

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

GENERAL ORDER

No. 2021-06

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

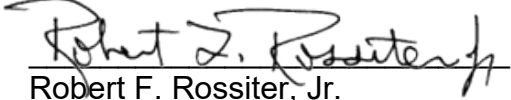
IT IS ORDERED that:

1. When threatening weather is predicted, the court unit executives (CUEs) will confer at noon the day before the inclement weather day and will notify the GSA and the U.S. Marshals Service that the court may have a late start or may be closed the following day.
2. At 8:15 p.m. the night before the inclement weather day, the District Management Team (DMT) will participate in a conference call to discuss weather conditions.
3. The district and bankruptcy court clerks will then call their respective chief judges with their recommendation concerning the opening or closing of Omaha, Lincoln, and North Platte (if applicable) court operations. The clerks will notify the DMT by e-mail of the judges' decision.
4. At 8:45 p.m. the night before the inclement weather day, 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 9:00 p.m. The courtroom deputy for each judge will notify his or her particular judge and chambers staff of the chief judges' decision.
5. If the chief judges decide to close court operations at any or all locations, the court(s) in those locations will be closed in their entirety and no judge may expect services from the clerk's office, the probation and pretrial services office, or the marshals service. 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.
6. When inclement weather strikes during the workday, the CUEs 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.

7. 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.
8. This order rescinds General Order Number 2018-04.

DATED this 29th day of July, 2021.

BY THE COURT:


Robert F. Rossiter, Jr.
Chief United States District Judge