

Update, June 24: On Friday, June 21, Minnesota Power activated its Emergency Action Plan at Island Lake Reservoir as a result of the heavy rains on June 18 in the upper parts of the watershed, and increased discharge from the reservoir to ensure the safe operations of the dam in accordance with Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) requirements.

As peak flows begin to decrease, Minnesota Power has begun ramping down discharge from Island Lake Reservoir. Flooding impacts downstream should begin to recede this week.

Minnesota Power will continue to work closely with the National Weather Service, DNR and County EMS to monitor this week's forecast.

Minnesota Power Hydro reservoirs are not designed for flood control or to store water during such heavy rain events. While Minnesota Power works proactively and within FERC guidelines to adjust reservoir outflows to reduce peak water levels and flows, the excess water needs to be passed through the river systems. Real-time water level information is available at <https://www.mnpower.com/environment/watertable>.