss potential Missouri river flooding conditions. DCEM has been in regular contact with Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), the Corps of Engineers and the National Weather Service office in Sioux Falls, SD.

The Wyoming and Montana snow packs are above average and recent heavy rains have contributed to river rises. The Corps of Engineers is releasing water at dams above Gavins Point and at the Gavins Point dam at Yankton SD in order to handle melting snow pack and rain.

The South Sioux City River reading on Thursday May 26 was 26.55 ft. and as of 9:30 A.M. Friday it had not changed. It is possible for the reading to be 28.55 ft., on June 5 and Corps predictions are for the releases to increase through June. The Corps considers 30 ft as flood stage. Based on Corps information it is possible that by the end of June river levels could reach 31 to 32 ft or more not including rainfall.

Some residents in rural Dakota County have begun taking precautions to protect homes and buildings based on their familiarity and experience with the Missouri; no one has been asked to leave their home.

Area not located close to the Missouri should monitor levels of streams and creeks that could affect their communities.

Local officials are advising there is not a need for immediate concern and DCEM, in cooperation with local news outlets, will continue to inform the public. The officials' group will continue to meet in the interest of public safety, public infrastructure protection and to keep the public informed.

The public is asked to monitor local radio, television and newspapers for changing information and to exercise personal and household planning and preparedness.

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Corps closes Echo, Diver's Point and stilling basin channel due to high flows out of Oahe Reservoir

Omaha, Neb. – To protect lives and the safety of the public during the scheduled high releases from Oahe Reservoir, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has closed the stilling basin channel to all boat traffic, as well as Echo and Diver's Point Roads below the dam.

"The stilling basin is now the point of interest in central South Dakota," said Eric Stasch, Operations Project Manager for Oahe Reservoir. Fences have been erected for safety considerations around the structure.

"In the interest of public safety, we are warning the public to stay away from those fences and away from these areas while they are closed," Stasch said.

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normal snow in the mountains and extraordinary rain over the last several weeks. Significant flooding in cities, towns and agricultural land is expected in North and South Dakota with many areas from Sioux City, Iowa, to the Mississippi rising above flood stage.

Oahe releases are expected to reach 85,000 cfs on Saturday May 28 and as high as 100,000 cfs by June 6 and 110,000 cfs by late in the month. The reservoir will likely peak within a foot of the top of the spillway gates at 1619 feet. Some areas along the river in Pierre and Fort Pierre could be flooded with 3 to 6 feet of water.

In addition, the Corps asks that the public remain patient while driving through the area as traffic may lag due to a higher volume of drivers taking detours around the closed area.

During any flood response activities throughout the basin, the Corps will provide regular updates directly to the public via its Facebook (www.facebook.com/OmahaUSACE) and Twitter accounts (www.twitter.com/OmahaUSACE).

5/25/2011

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Wednesday, May 25, 2011

Governor Requests Corps of Engineers Assistance To Deal With Expected Missouri River Flooding

PIERRE, S.D. – Gov. Dennis Daugaard has requested emergency assistance from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to deal with the imminent threat of Missouri River flooding in Pierre, Fort Pierre and possibly other downstream communities in South Dakota.

Because the Corps is drastically increasing the amount of water released from Missouri River reservoirs to cope with heavy inflows from the mountain snowpack, plains runoff and an extended period of rain this spring, significant flooding is likely in areas adjacent to the river.

"If projected flooding occurs along the Missouri River, particularly in the Pierre and Fort Pierre area, infrastructure and residential areas will be threatened," the Governor said. "Some low-lying residential areas will be inundated, forcing residents to evacuate their homes and find emergency shelter. If water levels remain high for an extended period of time, those residents may be forced to find short-term and long-term housing."

Gov. Daugaard said some roads near the Missouri River also may be flooded, and federal assistance is needed to ensure that residents have access to emergency medical services and basic needs. Sewer systems, water treatment plants and electric substations also will be at risk, he said.

"Protective measures by residents and local governments must start immediately," Gov. Daugaard said.

The Governor is requesting direct assistance from the Corps of Engineers to construct temporary levees, deal with road flooding and provide emergency supplies, including such things as sandbags, pumps and auxiliary power sources.

The South Dakota Office of Emergency Management already is coordinating state-level preparedness efforts to support cities and counties that will be impacted by the flooding, Gov. Daugaard added.

"Information on areas of concern, resources on hand and resources needed is being provided the state via county emergency managers," the Governor said. "State agencies are using this information to stage resources and prepare to provide technical and other assistance."

Gov. Daugaard also signed an Executive Order on Wednesday, May 25, 2011, to declare a state of emergency and make state resources available in support of local government efforts to protect the lives and property of those in flooded areas.



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