



## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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## **FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

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### **Norway and Oakdale Dams on Tippecanoe River Remain Structurally Sound**

*Weather Service Statement Has Been Corrected*

**MERRILLVILLE, Ind.** – A statement made today by the National Weather Service suggesting there may be structural damage to NIPSCO's Norway and Oakdale dams on the Tippecanoe River was incorrect. The Weather Service has rescinded their earlier statement. Currently, the Tippecanoe River is experiencing record flows of water, however the integrity of the dams has not been affected and they are both operating normally.

"We want to assure residents of the area that there is no threat that the dams might fail," said Colleen Reilly, Director of Communications and Public Affairs for NIPSCO, the operator of the dams. "We are experiencing record flows, but the dams are operating as designed."

Earlier this morning, a flood warning was issued downstream at 4:15 a.m. CST today, and then raised to a flood emergency at 7 a.m. CST as water levels continued to rise.

At the present time, over 26,000 cubic feet of water per second is flowing through the dams. The previous record for both dams was approximately 22,000 cubic feet of water per second. Typically, flooding begins to occur around the 14,000 mark.

Although NIPSCO operates the dams to produce electricity, it does not control the water levels or the flow of water through the river, as the flooding is a result of melting snow and the recent storm activity.

If customers are experiencing flooding they are advised to contact their local authorities.

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