

# ***EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT*** *UNION COUNTY*

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The Big Sioux River and the Missouri River have only slightly receded from their crest level and each of the rivers are receding much slower than earlier anticipated. Although the dangers of the rivers overtopping their flood control structures is diminished; we remain extremely vigilant in our efforts to ascertain the viability of the river levees and temporary prevention structures to keep the river out of our communities, residences, and populated areas.

With two dangerous Missouri River levee breaches near Omaha in western Iowa in the past two days, we should be reminded that levees may breach at any time and without warning. We ask that our residents remain on highest alert for any issues that we may be presented with until the rivers recede to safer levels.

As we have asked previously, do not be lulled into a false perception that all dangers have passed. Please have your family emergency plan in place and be ready. Both the Missouri River and the Big Sioux River continue to flow with increased speed and extremely increased water volume. Please remain alert and prepared.

If you have any questions – Email: [ucemasd@unioncountysd.org](mailto:ucemasd@unioncountysd.org)

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