SIOUX CITY---SIOUX CITY OFFICIALS ARE REACTING TO THE ARMY CORP OF ENGINEERS PLAN TO INCREASE WATER RELEASES FROM GAVINS POINT DAM.

RELEASES WERE NOT TO EXCEED 150-THOUSAND CUBIC FEET PER SECOND, BUT RECENT RAINFALL IS FORCING THE NUMBER TO RISE TO 160-THOUSAND CUBIC FEET PER SECOND THURSDAY.

WOODBURY COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGER GARY BROWN SAYS THE MISSOURI RIVER IS CURRENTLY AT 34.25 FEET AND WILL COME UP TO 35 TO 35.5 FEET BY THE END OF THE WEEKEND.

{audio}WED1.MP3{/audio}

BROWN SAYS EVEN THOUGH THE LEVEES HAVE BEEN BUILT TO HANDLE THE RIVER AT 37 FEET, IT WON'T BE SUPRISING IF SOME OF THEM FAIL.

{audio}WED2.MP3{/audio}

BROWN DOESN'T EXPECT TO SEE A BIG CHANGE IN THE FLOYD RIVER, HOWEVER, THE BIG SIOUX RIVER IS EXPECTED TO INCREASE BY 2 AND A HALF FEET.

{audio}WED3.MP3{/audio}

BROWN SAYS FARM FIELDS AND LOW LYING RESIDENTIAL AREAS ALONG THE RIVER WILL BE IMPACTED BY THE NEW RELEASES.

SIOUX CITY---NEW ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEER INUNDATION MAPS ARE BEING RELEASED THIS WEEK AND ARE EXPECTED TO LOOK SIMILAR TO THE ORIGINAL MAPS.

WOODBURY COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGER GARY BROWN SAYS THE RIVER IS RUNNING BELOW THE 35 TO 37 FEET LEVEL OF THE ORIGINAL MAPS.

{audio}WED4.MP3{/audio}

THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS WILL INCREASE WATER RELEASES FROM GAVINS POINT DAM TO 160-THOUSAND CUBIC FEET PER SECOND THURSDAY.

BROWN WASN'T SUPRISED...

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THE MISSOURI RIVER IS CURRENTLY AT 34.25 FEET. EXPERTS SAY IT WILL RISE TO 35 TO 35.5 FEET BY THE END OF THE WEEKEND.

SIOUX CITY---A PRESIDENTIAL REQUEST FOR A FLOOD DISASTER DECLARATION IN SIOUX CITY IS ON PRESIDENT OBAMA'S DESK.

WOODBURY COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGER GARY BROWN SAYS THE FUNDS

WOULD PAY FOR PROTECTIVE MEASURES.

{audio}WED6.MP3{/audio}

THE NEXT STEP IS TO APPLY FOR RECOVERY PROGRAMS TO REBUILD DAMAGE LEFT FROM THE FLOOD.

{audio}WED7.MP3{/audio}

BROWN HOPES TO HEAR BACK FROM GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS THIS WEEK REGARDING THIS REQUEST.