

Flood dangers expected to last through July

(KLZA)--While the Missouri River has receded from record high levels set at six gauges in March, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration predicts flooding is going to be a problem along the Missouri and Mississippi rivers into July.

NOAA scientist Kevin Low says the problem of saturated soil and above – average rain expected over the next several months will contribute to the flooding. While wide-spread, long term flooding is not expected, episodes of flooding is expected in southeast Nebraska, across the state of Missouri, eastern Kansas and southern Iowa.

The Army Corps of Engineers gradually increased release rates at Gavins Point Dam at Yankton, South Dakota from 39,000 Cubic Feet per Second to 55,000 CFS.

The increased releases will allow the corps to respond to rainfall events while snow continues to melt upstream. The higher releases are expected to last until April 14.

Among the gauges setting new records for high water readings during March were Rulo, Bownville, Nebraska City and St. Joseph.