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Regional Weather and Impacts

Southbound I-65 Reopened As Accident Cleanup Continues

(Wish-TV, INDOT)

Lafayette, Indiana: Cleanup continues after a major crash involving about 30 vehicles halted traffic on Interstate 65 near Lafayette, closing north and southbound lanes for multiple hours on Saturday. The Lafayette Fire Department battled flames from at least one semi; at least nine other semis were involved in the crash. The fire had been extinguished, but the fire department was still working to put out smoldering pallets uncovered as crews removed cargo from the trailers with forklifts. The southbound lanes of the interstate have reopened, but the northbound lanes remain closed. Indiana State Police say the closure could last for another four or five hours

Ø **Watch Officer Notes:** The crash halted traffic at 1450EST. The pileup was caused by a semi driver who slowed for a crash. Semis following the truck were unable to stop because they were traveling too fast for road conditions or following too closely. Social media reported 4 people were taken to hospital with non-life threatening injuries. This information has not been confirmed from the state. By 2200EST, the fire department had left the scene. As of 0430 EST, the Indiana State Police said the wreckage had been cleared out and the northbound lanes had reopened.

Signal Problems Caused Delays On CTA Red Line

(Chicago Tribune)

Chicago, IL: Chicago Transit Authority officials reported that trains were moving on the CTA Red Line afternoon after experiencing delays due to signal problems. According to the CTA website, several trains were stopped near Addison Street while crews worked to correct signal problems. Officials initially said customers could expect "significant" delays until the problem is corrected, but trains began moving again and were operating with residual delays. By mid-afternoon, the trains were running normally.

Army Corps Of Engineers Looking Into Clearing Ice Jam; Dynamite A Possible Option

(WTVG 13abc)

Wood County, OH: The National Weather Service (NWS) is recommending residents living near the location of an ice jam along the Maumee River be prepared to act quickly, should more flooding occur. The NWS says the jam, located upstream of Grand Rapids, is still locked in place; emergency managers are asking residents who witness changes in ice movements to contact authorities. Wood County officials report the Army Corps of Engineers is looking into clearing the jam, and dynamite is a possible option to break it up. A local meteorologist reports that much more ice is expected to develop over the next few weeks. The ice jam has already flooded many yards and parks along the river, and more flooding is possible.

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Emergency Management

Ohio Governor Issues Statewide Energy Emergency Declaration

(WKYC)

Ohio: Propane gas and heating oil supplies in the state of Ohio are tight after last week's blast of arctic air. As a result, the Governor of Ohio issued a statewide Energy Emergency Declaration Saturday to expedite shipments of commonly used home-heating fuels. The declaration allows shippers who are transporting propane or heating oil to drive more hours and more consecutive days than they normally would. The Governor has also asked the federal government to take steps to speed up the shipments of propane and heating oil coming into Ohio from out of state. In a statement issued Saturday, the Governor urged Ohio counties to keep an eye out for residents whose supplies may be getting low.

Energy Sector

Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant Shutdown To Repair Reactor Coolant Heat Exchanger

(Monticello Times)

Minnesota: Operators at the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant began a controlled, non-emergency shutdown of the plant at 8:20 p.m. Friday night to repair a heat exchanger in the reactor's coolant system. The plant is shutdown with all safety systems functioning, and workers will now make repairs, Xcel Energy stated in a news release. Pat Thompson, Xcel Energy's site communications manager, confirmed the plant shutdown Saturday. According to Xcel, there was no release of radioactivity, and the situation poses no hazard to the public or plant workers. During outages, Xcel Energy purchases electricity from the Midcontinent Independent System Operator or other utilities or increases electricity production at its other generating plants to ensure an adequate power supply for its customers.

Environmental/Chemical/HAZMAT Sector

Evansville Prepares For Chemical Plume To Arrive Early Monday

(Courier Press)

Evansville, IN: The plume of a toxic, coal-cleaning chemical creeping down the Ohio River should reach Evansville around 12:30 a.m. Monday, according to the latest estimates. Officials from the Evansville Water & Sewer Utility plan to begin testing the river for the presence of the chemical, 4-methylcyclohexane methanol (MCHM), Sunday afternoon, and continue taking samples every three hours until the chemical passes. However, they do not expect the chemical to contaminate Evansville's drinking water, said Allen Mounts, the director of Evansville's utility. Based on the river's current, the plume should pass in 24 to 30 hours.

Food Sector

CDC Says Foster Farms-Linked Salmonella Outbreak Appears To Be Over

(KGO-TV)

National: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) says a salmonella outbreak traced to three Foster Farms poultry plants in California appears to be over after sickening 430 people. A CDC representative told the Modesto Bee on Friday that infections have returned to baseline levels, indicating the company has taken effective measures to bring the outbreak under control. CDC officials said Thursday that no deaths have been reported. Foster Farms did not

recall any chicken during the outbreak, but in October, a Costco store in South San Francisco voluntarily recalled its rotisserie chicken and some other products that originated from Foster Farms. Mexico blocked imports of Foster Farms chicken from the three processing facilities - one in Livingston and two in Fresno - linked to the outbreak. After the outbreak, Foster Farms announced it was improving sanitation and taking other measures that far exceed industry standards. The new measures include more intensive sanitizing of work surfaces and equipment, as well as vaccination against this type of salmonella for the hens and roosters raised for meat.

Public Health and Healthcare Sector

Influenza Widespread In 40 States; CDC Notes 'Confusing' Activity Pattern

(CIDRAP)

National: The latest findings on influenza activity in the U.S. show a "confusing" pattern, with some markers down, others up, and states and regions seeing widely varying levels of cases, according to health officials. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) says the percentage of medical visits for influenza-like illnesses dropped last week, but the flu is now widespread in 40 states, compared with 35 last week. A CDC spokeswoman said some states are showing increasing activity while others are declining. The agency says it is too soon to tell whether the season has peaked. The CDC say 10 flu-related deaths in children were reported last week, doubling the seasonal total to 20. Also, the share of all deaths attributed to pneumonia and influenza rose to 7.5% last week, putting it above the current epidemic threshold (7.2%) for the first time this season

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