

# STATE STATUS REPORT

1. TYPE OF INCIDENT  
Severe Thunderstorms with tornados, heavy rain and high winds
2. INCIDENT REPORT DATE:  
**FINAL REPORT** for This incident May 11<sup>th</sup> 2015
3. INCIDENT: (Brief Description of the Incident)  
On May 6<sup>th</sup> a line of severe thunderstorms moved into the state causing damages from high winds including tornados and flooding
4. LOCAL RESPONSE (By County):  
  
All counties and municipalities are shifting from response into recovery. Damage assessment and essential repairs are started or in the planning stages. NEMA is maintaining contact with the counties as they transition.
5. STATE RESPONSE:  
  
The State EOC is back to normal operations with the Duty Officer on-call after office hours.  
  
State Agencies continue to work with affected jurisdictions identifying damages, helping with proper debris removal and infrastructure repair.  
  
Voluntary agencies are coordinating to provide necessary clean up and repair services to the affected population. The agencies are holding conference calls to identify unmet needs and determine who would best provide the needed services.  
  
DOR has crews and engineers assessing damages and beginning repairs. They are working as long as there is light.  
  
The NEMA Public Assistance Unit anticipates that local officials will have assembled enough damage information to begin formal State damage assessment to identify if the damages will meet thresholds to request a Preliminary Damage Assessment with FEMA, the first step in the Federal Disaster Request process.  
  
Tomorrow NEMA staff will be meeting with local officials in each of the following municipalities; Deshler, Hebron, Fairbury, DeWitt and Swanton; to answer questions and discuss the recovery process and moving forward from this point.
6. POTENTIAL STATE/FEDERAL INVOLVEMENT:  
  
Two liaisons from FEMA Region VII are working in the NEMA office to facilitate communications with FEMA on the transition to recovery.

## **Please Be Aware**

NEMA, along with the Department of Natural Resource and the US Army Corps of Engineers, is monitoring an emerging situation. Due to above normal snow pack in place prior to the 2 to 3 feet of snow in the Colorado range this week-end and coupled with raising temperatures, it appears there will be flooding in Nebraska along the South Platte similar to the flooding in 2013. At this time, local officials in Deuel and Keith counties have held planning meetings preparing to fight the flood. Good river level forecasts are in preliminary stages, complicated by the storm over the week-end. We are closely monitoring this and preparing assets to be ready to deploy when necessary.

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