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Flood update: Disaster aid process proceeding; more water test kits expected this afternoon

Kenosha – July 17, 2017 – Wisconsin Emergency Management personnel are in Kenosha County today, actively working with county and municipal officials to compile a cost estimate of the total damage caused by last week's flooding.

Municipalities have until 3 p.m. today to submit their individual estimates to Lt. Horace Staples, Kenosha County Emergency Management director. The combined total for all of southeastern Wisconsin will be sent to the federal government in an effort to receive a presidential disaster declaration and the associated financial aid.

Meanwhile, a new supply of water test kits are expected to arrive in Kenosha County early this afternoon.

Residents whose wells were submerged by floodwaters are urged to disinfect and test their well water before drinking it. Test kits, provided by the state Department of Health Services, ran out in Kenosha County on Sunday. The county is now in the process of receiving a supply of 300 additional kits.

The kits will be delivered to the former Silver Lake Village Hall, 113 S. First St., in the Village of Salem Lakes, between noon and 1 p.m. today. Thereafter, some of them will also be made available at other town and village halls, the Kenosha County Center at highways 45 and 50 in Bristol, and the Kenosha County Job Center, 8600 Sheridan Road in Kenosha. People are urged to call their local municipality to check on availability. Flood-affected residents may pick up a kit at any location where they're available.

The Kenosha County Sheriff's Department is expected to hold a news conference later today to offer further updates on the flooding situation. More details on that are forthcoming from the Sheriff's Department.

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