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## STATUS OF THE STATE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER - MONITORING

The National Weather Service has issued Flood Watches for the entire state and much of Southern New England from this evening through Tuesday evening. Currently, the larger rivers in Connecticut (Housatonic, Farmington and Connecticut) are still  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{3}{4}$  bankfull as a result of the heavy rainfall last Friday night. Small and medium sized rivers are generally between  $\frac{1}{4}$  and  $\frac{1}{2}$  bankfull. Soil conditions are saturated and total rainfall during the past 30 days ranges between 6 – 10 inches statewide with the highest amounts in the Northwest Hills.

A slow moving warm front is approaching Southern New England this afternoon and rain showers have begun to spread into Connecticut. As this warm front moves slowly across our area, showers and thunderstorms are expected to develop later this afternoon. Some of these storms may contain torrential downpours. If rainfall rates exceed 1" per hour then towns in the path of any heavy showers or thunderstorms can expect some ponding of water in roadways and some urban flooding along small brooks and streams. Any flooding could be aggravated if storms track over the same areas repeatedly (i.e. training). This shower and thunderstorm activity is expected to continue into this evening before tapering off after midnight.

Any break in the activity late tonight may last into Tuesday morning before another round of afternoon showers and thunderstorms is expected with some modest daytime heating on Tuesday. Once again the primary threat will be urban and small stream flooding especially if storms track over the same areas repeatedly.

Total rainfall during the next 36 - 48 hours is forecast to generally range from 1" – 3" across the state. However this rainfall event is forecast to contain more thunderstorm activity than the weekend event, therefore rainfall totals may vary greatly from one town to another depending on the tracks of individual showers and thunderstorms.

The saturated soil conditions combined with the water remaining in the state's medium and large rivers means that for this event, river flooding can begin with as little as 2.5 inches of rainfall in any 6-hour period. Also, considering the very heavy rainfall that has occurred during the past month, there is also a slight risk of mud slides or slope failures in a few towns.

Although this does not appear that it will be a widespread flooding event, a few towns may see significant impacts. Towns are asked to report any significant flood damage to their DEMHS Regional Office as conditions permit.

The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security will continue to monitor the latest conditions and will send out additional updates if Flood Warnings are issued by the National Weather Service.

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