

Restriction in place on Lewis and Clark Lake

Boaters on Lewis and Clark Lake are being restricted of coming within 1,000 feet of the Gavins Point powerplant intake and spillway. The restriction is in place as a safety measure due to record outflows from Lewis and Clark Lake into the Missouri River.

The outflows, expected to reach 150,000 cubic feet per second (cfs) by June 14, are creating strong currents in the southeast corner of Lewis and Clark Lake in the vicinity of the powerplant intake and spillway. Boaters on the lake will be required to keep a 1,000 foot distance from these structures throughout this flood event.

I-29 Exit 1 re-opened to all traffic

South Dakota Department of Transportation officials have re-opened Exit 1 on Interstate 29 to all traffic.

Exit 1 was closed on May 31 to general traffic for two weeks to facilitate levee construction efforts in the area.

Dakota Dunes and the surrounding area has been preparing for record water levels being released from the mainstem dams along the Missouri River. The final increase to 150,000 cfs from Gavins Point Dam took place Tuesday.

Insurance required for relocated property

State Labor and Regulation Secretary Pam Roberts announces the Division of Insurance today issued a bulletin requiring insurance coverage on property relocated in connection with the recent flooding in South Dakota. Additional details on who is affected can be found by viewing the bulletin.

"We cannot have millions of dollars in personal property and business inventory sitting without adequate insurance coverage," said Secretary Roberts.

Under the terms of the bulletin, those policies that either do not cover or have reduced coverage for property removed from its primary premises must cover the property at the alternative locations until July 8, 2011.

"This gives property owners time to work with their agents and companies to provide more permanent insurance coverage for their personal property," said Division of Insurance Director Merle Scheiber.

Consumers should contact their agents or insurance companies before July 8 to understand and update their coverage. The bulletin also relaxes the regulatory approval process for insurance companies who are providing additional coverage for relocated property.

For more information, contact the Division of Insurance at 445 E. Capitol Ave. Pierre, SD 57501 or 605-773-3563 or visit www.state.sd.us/insurance.

Program looks at mighty Missouri flooding

MISSOURI RIVER FLOOD 2011, a special documentary from South Dakota Public Broadcasting, will air

- On SDPB1 TV, Thursday, June 23, at 8 p.m.
- On SDPB2 TV, Monday, June 27, at 4 p.m.
- On SDPB2 TV, Wednesday, June 29, at 11 a.m.

The one-hour television program takes us day by day through the first 20 days of the flood fight. SDPB takes a look at the frenzied efforts to protect towns and property and includes incredible footage of the river in crisis. In addition, the program will share stories of some of the people whose lives have been disrupted.

Throughout the crisis, SDPB's flood coverage – via Radio, Television and Online – has looked at the problem throughout the state as well as telling the stories of people – from the governor to homeowners to workers to volunteers – who have confronted the crisis. The network's comprehensive coverage, plus links to state sites, can be found online at SDPB.org/flood.

Yankton Co. added to disaster declaration

PIERRE — In response to a request by Governor Dennis Daugaard, the President recently added Yankton County to the federal disaster declaration originally signed on May 13, 2011.

In total, 31 South Dakota counties are now eligible for FEMA Public Assistance funding, and one county (Clay) is eligible for emergency protective measures, limited to Direct Federal Assistance under the Public Assistance program.

FEMA Public Assistance was originally made available to governments and certain private nonprofit agencies in the following South Dakota counties: Aurora, Beadle, Brookings, Brown, Buffalo, Clark, Codington, Day, Edmunds, Faulk, Grant, Hamlin, Hand, Hughes, Hyde, Jackson, Jerauld, Kingsbury, Lake, Marshall, Miner, Moody, Perkins, Potter, Roberts, Sanborn, Spink, and Sully. Stanley County was added May 31, 2011. Union County was added to the declaration June 8 for Categories A-G.

THE PLAIN TALK'S DAVID LIAS IS WATCHING OUT FOR YOU. VISIT HIS RIVERWATCH BLOG ([HTTP://DAVIDLIAS.WORDPRESS.COM/](http://DAVIDLIAS.WORDPRESS.COM/)) FOR THE LATEST MISSOURI RIVER FLOOD INFORMATION.

Majority of Mo. River state parks open

Despite the high water releases out of the Missouri River dams, the majority of the state recreation areas on the river remain open.

All parks on Lake Oahe are open and good fishing is being reported. There is a ½ mile stretch immediately north of the Oahe Dam where boating is banned. The West Shore boat ramp can still be used to access the lake. A buoyed channel marks a safe route for boaters using the West Shore ramp.

"In the immediate Pierre area, Farm Island and Oahe Downstream Recreation Areas are closed," said State Park Director Doug Hofer.

"But once you get out of the Pierre area, Lake Sharpe is useable for boaters and campers. There are no boating restrictions from Antelope Creek to the Big Bend dam and fishing in the West Bend Recreation Area has been great this spring."

Currently all state recreation areas and boating access sites on Lake Francis Case are open from Chamberlain to Pickstown.

Lewis and Clark Lake is open to fishermen and boaters, and all state parks in the Yankton area remain open. Springfield Recreation Area is currently closed due to a flooded entrance road. Park staff is exploring an alternate route and hope to reopen the park next week. Boating has been banned from Gavins Point Dam to Sioux City.

Local manufacturer plays role in aiding flood relief

Yankton manufacturer Kolberg-Pioneer, Inc. (KPI-JCI) became involved in regional flood relief efforts this past week during an extensive sandbagging operation in Dakota Dunes.

The South Dakota National Guard used a Series 271 Screening Plant, engineered and manufactured at KPI-JCI in Yankton, to fill sandbags that were carried by a UH60 Blackhawk helicopter in an attempt to reinforce levees along the Missouri River. The 271K Screening Plant is owned by Harold Goeden of First Rate Excavate, Inc., in Sioux Falls, and was set up by Dean Stalheim, sales representative for General Equipment, a KPI-JCI and Astec Mobile Screens authorized dealer.

The 271K Screen is a simple-to-use, highly reliable screening plant capable of processing sand and gravel, topsoil, slag, crushed stone and recycled materials.

Company president Joe Vig found it rewarding that local machinery was used in such an important disaster relief measure.

"The Series 271 Screening Plant was engineered and manufactured right here in Yankton," he said. "We are very pleased to see it being used



alongside the state's National Guard members and with the Blackhawk helicopters to help protect our fellow South Dakotans."

For more information about the 271K Screening plant, visit www.kpijci.com/screening/incline. To view video footage of the 271 Screen plant working with

the UH60 Blackhawk helicopter, courtesy of South Dakota Public Broadcasting, visit <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=75vPAQxi0Vg>.

State dispatches IMAT

The South Dakota Department of Public Safety has dispatched an Incident Management Assistance Team (IMAT) to southeast South Dakota to help local entities coordinate their response to recent flooding on the Missouri River.

The 10-member team has been sent to Dakota Dunes to assist officials in Union, Clay and Yankton counties. This team will replace the Type 2 Incident Management Team (IMT) team that has been working in the area for the past two weeks.

IMAT teams were created by the department in 2007 for the purpose of increasing local incident management capability by providing situation assessment, coordinating resource requests, and helping to plan ahead for additional resource needs during and after the incident.

For this flood event, the team will work with local county emergency management as well as tribal officials, first responders, electrical cooperatives and other utility officials to assess and determine immediate response needs.

The team will not take over incident management activities. It will assist local officials in the impacted area with responding to the incident.

The IMAT team members are from South Dakota and include state, city, and county personnel who bring a wide variety of expertise including

finance, administration, fire, law enforcement, and emergency management. Each individual has also completed nearly 200 hours of training. Each time a team is dispatched, they bring all of that experience and training with them.

Currently, there are four teams in the state with a total of 50 people located in western, central, southeast, and northeast South Dakota. The size of the team dispatched is based on the needs of each particular incident.

Since its inception, the IMAT teams have been dispatched eight times in addition to the current incident.

Protect health during flood

The Department of Health offers the following fact sheet to provide basic information about some typical flood-related health and safety concerns. Find more information about flood response and safety at South Dakota's disaster recovery site, <http://disasterrecovery.sd.gov>.

Water Safety

While flood water is not inherently infectious, people should take the same precautions they would with any pond, lake, river or swimming pool and avoid drinking or swallowing the water.

Mosquitoes

Flood waters will increase the population of nuisance mosquitoes such as Aedes

vexans but the risk of West Nile virus remains low because such species are not efficient carriers of the virus. Regular use of mosquito repellents (DEET, Picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus, IR3535) while outdoors can protect flood responders from these nuisance species and get them in the habit of using protective measures for the peak WNV transmission season in South Dakota, mid-July through mid-September.

Wild Animals

Avoid contact with wild animals (skunks, raccoons, minks, etc.) displaced by flood water to prevent potential exposure to rabies and other animal-borne illnesses.



Welcome to the World

The following babies were born at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital in May 2011:

Abigail	Clay	Kenzley	Miley
Adonije	Destry	Kyhlee	Reagan
Adrian	Ezequiel	Landry	Rostin
Anna	Harper	Layla	Rozaellie
Aryonni	Harper	LeLonna	Sienna
Ashlyn	Hayden	Maci	Siri
Ashton	lylee	Maliyah	Tanner
Aubry	Jarrett	Mathea	
Bentley	Jodi	Mederise	

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