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(ROCK ISLAND COUNTY)

This is an updated precautionary message issued by Rock Island County. Area agencies continue to plan and prepare for response for a potential ice jam/flash flood. Potential areas of concern include Barstow, Silvis, Coal Valley, Moline, Rock Island and Milan. Information has been received regarding a recent ice jam in the Byron area which should make its way to the Barstow area within the next 24 to 36 hours.

Residents and businesses are urged to diligently monitor the situation and be prepared in the event evacuation is recommended. The following measures are encouraged:

- Review your home emergency preparedness plan.
- Gather all medications into one central area along with basic essentials.
- **Plan now for the pre-placement of animals.** If you require an emergency evacuation, animals present a major challenge for the rescuers.
- Plan now for the transportation of elderly or disabled individuals.

If an evacuation of an area becomes necessary, residents will not be allowed back into their homes until the area of operations is completed.

Multiple agencies continue to plan for this potential event. Sheltering sites and transportation needs are also being identified and will be announced if the need arises.

Residents are urged to stay tuned to local television and radio newscasts as well as weather radios for up to date information.

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