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RE: Flood of 2008 – Status
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This is an update of the prior weekly status reports.

As of Monday August 18th, Coralville Lake is now holding at a normal operating elevation for this time of year at 683.25 feet, 33.7 feet below the flood crest elevation of 716.96 on June 14th. The flow in and out of the Lake is approximately 2000 cubic feet per second and dropping. The Iowa River USGS gage elevation in Iowa City is now at 12.20 feet, 19.3 feet below the peak elevation of 31.5 on June 15th.

Last Friday August 15th was a milestone date for those involved with flood recovery activities. Buildings critical to the success of the start of classes on August 25th were returned to normal operations. These include Mayflower Residence Hall, English-Philosophy, Adler and Becker Buildings. In all cases the project managers and contractors were extraordinary in their efforts to bring these buildings back earlier than scheduled in order for the University to meet the first day of classes' deadline.

Early move-in began today for the UI campus. In addition to the other UI residences halls being open, the Mayflower Residence Hall is open and students are moving in. Failure of a single steam line serving the west campus housing units disrupted hot water service which was restored late this afternoon. On August 14th bids for Door and Hardware Replacement at Mayflower were reviewed. The Notice of Award will be issued today to Frantz Construction, Inc.

The bid for rebuilding the Iowa Memorial Union mechanical systems (Phase 1, package 2) was awarded August 11th to Knudson Construction of Iowa City. From its alternate location at the University Capitol Centre, the University Bookstore is fully prepared for fall book rush sales that are beginning now.

Additional contracts pertaining to the Power Plant recovery were awarded: on August 11th to Story Construction for restoration of the basement insulation and on August 14th to Ryan & Associates, Inc. for the Replacement Boiler Makeup Water System.

Interviews were held with three firms, W. A. Wilson, Ayers and Stantec, on Thursday, August 14th. These were part of a process to select a flood mitigation engineering consultant. Invited participants included representatives of Facilities Management, Risk Management, the Provost Office, the Campus Planning Committee and the director of Iowa Hydraulics Institute. A decision on a consultant is expected soon.

Bids were taken on August 14th for Flood Control Levee Removal – removal of temporary flood barriers. The Notice of Award is being prepared for Carter & Associates.

University Utilities

Steam service from the Power Plant's Temporary Boilers #1 and #2 was restored to the eastern portion of East Campus on Thursday August 14th. Further, steam service is being restored to the southern portion of the IMU tunnel and should be available at Library, Adler, Becker and EPB by August 20th. Temporary Boiler #3 located near the West Chilled Water Plant is maintaining steam pressure to most of West Campus while work continues on the steam distribution system in the Grand Avenue Tunnel near Riverside Drive. It is anticipated that one of the high pressure steam lines in Grand Avenue will be fully operational by Monday evening August 18th so that steam service from the Power Plant temporary boilers can be restored to West Campus.

Relatively cool weather has assisted the central chilled water system and chilled water rationing was not needed this past week

Outdoor lighting continues to be restored with additional lights now operational near Art Building West and along Madison Street near Becker Communications Building. Most outdoor lighting impacted by flooding has now been restored but a few lights still out on Riverside Drive and in the NW portion of the Hancher parking lot.

Potable water testing in many of the buildings impacted by flooding has been completed satisfactorily at Mayflower, Library, North Hall, EPB, and Adler.

Academic Concerns

Leased space for temporary classrooms continues to progress with all reports indicating they will be ready for the opening of the fall semester. Information regarding these locations is being provided to ensure the smoothest transition for students as they start to class next Monday.

FEMA and Insurance Coverages

The following is the schedule of building tours FEMA Representatives are conducting this week:

Friday, August 15, 2008

8:00 a.m. – Art Building and Art Building West

1:30 p.m. – Theatre Building

Monday, August 18

8:00 a.m. – Stanley Hydraulics

1:30 p.m. – Danforth Chapel and Library

Tuesday, August 19

8:00 a.m. – Lagoon Shelter House and Footbridges

1:30 p.m. – Landscape/Grounds

Thursday, August 21

8:00 a.m. – Chemistry Building, Lindquist Center and Pomerantz Center

1:30 p.m. – Old City Water Plant, Butler Storage, West Hydro Annex and MSSB

Last Friday Art Building, Art Building West and the Theater Building were reviewed.

FEMA will meet with University Senior Management on August 20th.

Communications

The University is utilizing the Flood Recovery Information area of the UI website to post all current information regarding the status of University buildings and any new information that students, faculty and staff may need to know. In addition a message will be sent to every student informing them of changes and temporary conditions that may exist as they return to school on Monday. The students will also be able to access up-to-date information via the Iowa Student Information System (ISIS).

The University is proposing a news conference later this week to answer questions about the start of classes on August 25th and any aspect of flood recovery and mitigation.

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