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STATE FACILITIES DAMAGED BY HEAVY RAINS

OKLAHOMA CITY – 19 buildings at the State Capital Complex reported numerous incidents of damage and major leaks following this morning’s heavy rains according to the State Department of Central Services.

The rainfall caused leaks in several state offices and created hazardous situations, including flooded garages a report of water moving through a conduit and into a fuse box at the Oklahoma Department of Transportation’s Asphalt Design Lab. State workers have worked to battle flooding by pumping water and opening drains when possible. OG&E has been called to shut off power to dangerous areas so that maintenance workers may access them safely.

Dock areas were reported flooded at the Will Rogers Building, the Connors Building and at the Courts Building, where water was reported at one point as high as three feet deep.

The Agriculture building at 2800 N. Lincoln had to be closed for the duration of the day due to both water and electrical issues. Employees were put on administrative leave for the day due to issues directly related to damages sustained this morning.

Other major damage reported includes major water damage causing the collapse of ceiling tiles in an office at the Jim Thorpe Building and other building as well as a flooded reception area on the first floor of the Sequoyah Building. Director John Richard complemented the Facilities Division staff for “addressing a uniquely challenging situation in a professional and efficient manner that minimized the impact to State agencies and employees”.

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