

Wisconsin Emergency Operations Center

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Incident Report #1 – Madison area power outages and Wisconsin extreme heat/flooding Contact: Lori Getter Cell: 608-516-0293

The State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) is currently monitoring and ready to respond to several events across the state.

This morning, two fires broke out at electric substations in the downtown and metropolitan area of the City of Madison causing most of the Isthmus area to be without power. MG&E crews are restoring power quickly.

Governor Evers has declared a State of Emergency as a result of the power outage and extreme heat. He has directed state agencies and the Wisconsin National Guard to provide assistance if needed. Currently, there has been no request. Earlier, non-essential state employees headquartered downtown where asked to go home for the day.

The SEOC is also monitoring the statewide heatwave and flooding. Excessive heat warnings and heat advisories have been issued for most of the state. In addition, heavy rains of 3-5" occurred overnight in the southwest region Severe weather again is expected later today with the main threat heavy rains, damaging winds and tornadoes in the northern section of Wisconsin.

Vernon County Board signed an emergency declaration this morning due to flooding. Several roads are closed due to flooding and damage. A few campers were evacuated along the Kickapoo River in the Kickapoo Valley Reserve.

In La Crosse County, officials report damage to roads and bridges in the southern third of the county. Damage assessments continue but no significant flooding in homes or businesses. The Norskedalen Nature Center reports damage to some of their bridges but the buildings were not impacted. There has been no request for state assistance in response to the flooding.

The Statewide Emergency Operations Center is currently elevated to Level 3 as the state is monitoring the situation and ready to assist as needed.