

**Flood call: March 27, 2009**

Facilitator: Mary Young

On the Phone: Gail Scott, Tim Banwell, Rick Wietersen, Carol Quest, Tim Anderson, Erin O'Brien and Susan Lorenz

On-Site: Mary Young, Nick Di Meo, Liz Evans, Jessica Maloney, Sara Strell, Henry Anderson, Rob Thilbodeaux, Henry Nehls-Lowe, Bill Otto, Bruce Rheineck, Yvonne Eide, Tom Anderson, Themis Flores Ramos, Jim Malone and Jenny Ullsvik.

Rock County:

Currently, rivers are at a moderate flood level now, with some roads closed. Water testing kits are available for people affected. Information on mold is also available on the County website and at Red Cross Office. Sandbag locations are ready for use, if conditions get worse. Some homes are impacted at the Janesville River Road and Lake Kashmir areas. Some people will have to chlorinate wells and clean up homes. Well chlorination procedure needs to be put on the website. DPH published an abbreviated document last year, and DNR and State lab have published procedures. Rock County would like a comprehensive document specific to well chlorination that is not embedded in a longer document. Bill Otto will get out to people.

A Couple of campgrounds last year had major impacts, now because there is still a chance of freezing, the water lines are shut off, there is no water pressurized in them which make it more susceptible to contamination. If the lines are breached, chlorination will be necessary before use.

General Discussion:

The Communications Toolkit was updated on the HAN and Jim Malone said DPH will develop an operations toolkit. The well chlorination procedure is on the HAN and it also included with these notes. Future documents will be posted on the DHS website.

Jefferson County:

There is flooding in the usual places. Some homes are impacted in the Blackhawk Island and North Shore areas. Surveillance is being done at this point and water test kits are available. Water is still rising, but municipalities are well prepared.

City of Watertown and Jefferson County:

Tim went to campgrounds- talked to them. He continues to address long-term recovery. Some trash from last year's flood is not yet addressed and with roads closed there is no access for the health department.

Columbia County:

Barb Salna has been checking flooded areas in Lodi - Crystal Lake Campground and Schoepp's Campground. Crystal Lake is rising. Some people are still residing in permanent Trailers on site and the health department has some question about where the residents will go if necessary to evacuate. The wells are not flooded yet. Susan Lorenz

asked if they can get additional fee exempt kits, the answer is yes. Use left over from last year and counties can use the same codes. Following the meeting, DPH decided that a new lab slip with updated account number should be used to track 2009 flooding. The new form will be emailed to the group and will be housed on the HAN in the Flood Resources page at: [https://www.han.wisc.edu/mod\\_libr/index.jsp?id=2897](https://www.han.wisc.edu/mod_libr/index.jsp?id=2897) For additional flooded well test kits, local health departments should contact the State Lab directly at 1-800-442-4618 and request the "2009 Flood Test Kit". She asked about beach kits. No beach testing instructions are necessary at this time (we used regular water sample bottles last year). Columbus will have problems again. Water is 5" under the bridge and houses by the creek may be affected. Some houses have sitting water already and some basements are flooded.

Other notes:

Minutes will be e-mailed to all.

Heads-up—Wisconsin Emergency Management received a request from North Dakota for 100 ambulances from WI to help evacuate but the request was cancelled later this afternoon.

Rita Prigioni and Henry Nehls-Lowe are on call this weekend.

Next call:

When asked when another call should be scheduled, Rock suggested waiting to see what develops over the weekend. Gail, Susan and Carol agreed. Mary will contact all next week with call information if needed.

Sandbags:

Jefferson municipalities are stockpiling sandbags and giving them on request, depending where. Sand is free, bags are 30¢. Municipalities are handling bags. Rock-distributed through towns and municipalities and they keep track of where they are distributed to.