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Importance: HIGH

Incident Number:	2010-01	Date/Time	2/28/10 0730 EST
Incident Name:	02-26-2010 February Snow/Rain Event	Prepared By:	Mike Poirier
SitRep #:	5	Authorized By:	Dave Vaillancourt
EOC Activation Level:	3		

Situation:

A significant rain and wind event overnight Thursday caused numerous utility outages and downed trees across the state. Utilities continue to work on restoration of outages across the state.

As of 0800 hours there are approximately 123,728 power outages throughout the state.

- 109,820 PSNH
- 12,318 Unutil
- 10,477 NHEC
- 1,113 National Grid

There will be a conference call everyday at 1200 for Local Officials, until further notice.
Call in number: 1-866-843-0890. PIN: 021172#. We encourage EMD's to be on today's call as there will be a discussion about preliminary damage assessment for Public Assistance and Individual Assistance.

Weather: Gray, ME NWS www.erh.noaa.gov/er/gyx/
Taunton, MA NWS www.erh.noaa.gov/box/

Flood Warning continues for Suncook River at North Chichester affecting Merrimack County and Lamprey River near Newmarket affecting Rockingham and Strafford Counties.

Today: A chance of snow, mainly before 7am. Areas of fog between 7am and 9am. Otherwise, cloudy, with a high near 41. Calm wind becoming north between 4 and 7 mph. Chance of precipitation is 40%. Total daytime snow accumulation of less than a half inch possible.

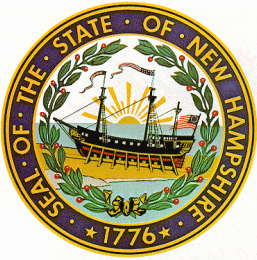
Tonight: A chance of snow. Cloudy, with a low around 30. North wind between 6 and 14 mph. Chance of precipitation is 50%. New snow accumulation of less than one inch possible.

Monday: A chance of rain. Cloudy, with a high near 38. North wind around 17 mph. Chance of precipitation is 50%. New precipitation amounts of less than a tenth of an inch possible.

Monday Night: A chance of rain and snow showers before 1am, then a chance of snow showers. Cloudy, with a low around 25. North wind between 5 and 11 mph. Chance of precipitation is 50%. New precipitation amounts of less than a tenth of an inch possible.

Tuesday: A chance of rain showers. Cloudy, with a high near 43. North wind between 3 and 7 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30%. New precipitation amounts of less than a tenth of an inch possible.

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Status of State Operations:

State EOC is at level 3. 101 missions/tasks have been completed since the start of the event; currently 10 are in progress.

Operational Objectives for next 24 hours:

Maintain Situational Awareness.
Provide information, coordination and support to impacted local communities.
Continue to monitor progress of storm and impact on the state.
Conduct conference calls and meetings with Governor, Department Heads, Utilities, Local Officials, and SAU's over the course of the day.

Operational Objectives for next 48 hours:

Maintain Situational Awareness.
Provide information, coordination and support to impacted local communities.
Initiate Preliminary Damage Assessment for PA & IA in Merrimack, Hillsborough, Rockingham and Strafford counties.
Continue to monitor progress of storm and impact on the state.

Infrastructure:

Roads: 7 state road remained closed; Dover Gulf Road, Hampstead East Road, Nottingham Rt. 152, Epping Rt. 27, Sandown Rt. 121A, and Brentwood 111A (2 sites).
143 local roads closed. Bedford (19), Dover (6), Durham (9), New Boston (7), and North Hampton (9) represented communities with the most roads affected.

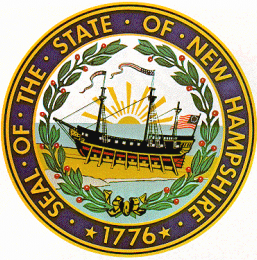
Rivers and Streams: Flood Warning continues for the following rivers: Suncook River at N. Chichester (currently at 7.3 feet; flood stage at 7.0 feet) affecting Merrimack County and the Lamprey River currently at 11.9 feet; flood stage at 8.0 feet) near Newmarket affecting Rockingham and Strafford Counties. The Warner River at Davisville and the Contoocook River at Henniker both near flood stage but not expected to reach flood stage.

Water Management: No issues this reporting period..

ESF 6&8: The health and medical system across the state is fully operational and functioning within its capacity. No problems or requests for assistance are being reported at this time.

All 26 hospitals across NH are on the grid now and fully operational.
Food Protection is available for questions at 271-4548 during normal business hours. After hours, individuals should contact 271-5300. There is some concern about food safety and protection with the power loss. Food Protection will have field teams going out 2/28/2010 to check in with stores and businesses impacted with outages.

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The 211 hotline is staffed and has received approximately 200 calls this reporting period. Majority of calls were for power restoration time estimates and shelter information.

ESF 13: Law Enforcement

No issues this reporting period.

Shelters & Local Emergency Operations Centers:

Numerous Local Emergency Operation Centers have been activated throughout the state. PSNH and Unutil have also activated their EOC.

There are 16 shelters open currently and 2 on standby. The 3 regional shelters in Manchester (5), Concord (12), and Rochester (9) remain open. There were a total of 95 shelterees.

Emergency Information and Public Affairs:

Citizens encouraged to access information on power outages utilizing the following resources:

- www.PSNHnews.com
- www.nh.gov/readynh
- PSNH Twitter and Face book websites
- Local News Media Outlets
- or by calling 211

Other:

ESF 4 : Mission tasking to National Guard for a generator in Allenstown for an emergency communications repeater and tasking to PUC to determine Fairpoint Communications operational status in replacing 76 electrical poles on the Seacoast.

Reminder from SEOC Director please keeps your webEOC logs updated and current. Any issues with webEOC please contact the SEOC at 223-3704.

See attached documents for further info:

<http://www.erh.noaa.gov/displayprod.php?product=PEMZFPGYX&versions=10> (Gray, Maine weather)

<http://www.erh.noaa.gov/displayprod.php?product=BOSZFPBOX&versions=10> (Taunton, Mass weather)

<http://newweb.erh.noaa.gov/ahps2/index.php?wfo=qyx> (River Gauges-NOAA)

<http://www.nohrsc.noaa.gov/snowmodel/images/full/Northeast/nsmswe/200904/nsmswe2009040305Northeast.jpg>
(Snow water Equivalent)

<https://rsgis.crrel.usace.army.mil/nae/pls/nae/naeweb.naewebmenu.displaymenu?menu=main> (Army Corps. River Gauges)

<http://waterdata.usgs.gov/nh/nwis/rt> (USGS Water Data for NH)

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