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EVACUATION ADVISORY ISSUED FOR ROCKY FORD MOBILE HOME PARK

(MANHATTAN, KS – May 29, 2019) The Rocky Ford Mobile Home Park in Pottawatomie County has been added to the Evacuation Advisory. Residents may need to evacuate in the near future because high water is expected to impact homes, businesses, and nearby roads in the next 24 to 72 hours. The Evacuation Advisory is also in effect for areas of the Northview area including the Dix Edition, Berry Streets, and Countryside Estates Mobile Home Park.

The American Red Cross is opening a shelter location at Westview Church located at 615 Gillespe Drive tonight at 9:15 PM.

Emergency personnel from the Blue Township Fire Department are going door-to-door in the affected mobile home park to notify residents of the danger. Manhattan Fire Department personnel continue to notify residents in the Northview area as well. Based on the information we have currently, an evacuation order may be issued in the next 24 to 72 hours.

The US Army Corps of Engineers has notified emergency personnel that water is going to be released from the outlet works (the tubes) at a rate of 25,000cfs effective immediately. Make sure you are taking the appropriate precautions and preparing to evacuate at a moment's notice.

The Flood Information Hotline (785) 587-4526 will be staffed from 24 hours a day and questions can also be sent to FloodInfo2019@gmail.com. Information is also available on the City of Manhattan website at www.cityofmhk.com/flood. Updates will be shared on Facebook ManhattanFloodUpdates and on Twitter @updatesflood. News releases will be published daily or as additional information becomes available.

Notification types and meanings: Residents of projected flood affected areas may receive one or all of the following depending which of the respective evacuation zones they live in:

A. High Water Advisory - Notifies residents to prepare for potential high water that may impact homes, businesses or nearby roads. (Low risk)

B. Evacuation Advisory - Notifies residents that they may need to evacuate in the near future because high water is expected to impact homes, businesses, and nearby roads. (Moderate risk)

C. Evacuation Notice - A notification of Immediate Danger. Residents are advised to evacuate because water will severely impact homes, businesses, and nearby roads. For security reasons, a curfew will be established. (High risk)

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