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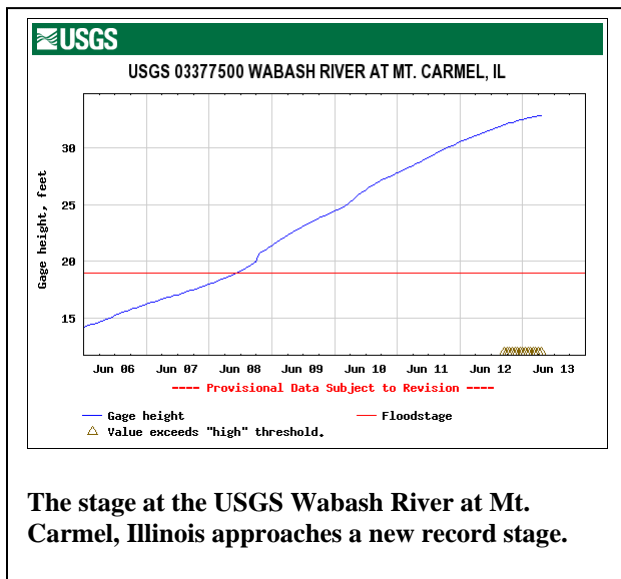
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Wabash River Nears a New Record Stage in Southern Indiana

Reporters: Want to accompany a U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) field crew as they measure flooding? Please contact Scott Morlock, 317-716-8412. A striking satellite image pair, showing swollen rivers in southern Indiana is posted on: <http://www.usgs.gov/hazards/floods/images.asp>

The lower Wabash River in southern Indiana is still rising in the wake of heavy rain last weekend. The Wabash River at Mt. Carmel Illinois was at a stage this morning of 32.85 feet, the second highest stage since 1885, and still rising. This morning's stage is about one foot below the all-time highest stage of 33.95 set in 2005.



“USGS crews are preparing to make a streamflow measurement on the Wabash River near New Harmony Indiana to provide data for National Weather Service flood forecasts,” said USGS hydrologist Scott Morlock. “Crews have reported that the river is about 4 miles wide. We will need to make measurements for the main channel and about 4 overflow channels.”

Thirteen USGS streamgages in Indiana remain above flood stage with heavy rain moving into central and southern Indiana. USGS crews will remain in the field this weekend

to keep critical data flowing.

For more information on USGS flood-related activities, please see: <http://water.usgs.gov>

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