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Wisconsin River Flow Continues to Increase

Green Bay, WI – It may have stopped raining, but flows into the Wisconsin River continue to increase and will likely do so for the next few days, according the National Weather Service (NWS). Wisconsin Public Service (WPS) and Wisconsin River Power Company (WRPCO) are working with other dam operators on the river, emergency management offices, and the Federal Electric Regulatory Commission (FERC) to safely manage dams as the river flows increase.

The companies remind users of the reservoirs and residents downstream from dams that danger increases during high river flows.

Flows increase as the Wisconsin River travels southward because of the many tributaries that feed into it as well as storm runoff. Runoff is high as a result of the recent rains because the ground was saturated from previous storms.

WPS and WRPCO had previously drawn down reservoirs by releasing water downstream. Because the WRPCO Petenwell and Castle Rock reservoirs are well down the Wisconsin River Basin, they will receive large amounts of water that must be passed along once the reservoirs are full.

Current NWS river flow projections indicate this event will likely be the most significant on the river in many years.

WPS and WRPCO dams are designed to handle greater water flow than is projected.

WPS and WRPCO continue to urge people to pay attention to news reports for details from their local emergency management offices.