

Rock Island Arsenal - Winter Weather Plan 2013-14

- The Installation Operations Center monitors current and projected hazardous weather conditions and advises the Garrison Commander.
- RIA closures, delays and early dismissals will be made by the Senior Commander, Garrison Commander and other key leaders.
- Information will be sent through command channels as soon as a decision is made and will be posted to the RIA Inclement Weather Operational Impact Page http://www.ria.army.mil/sites/inclement_weather
- Commands/Organizations are encouraged to use the RIA Inclement Weather Operational Impact Webpage to post their organizations status during inclement weather.
- Installation closures will include closing of all non essential garrison services (e.g. CYSS, Dining Facilities, and Gym etc.)

Local road conditions will play a major factor in determining employee ability to safely access or exit the installation during or after severe weather. RIA will consider the potential for an impending severe weather event to create hazardous road conditions on and off post when determining operational delays, early dismissals or post closures.

Road Classifications

 •**Green** = Installation operations are unaffected. Main roads are clear of snow and/or ice.

 •**Amber** = Consider Delays of organizational start times **by exception only due to off-installation road conditions**. Roads **on-installation** are passable but patchy with light snow and/or ice. Use caution.

 •**Red** = Consider Installation Closure/**delays** for all non-mission essential personnel or organizations. Roads are covered with snow and/or ice, danger exists in operation of motor vehicles. Only emergency vehicles and mission essential traffic.

 •**Black** = Close installation, Roads are impassable and extreme danger exists in the operation of motor vehicles. **ONLY EMERGENCY VEHICLES SHOULD TRAVEL.**

Installation Evacuation: ***In extreme circumstances when severe winter weather occurs during working hours***

When conditions are such that utilities or installation access are affected partially or completely, all personnel in the hazard zone will be directed to evacuate the installation until such time that essential utilities or installation access points are back in service. Tenant organizations should refer to their COOP plans. Housing residents should refer to their family plans.

Current NWS 2013/2014 Midwest Winter Weather Prediction: The National Weather Service's winter season outlook for Dec 13 – Feb 14 indicates equal chances of above, near or below normal temperatures and precipitation for much of the Midwest including eastern Iowa, northwest and west-central Illinois, and northeast Missouri. In other words, there is no climate indicator that favors one category versus the others for both temperature and precipitation.