



**09-003, Spring Flooding
April 30, 2009
12:00 p.m. CDT
Incident Summary Report #60**

Incident Overview

Summaries are published once daily at 12:00 p.m.

Updated information is in red.

The following is a summary of key issues related to the 2009 spring flood for the Red River of the North, Souris, Devils Lake, James, Sheyenne and Missouri River Basins.

State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) Activation – Level II (Partial Activation). The SEOC will be staffed daily from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. by the N.D. Division of Homeland Security (NDHLS). The Duty Officer will be responsible for incident-related calls between 8:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.

Significant Events

- **Deaths/Injuries/Illnesses** – as reported by the N.D. Department of Health (NDDoH) and the N.D. Highway Patrol (NDHP)
 - Deaths – 3; two were caused by cardiac arrest, as reported by NDDoH; the NDHP classified the third as a traffic fatality.
 - Injuries – 246
 - Illnesses – 69
- **Rescues**
 - Rescues – 139
 - Animal Rescues – 135
- **Confirmed livestock loss reports received from County Extension agents in 22 of 53 counties.**
 - Calves – 18,555
 - Cattle – 4,012
 - Horses – 27
 - Other Livestock – 120
- **Crops**
 - **The statewide average starting date for fieldwork is expected to be May 1, 2009, more than two weeks behind last year's average starting date. The statewide five-year average**

starting date is April 16. (Data provided by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Agriculture Statistics Service, North Dakota Field Office). – April 29

➤ **Evacuations/Sheltering**

- Local shelters on stand by
 - Oriska School
 - Sacred Heart Church, Sanborn
 - Lisbon School (independent shelter)
 - Jamestown High School
 - First Assembly of God (also backup registration center)
- State Shelters on stand by
 - Horizon Middle School
 - Charity Lutheran Church
 - Century High School
 - Hughes Administration Building
 - Simile Middle School
 - Bismarck High School
 - Mandan Jr. High School
 - Mandan High School
- State Reception Center on Stand-By
 - NDDoH Environmental Health Training Facility, Bismarck
 - Jamestown YMCA, Jamestown
- Pet Shelters
 - Four animal shelters are open; a total of 27 pets are being sheltered. – April 28

➤ **Sewage System Problems**

- **Ransom County**
 - The city of Lisbon is using port-a-potties to aid in restricting water flow into the sewage system. Officials informed every citizen contact to restrict water usage.
- **Stutsman County**
 - The city of Jamestown continues to experience high infiltration rates into its sanitary sewer system. Because the city's pumping capability peaked at 7.5 million gallons, it received permission from the N.D. Department of Health to pump three of its lift stations directly into the James River. Under normal conditions 1.5 million gallons is pumped through the system daily, which indicates current sewer water amounts being pumped into the river from the system is highly diluted by flood water.
 - Information has been distributed to the public to conserve water usage.

➤ **Dike Reports**

- No recent updates.

➤ **Flooding**

- **Ransom County**
 - City of Lisbon personnel are working 24/7 to staff pumps and lift stations. The city had five pumps prior to flooding and purchased six additional pumps. High Sheyenne River levels, rainfall and a high water table are causing pooling and water backup, threatening homes and businesses.

➤ Dams

▪ **Pipestem Dam:**

- Current reservoir level – 1,490.7 feet (-0.4 feet/ 24 hours)
- Spillway flows – None expected
- Current reservoir inflow – 660 cfs
- Current reservoir release – 1,400 cfs
- Pipestem Dam is still making progress in emptying some of its excess water. It will be a long time period before Pipestem reservoir is at normal operating ranges below 1442.5 ft MSL. The reservoir is currently retaining nearly 140,000 acre feet of flood water compared to its normal storage of 8,944 acre feet. The reservoir currently covers about 4,700 acres compared to normal coverage of 840 acres.

▪ **Jamestown Dam:**

- Current reservoir level – 1,453.9 feet (no change last 24 hours)
- Forecast reservoir level – 1,454 to 1,455 feet
- Spillway flows – small spillway flows expected April 28 to May 10
- Current reservoir inflow – 1,517 cfs
- Current reservoir release – 1,600 cfs
- The National Weather Service (NWS) reported the dam is now holding back approximately 185,000 acre feet of flood water. Its current surface area is likely just over 13,000 acres compared to a normal surface area of just over 2,000 acres.

▪ **Baldhill Dam**

- Current reservoir level – 1,269.17 feet.
- Current reservoir inflow – 4,131 cfs
- Current reservoir release – 4,300 cfs

➤ Roads

The following is the ND Department of Transportation road report as of April 30:

- The following highways are closed due to water damage:
 - ND-8 between the junction of US-12 and ND-21 at mile post 16.
 - ND-9 nine miles west of Kensal.
 - ND-200 near Hazen from the junction of ND-200A to the junction of ND-1806.
 - ND-46 one mile west of Kindred at mile marker 110.
 - ND-18 from junction ND-5 to the Canadian border.
- The following highways are closed due to water over the roadway:
 - ND-27 directly east of the junction of ND-32 in Lisbon.
 - ND-66 from ND-44 to the Red River crossing.
 - ND-54 from I-29 to the Red River.
 - ND-17 bridge over the Red River east of Grafton at mile post 138.
- The following highways have water over the roadway but traffic is allowed.
 - ND-9 mile post 35 one mile west of Wimbledon.
 - ND-46 westbound lane at mile post 6, four miles west of Gackle.
 - ND-13 three miles west of Verona.
 - ND-1 at the South Dakota border.
 - ND-20 one half mile south of Webster.
- The following highways have water in one lane, reducing the roadway

to one lane of traffic.

- o US-52 twelve miles east of Velva at mile post 129.5.
- o ND-13 two miles east of Lehr at mile post 244
- o ND-14 approximately four miles north of Upham

➤ Damages to Homes/Businesses

- o No recent updates.

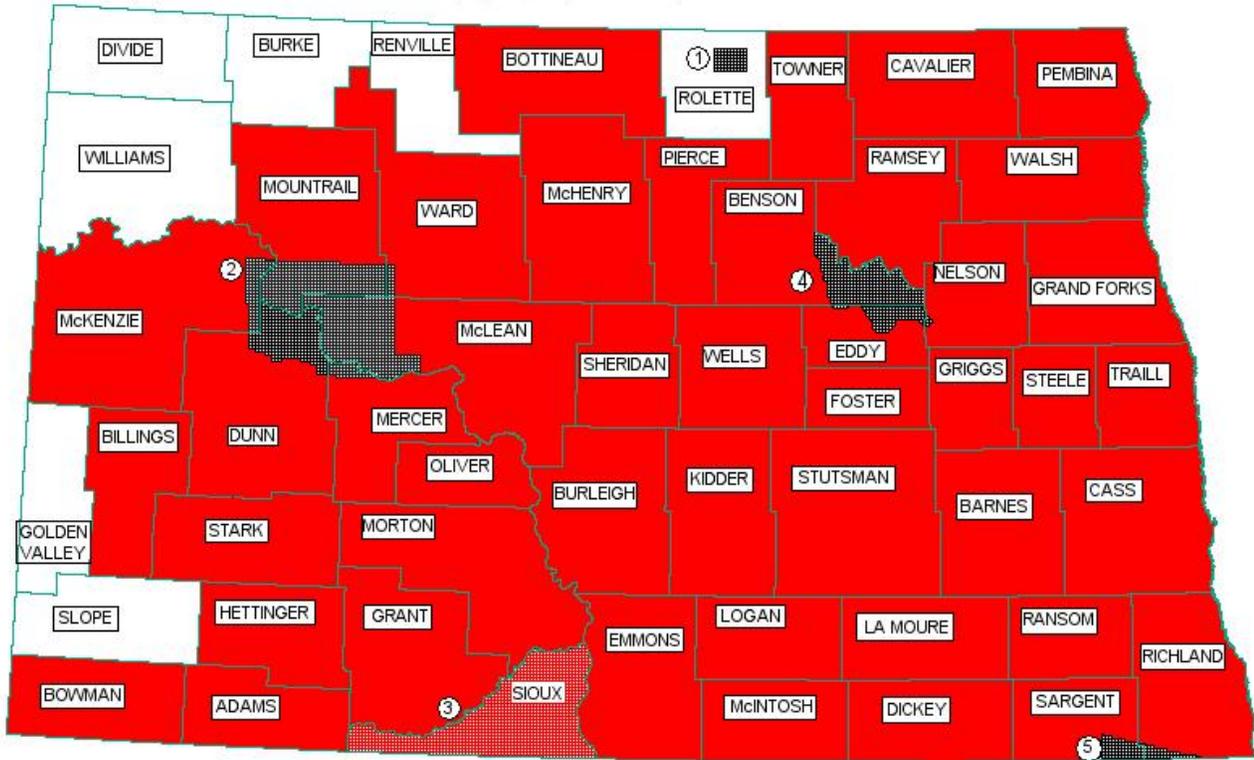
➤ Railroads

- o No recent updates.

➤ Declarations (See map)

- Governor John Hoeven issued a statewide emergency declaration on March 13.
- The state was granted a Presidential Disaster Declaration for 34 counties and two Tribal Nations in North Dakota. – March 25
- The Presidential Disaster Declaration, issued March 24, has been expanded to include FEMA Individual Assistance (IA) for eligible applicants in the following counties: Adams, Barnes, Billings, Burleigh, Cass, Dickey, Emmons, Foster, Grand Forks, Griggs, Hettinger, Kidder, LaMoure, Logan, McIntosh, Mercer, Morton, Nelson, Ransom, Richland, Sargent, Steele, Stutsman, Towner, Traill and Williams. Other counties may be added for Individual Assistance after further evaluation. – April 10
- An additional 22 counties were added to the Presidential Disaster Declaration on April 10, 2009. Griggs, Steele, Towner and Traill were also added for Individual Assistance only. – April 22
- County Declarations – Adams, Barnes, Benson, Billings, Bottineau, Bowman, Burleigh, Cass, Cavalier, Dickey, Dunn, Eddy, Emmons, Foster, Grand Forks, Grant, Griggs, Hettinger, Kidder, LaMoure, Logan, McHenry, McIntosh, McKenzie, McLean, Mercer, Morton, Mountrail, Nelson, Oliver, Pembina, Pierce, Ramsey, Ransom, Richland, Sargent, Sheridan, Sioux, Steele, Stutsman, Traill, Walsh, Ward and Wells.
- City Declarations – Argusville, Bismarck, Briarwood, Casselton, Center, Davenport, Devils Lake, Drayton, Enderlin, Frontier, Fargo, Frontier, Horace, Grafton, Grand Forks, Harwood, Hope, Jamestown, Kindred, Leonard, Mapleton, Napoleon, North River, Prairie Rose, Oakes, Oxbow, Neche, Pembina, Reiles Acres, Towner, Valley City, Wahpeton, Great Bend, Mooreton, Walcott, Barney, Fairmount, Dwight, Wyndmere, and Lidgerwood.
- Tribal Declarations - Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa and Standing Rock Indian Reservation.

[Current County Declaration Map](#)



2009 Flood Declarations

- 1 Turtle Mountain
- 2 Three Affiliated Tribes
- 3 Standing Rock Sioux
- 4 Spirit Lake
- 5 Sisseton

Weather Forecast: WESTERN AND CENTRAL NORTH DAKOTA:

Today: A slight chance of rain and snow showers before 1pm, then a slight chance of rain showers. Cloudy, with a high near 47. Breezy, with a northwest wind between 16 and 22 mph, with gusts as high as 31 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20%.

Tonight: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 32. Northwest wind between 9 and 17 mph, with gusts as high as 24 mph.

Friday: A 20 percent chance of showers after 1pm. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 57. Northwest wind between 9 and 18 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 32. West wind between 7 and 14 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Saturday: Partly sunny, with a high near 60. West wind between 8 and 14 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 35.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 65.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 39.

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 64.

Monday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 42.

Tuesday: Partly sunny, with a high near 63.

Tuesday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 42.

Weather Forecast: EASTERN NORTH DAKOTA:

Today: A 30 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 47. Breezy, with a northwest wind 9 to 12 mph increasing to between 19 and 22 mph. Winds could gust as high as 29 mph. New rainfall amounts of less than a tenth of an inch possible.

Tonight: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 35. Breezy, with a north northwest wind 18 to 21 mph decreasing to between 8 and 11 mph. Winds could gust as high as 26 mph.

Friday: A 20 percent chance of showers after 1pm. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 49. Northwest wind between 8 and 14 mph.

Friday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 33. West northwest wind between 6 and 13 mph.

Saturday: A 20 percent chance of showers after 1pm. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 56. West northwest wind between 6 and 10 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 35.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 60.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 37.

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 65.

Monday Night: A slight chance of showers. Partly cloudy, with a low around 41.

Tuesday: A slight chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 64.

Tuesday Night: A slight chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 41.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 64.

River Forecasts by River Basin – Listing Includes Rivers Above Flood Stage

Rising= Steady= Falling=

Red River of the North

- Red River at Wahpeton — 10.05 ft—Flood Stage 10 ft—Crested 15.2 ft on Apr 12
- Red River at Fargo — 27.75 ft—Flood Stage 18 ft—Crested 34 ft on Apr 16
- Red River at Grand Forks — 37.80 ft—Flood Stage 28 ft—Crested 44.27 ft on Apr 13
- Red River at Oslo — 35.07 ft— Flood Stage 26 ft—Crested at 37.4 ft on Apr 13
- Red River at Drayton — 41.05 ft—Flood Stage 32 ft—Crested at 43.09 ft Apr 16
- Red River at Pembina — 50.27 ft—Flood Stage 42 ft—Crested at 52.57 ft Apr 16

Pembina River

- Pembina River at Neche — 19.82 ft—Flood Stage 18 ft—Crest 21.6 ft on Apr 22.

Sheyenne River

- Sheyenne River at Valley City — 16.52 ft—Flood Stage 15 ft—Crested at 20.58 ft Apr 17
- Sheyenne River at Lisbon — 17.73 ft—Flood Stage 15 ft—Crested at 22.84 ft on Apr 16
- Sheyenne River at Kindred — 21.13 ft—Flood Stage 16 ft—Crested at 21.22 ft on Apr 27
- Sheyenne River at W.F. Div — 22.2 ft—Flood Stage 18 ft—Crested 22.54 ft on Apr 13
- Sheyenne River at Harwood — 890.62 msl—Flood Stage 884 msl—Crested 891.25 Apr 13

James River Basin

- James River at Kensal — 16.33 ft—Flood Stage 9 ft—Crest (no forecast)
- Pipestem Dam — 1490.69 msl
- Jamestown Dam — 1,453.81 msl
- James River at Jamestown — 14.36 ft—Flood Stage 12 ft—Crest (no forecast)
- James River at LaMoure — 14.46 ft—Flood Stage 14 ft—Crested at 17.3 ft on Apr 16
- James River at Ludden Dam — 15.85 ft—Flood Stage 12 ft—Crest 18.2 ft on Apr 24

Devils Lake Basin

- Devils Lake — 1,449.32 ft — continuing a steady rise— New Record Level
- Stump Lake — 1,448.8 ft — continuing its record rise.

Souris River Basin

- Souris River at Towner — 54.4 ft— Flood Stage 52 ft – Crested at 55.1 ft on Apr 27
- Souris River at Bantry — 12.5 ft— Flood Stage 11 ft—Crest 14.4 ft Apr 21
- Willow Creek at Willow City — 11.1 ft—Flood Stage 10 ft—Crested at 13.97 ft on Apr 16
- Souris River at Westhope — 16.2 ft—Flood Stage 10 ft—Crest 16.1 ft on Apr 22

Resource/Assistance Requests

N.D. Board of Animal Health

- Aerial reconnaissance and photos from the confluence of the Cannonball and Missouri Rivers to 10 miles west of Breien to search for livestock carcasses. (#599)
 - ASSIGNED – SEOC Air Operations Branch
- Carcass removal and disposal operations in Oliver, Cass, Kidder and Morton Counties. (#588)
 - ACCEPTED - NDNG

N.D. National Guard (NDNG)

- One unit ministry team to work in the city of Jamestown up to two weeks to assist in ministry to troops. (#594)
 - ACCEPTED – EMAC

N.D. State Emergency Operation Center (SEOC)

- The Homeland Security Director requested a search and rescue (SAR) helicopter to back fill the USCG helicopter in Jamestown. (#595)
 - ACCEPTED – SEOC –Air Operations

Barnes County

- 60K generator to replace the current 100K generator; the 60K generator will be retained by Valley City State University until May 31. (#600)
 - ASSIGNED – NDNG

Cass County

- Assistance from the Corps of Engineers with dike removal in multiple locations. (#596)
 - ASSIGNED - USACE, St. Paul District
- USACE assistance to remove temporary levees and dikes in the city of Harwood. (#557)
 - ACCEPTED - USACE, St. Paul District
- The city of Argusville requested USACE assistance in the removal of temporary levees and dikes. (#554)
 - ACCEPTED – USACE, St. Paul District

Grand Forks County

- The city of Grand Forks is requesting technical assistance to evaluate the means and methods of clay removal and disposal from the levee. (#568)
 - ACCEPTED - USACE, St. Paul District
- USACE assistance to remove temporary levees and dikes. (#553)
 - ACCEPTED – USACE, St. Paul District

Kidder County

- Carcass removal and burial of 30 cows, 25 calves and 15 yearlings, some animals are still in the lake. (#590)
 - ASSIGNED – NDNG

Morton County

- Cattle carcass disposal in Morton County for seven cows and 30 calves. (#598)
 - ASSIGNED - NDNG

Ramsey County

- Aerial photos of Ramsey County. (#580)
 - ACCEPTED - CAP

Ransom County

- Removal of clay, sandbag levees and woody debris that was cut down at the City of Fort Ransom. (#578)
 - ACCEPTED - USACE, St. Paul District
- Removal of clay, sandbags, and HESCO levees at the City of Lisbon. (#577)
 - ACCEPTED - USACE, St. Paul District
- A mobile FEMA Assistance Unit to assist elderly and citizens unfamiliar with FEMA processes. (#561)
 - ASSIGNED – DES RECOVERY GROUP

Richland County

- City of Lidgerwood temporary dike removal. (#598)
 - ASSIGNED – USACE, St. Paul District

Stutsman County

- 25 soldiers for river, dike walking and inspection. (#574)
 - ASSIGNED – NDNG

Detailed Reports

Refer to previous Incident Summaries, as necessary.

LOCAL

Barnes County

- Valley City State University (VCSU) is conducting all classes online for the remainder of the semester. All Valley City schools reopened on April 27.
- Mercy Hospital, Legacy Place and Sheyenne Care Center in Valley City have reopened. – April 28

Pembina County

- The city of Pembina Mayor reported NDNG demobilization of personnel and equipment in the city may begin immediately. – April 28

Richland County

- County officials held a township meeting on April 20 with county commissioners, extension agent, sheriffs department, highway department, Water Resource Board, and other agencies. Townships were directed to repair infrastructure to pre-disaster conditions as instructed by State and FEMA representatives – April 28
- Preliminary Damage Assessments of townships have been completed and information forwarded to State and FEMA representatives -- April 28.
- Schools, businesses, factories, and government offices in the county were informed that unemployment benefits are available for employees who missed work due to flooding/snow storm events. – April 28

Stutsman County

- Applicant Agent Briefings have been scheduled for Wednesday, May 6, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Farmers Union State Office Auditorium located at 1415 12 Ave SE in Jamestown.
- A table-top evacuation exercise is scheduled for Monday, May 4, 9:00 a.m. at the Jamestown Civic Center Exchequer Room. The exercise will deal with the largest of the 12 evacuation zones identified within the city of Jamestown and is based on a dike break with a river flow of 4,000 cfs. The exercise will include all agencies involved with evacuating special needs individuals, pets and transportation needs. It will also include N.D. National Guard resources and the N.D. Highway Patrol currently positioned in Jamestown.
- An Environmental and Historic Preservation (EHP) advisor attended the Stutsman County road meeting on April 27 and briefed participants on National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) requirements. The EHP advisor also discussed a process to clear any borrow pits needed to complete road repair. – April 29
- The emergency manager reported N.D. National Guard resources in place include 10 soldiers for public works support; 46 soldiers for dike patrol; 48 Quick Reaction Force members for potential evacuation; two Emergency Operations Center (EOC) liaison support personnel; 12 soldiers for logistical support; and 25 soldiers for river, dike patrol and inspection. – April 29
- During a special session, the Jamestown City Council agreed to cancel the AMVETS wrestling tournament scheduled for Friday and Saturday since the tournament would have created an 80-room shortage for the N.D. National Guard and USACE personnel.
- The Stutsman County Commission was scheduled to discuss road and other infrastructure repairs with the 62 organized townships.
- Personnel from the Stutsman County Sheriff's Office and N.D. Game and Fish Department are working to remove debris from the Jamestown and Pipestem Dams.
- The Public Information Center continues to operate from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. while the EOC continues 24/7 operations. – April 28

Walsh County

- The Park River Fire Department and Walsh County Sheriffs Office continue monitoring the Park River west of the city of Park River in an attempt to find a person missing since April 12 when the vehicle he was riding in was washed off a flooded Park River crossing four miles northwest of the city. The U.S. Border Patrol is conducting aerial reconnaissance of the area searching for the individual. – April 29

STATE

Governor's Office

- Governor John Hoeven announced the White House has approved his request for an expansion of the Presidential Disaster Declaration issued on March 24. The expanded declaration includes a range of new assistance programs designed to help the state recover from severe flooding this spring.
- Governor John Hoeven, Sen. Byron Dorgan, Sen. Kent Conrad, and Rep. Earl Pomeroy of North Dakota, and Governor Tim Pawlenty, Representative Colin Peterson and Senator Amy Klobuchar of Minnesota will meet Tuesday, May 5 in Washington, D.C. with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in an effort to advance a permanent flood protection project in the Red River basin. – April 25

N.D. Board of Animal Health

- Veterinarians are coordinating carcass removal efforts in Morton County with the N.D. National Guard. – April 28

N.D. Department of Health (NDDoH)

- The North Dakota Health Department offers free well testing. Websites for information are as follows: <http://www.ndhealth.gov/flood/well%20disinf.pdf> or <http://www.ndhealth.gov/flood/>. For instructions to disinfect wells and/or arrange for sampling, residents should contact the local health department. – April 29

N.D. Division of Homeland Security (NDHLS)

- NDHLS and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) officials announced the opening of a Disaster Recovery Center in the LaMoure Civic Center from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 1:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., on Sunday. – April 28

N.D. National Guard (NDNG)

- The NDNG received notification from the SEOC, after consultation with the Cass County Emergency Manager, to release all assets in Cass County by Wednesday, April 29. – April 28

N.D. Secretary of State

- Contractors who wish to obtain work in the recovery process are directed to the following website; www.nd.gov/businessreg/.
- Contractors must register with the Office of the Secretary of State by calling 701-328-2836 whether they are in or out-of-state. After registration, the office of the Secretary of State will refer contractors to N.D. Job Service. – April 29

FEDERAL

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) – Small Business Administration (SBA)

- The Bismarck Disaster Recovery Center, located at the Gateway Fashion Mall, will close on Friday, May 1. Area residents who have been affected by the flooding that began on March 13 have until the close of business on Friday to speak to a disaster assistance specialist about recovery programs, as well as receiving information and help completing loan applications. Although the Bismarck center is closing, FEMA will continue to be accessible to area residents who have not yet registered, or have questions about their application or FEMA programs by calling toll free at **1-800-621-FEMA** or **TTY 1-800-462-7585**, or go online at **www.disasterassistance.gov**. The registration line is open daily from 6 a.m. – midnight CDT until further notice. The call is free. The registration deadline for disaster assistance is June 9. – April 29
- North Dakota senior citizens can take comfort knowing they will not sacrifice Social Security benefits, pay additional taxes, or give up income-based benefit programs if they apply for or receive disaster-related assistance. Once registered with FEMA, applicants may receive a U.S. Small Business Administration disaster loan application in the mail. It is vital that seniors fill out the loan application even if they do not want a loan. Completing it ensures that a disaster victim is not eliminated from consideration for other forms of disaster assistance.
- Seniors who receive a disaster loan application and have questions can contact SBA's Customer Service Center at **(800) 659-2955**, email **disastercustomerservice@sba.gov**, or visit SBA's website at **www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance**. Hearing impaired

individuals may call **(800) 877-8339**. Individuals may also access SBA's online Electronic Loan Application (ELA) at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/>. – April 29

- As of April 27, the cities of Argusville, Briarwood, Fargo, Fort Ransom, Grafton, Grand Forks, Harwood, and Lisbon, as well as Cass, Grand Forks, and Ward counties have requested USACE to conduct temporary levee removal operations. – April 29
- North Dakota has a Long Term Recovery Committee as well as other local unmet needs committees. North Dakota flood victims who have registered with FEMA and have exhausted other means can also call 2-1-1. In addition, local flood assistance hotlines for both volunteers and for those needing assistance include: Jamestown, 701-251-6241; Valley City, 701-845-8017; Fargo/Moorhead, 2-1-1; Emmons County, 701-254-4811; Mercer County, 701-873-4397 or 701-873-4348, and all others, 800-366-9841 (Lutheran Disaster Response). Individuals may also seek additional assistance from the United Way, American Red Cross or Salvation Army. These agencies can supply individuals with an application for consideration of Unmet Needs through the long term recovery process. – April 29
- The Mobile Disaster Recovery Center (MDRC) at Wahpeton will close on Wednesday, April 29, 2009. The MDRC will open on Friday, April 30, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. in Mayville at the Mayville State University Campus Center. Hours of operation will be Monday through Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Sunday 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. – April 28
- The MDRC at Beulah will close on Wednesday, April 29, 2009 and open in Minot on Friday, April 30, 2009, as a fixed Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) #5. The DRC will conduct operations at the Minot Municipal Auditorium, 420 3rd Ave SW, Room 201, Minot, ND. Hours of operation are Monday through Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. – April 28
- A MDRC opened in the LaMoure City Civic Center, 33 Center Avenue East. Hours of operation are Monday through Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Sunday 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. – April 28
- North Dakota residents whose septic tanks or private wells were damaged as a result of flooding may be eligible for federal assistance. to restore them to use. Homeowners of flood-damaged wells and septic systems may receive funds to pump a septic tank, perform required repairs or replace if the damage is permanent. Homeowners with private wells that were left useless may be eligible for assistance if the well is their sole source of water. Moreover, renters who have septic system problems that forced them to evacuate their homes can apply for FEMA rental assistance, which may provide renters with safe, secure, temporary housing until the landlord completes septic system repairs. – April 29

VOLUNTARY AGENCIES

The Salvation Army

- The Salvation Army of Bismarck has received \$18,000 to help newly unemployed community members pay for gas, food, utility bills and other basic needs. The money will be used exclusively for families and individuals who are in crisis as a result of unemployment occurring after Oct. 1, 2008. – April 29
- The Salvation Army continues to provide flood assistance for families and individuals affected by recent flooding. Each applicant must have a FEMA number when applying for

assistance. To apply for assistance call Helen at 1-701-223-1889. Clean up kits are also available. www.thesalarmy.org. – April 29

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