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TO: NEWS MEDIA
FROM: SALINE COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
DATE: May 22nd, 2019 1600 Hours

Current river gage readings are as follows:

Mulberry Creek near Salina: River has crested at 25.5 feet and levels are now falling. Moderate flooding has occurred in the area located on the northern end of the City of Salina.

Smoky Hill River near New Cambria: River is still on the rise and is expected to crest at 31 feet by Thursday afternoon. The roads leading into New Cambria and the Southwest portion of the city are flooded.

A conference call with the National Weather Service today gave additional information on the potential for additional rainfall beginning later this evening and into the weekend. Additional severe weather and rainfall has the potential to change these river projections and increase the amount of flooding depending on the amount of rain received.

Additional information regarding this event:

- At 3pm, Saline County Emergency Management ordered an emergency public safety shut-off of power to the southwest portion of the City of New Cambria. The shut-off to power in this area was necessary for the safety of the residents and the responders.
- The shelter at the First Covenant Church located at 2625 E. Magnolia in Salina is open and available for residents that need to evacuate their homes.
- A shelter for household pets is operational and located at the Saline County Expo Center at 900 Greeley Ave in Salina.

- Sand bags are still available at Ag Hall at the Saline County Expo Center located at 900 Greeley Ave in Salina. Volunteers will be present from 10am to 8pm to assist residents with filling the bags or distributing them. **Please note that if severe weather is in the area, sandbag operations will cease due to safety concerns of the volunteers and citizens**
- Information regarding this flood event to include road closures, links to the river gages, and educational information is updated on our webpage: www.salina-ks.gov/salinecountyflood

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