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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 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 for current road conditions.

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