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Weather Information Bulletin
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COUNTYWIDE:

Bergen County OEM is monitoring a weather event that will affect our area from late Wednesday morning through early Thursday morning. The precipitation should start off as wet snow. The potential for a light coating to one inch is possible before it changes to rain. Rain will continue from Wednesday afternoon through daybreak on Thursday. Average rainfall totals are expected to be around 1 inch for the entire event.

Minor to Moderate tidal flooding is possible for this event. The Hackensack and Passaic River may see minor to moderate flooding during the Wednesday night high tide. Excessive runoff may result in flash flooding of rivers, small creeks, streams, and other low lying and flood prone locations. Urban flooding of low lying and poor drainage areas is possible.

Hackensack River High Tide @ Hackensack: Thurs, Jan 26 – 12:41am

Passaic River High Tide @ E. Rutherford: Wed, Jan 25 – 11:44pm

Winds on Wednesday will be 15-20 mph, with gusts to 25 mph. Winds ramp up Thursday to 20-25 mph, with gusts to 35 mph. Winds may cause down tree limbs, resulting in power outages.

We will continue to monitor this situation and issue updates as necessary.

HACKENSACK RIVER WATERSHED AREA:

Bergen County officials have been in contact with Veolia Water company representatives regarding this event. If the predicted 1 inch of rain is realized, the Oradell Dam is currently spilling and will continue to spill, the Woodcliff Lake Dam is currently spilling and will continue to spill, and the Tappan Dam is not currently spilling, but is expected to spill. If the rain is steady over a period of time, no issues are expected. If we do receive heavy rain in a short period of time, officials should monitor the waterways in their communities and take action if necessary.

Please continue to monitor local weather conditions, local streams, flood prone areas, and be alert for any forecast changes. Please be sure to take appropriate mitigation actions to protect flood prone properties.