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Dakota Dunes Flood Assistance Update Monday May 30, 2011, 8 PM

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Flood relief efforts continue

Dakota Dunes, SD - By 7 AM on this Memorial Day many truckloads of soil and private trailers with filled sandbags had already passed the Incident Command Post at the entrance to the residential area. Flood relief efforts continued today with incident management working under a Unified Command. Incident personnel included members from Union County Emergency Management officials, Dakota Dunes Community Improvement District and the Rocky Mountain Type II Team to finalize a plan for full implementation on Tuesday.

The Unified Command spent part of the day getting a full assessment of the situation and resources available. They are in the midst of developing a specific plan to assist the local agencies to give this community our best effort to protect homes and other infrastructure. Those efforts will expedite and focus on the use of any additional state resources (dozers, heavy (Type 1) helicopter, etc.) in the flood relief effort.

A press conference was held at 2:00 PM today and a public meeting was held this evening at 5:30 for the residents. The clubhouse was filled to overflowing and so there will be another public meeting tomorrow night. Notice will be provided in the morning release as to the time and location. The Union County Sheriff's Office, Dakota Dunes Development Company, Dakota Dunes Community Improvement District and others were and will be on hand to give an overview of work that has been done and is yet to be completed.

Dakota Dunes residents have been asked to consider voluntarily evacuating by Thursday June 2. Residents should be prepared to be away from home for an estimated two months. An evacuation center is being established at the Dakota Valley School located at 1150 North Shore Drive in North Sioux City (McCook Lake area).