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Corps provides assistance to flooding counties

DETROIT – The US Army Corps of Engineers, Detroit District is working with Michigan State Police Emergency Management Division to help assess and alleviate flooding and flood damages in the western end of Michigan’s Upper Peninsula.

Currently, the Corps provided 14,000 sand bags to the Emergency Operations Center in Gogebic County to supplement their flood fight efforts after their supply of sandbags was exhausted, with an additional 50,000 sandbags and 50 rolls of poly sheeting headed to that area from the Corps’ Duluth Area Office. The Corps also, sent an employee to Gogebic County to provide technical flood fight advice and assistance.

This assistance and advice could range from how to put together an effective sand bag levee to flood proofing buildings.

The situation arose when the snow pack in upper Michigan and Wisconsin regions started melting faster than an average spring due to heavy rain and higher than normal temperatures, in that area.

The Detroit District Emergency Management Office’s mission is to ensure the district is prepared and ready to execute response and recovery operations in the event of a: Natural Disaster, National Catastrophic Emergency, Technological Emergency, Environmental Event, Military Mobilization. The district is proud to serve this community in the emergency relief capacity.

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The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Detroit District civil works program encompasses 93,000 square miles area of the lower Great Lakes basin in Michigan, Indiana, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Ohio. The Corps operates and/or maintains 104 navigation structures in the basin. Its mission includes real estate transactions, flood control, regulatory activities, disaster response, and mobilization readiness.