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**Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS)
Emergency Operations Center
Friday, September 19, 2008, 11:00 a.m. EDT**

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

State EOC Activation

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 in northern Indiana to expedite the federal declaration process. **Reports indicate over 500 Lake County homes have been damaged.**

Initial reports were correct of a possible levee breach at Sumava Resorts. The levee did experience a minor leak with some white sand coming through the small breach. Sand bags were placed in the breached area, which has resolved the current issue. A United States Army Corp Engineers team is in route to assess the levee in Newton County, US 41 at County Road 1150N. The levee appears to be saturated, but stable at the current time.

State and federal agricultural departments will be conducting assessments of damaged crops. Counties are advised to contact their local Farm Services Agency representative with any inquiries.

Department of Natural Resources will be assisting Crawford County in removing wooded debris in waterway on Blue River.

Agencies Active in State Response Operations

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 **Thursday (9/25)**.

Outages

Duke, Vectren and REMC's report there are 39,414 customers still without power as of 9:00 a.m. EDT on 9/19/08.

Due to continuing extensive electrical power outages, a curfew is in affect for the Town of Charleston in Clark County.

Duke Energy has reported a concerted focus on restoring power in Crawford County, with 290 linemen, and anticipates complete restoration by Saturday (9/20) PM. About 26,000 remain out of service in Clarksville, Connersville, Corydon and Madison.

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

Lake/River/Dam

Debris has been cleared at the railroad bridge over the Little Calumet River in Lake County and has alleviated some issues with restricted flow. Incident Management Team (IMAT) on-scene reports conditions are improving.

IMAT is also monitoring the levee that protects that Marshalltown section of Gary in Lake County.

The St. Joseph River in Elkhart has dropped below flood stage.

Transportation

Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) opened I-65 and I-80/94 at 7:30 p.m. EDT on Thursday.

The Indiana Toll Road has resumed normal toll collections operations.

US 231 bridge over the Kankakee River is in danger of being covered by flood water. Indiana State Police report water is still flowing under the bridge as of 1:00 AM EDT.

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Water Division has reported that sink holes have been found in the dam at Lake of Four Seasons located on the Lake and Porter County line east of Crown Point. Nothing in the report indicated there was any imminent danger of failing.

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 orders for Scott and Brown Counties has been lifted.

Food Service

Feeding operations continue today in Crawford County by the Red Cross, in Harrison County by local faith based groups with support from the Red Cross as needed, and in Floyd County by the Salvation Army and at the shelters in Lake County.

Today will be the last day for fixed feeding sites/meal service in Crawford County. Heater meals will be issued on Saturday from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM at each of the Fire Houses for those residents that still remain without power.

Public Health & Safety

Munster in Lake County received 980 doses of tetanus shots yesterday evening and has another shipment of 980 doses in route.

The American Red Cross (ARC) completed the request for cleanup kits / flood buckets in Lake County by IMAT using INVOAD/United Methodist resources. Five pallets of flood buckets will be moved from Indianapolis to Lake County staging area to meet the need.

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

Medical Aid Stations: Floyd County - County fire stations are open for people with special medical needs such as oxygen machines, breathing treatments, etc.

Harrison County Emergency Medical Service is handling oxygen and breathing treatments as well as mental health issues.

Fatalities – **8 total**

A nineteen year old female drowned in Wheatfield, Indiana (Jasper County).

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) - **35**

Boys and Girls Club (Lake County) - 82
Family Christian Center (Lake County) – 21
First United Methodist Church (Jennings County) – 72
Total Reported Shelter Population – 210

Environmental

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

Other concerns and information:

IDHS logistics team is in the process of procuring 5,000 meals ready to eat for storage to use in current and future events.

Emergency operations have begun to transition from response to recovery.

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 **7 radio tower sites** on generator power only and all sites continue to be operating in wide trunking.

Northeastern Indiana

FSSA, Department of Insurance and Housing has set up Disaster Recovery Centers in Gary, Hobart and Hammond to help Hoosiers with reviewing and filing insurance claims, and temporary housing assistance. These centers will be open through Friday (9/19/08) from 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

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.

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

Southeastern Indiana

Department of Natural Resources will be assisting Crawford County in removing wooded debris in waterway on Blue River.

On Monday and Tuesday, 22 damage assessment personnel with IDHS began collecting information from the severe weather and are continuing to gather data. This is an important step in order to determine if Indiana will be eligible for any federal disaster assistance.

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.

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

Harrison County - Using fire stations as distribution points for ice.