

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY) **GENERAL ORDER**
)
) NO. 2009-02

In the event that court operations are impacted by inclement weather, the following policy will be implemented.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. At 5:30 a.m. the district and bankruptcy chief judges and the Senior Management Team (SMT) will participate in a conference call to discuss weather conditions in Omaha and Lincoln.
2. The court unit executives will advise the chief judges of the weather conditions, and the chief judges will make a decision concerning the opening or closing of Omaha, Lincoln, and North Platte (if applicable) court operations. If the chief judges decide to close court operations at any or all locations, the court in those locations will be closed in their entirety and no judge may expect services from the clerk’s office, pretrial services, probation, or the marshals service. The chief probation officer has the discretion to make the decision regarding probation employees in North Platte. If there is an ongoing trial session in North Platte, the presiding judge will make the decision regarding the opening or closing of court operations in North Platte.
3. At 5:45 a.m. the clerk will immediately record a message on the court’s voice mail system reflecting the chief judges’ decision. Staff must be able to access the message by 6:00 a.m. The courtroom deputy for each judge will notify his or her particular judge and chambers staff of the chief judges’ decision.
4. When inclement weather strikes during the workday, the court unit executives will jointly decide whether to reduce operations to a skeleton staff. However, all court units will continue to support ongoing trials, hearings, and the like.
5. This order does not pertain to judges and their chambers staff; that is, each judge will decide whether his or her personal staff will work during inclement weather.
6. This order rescinds General Order Number 2003-01.

DATED 27th day of February, 2009.

BY THE COURT:

s/ Joseph F. Bataillon, Chief Judge
United States District Court