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Janklow Utilizing Inmates to Help Salem Residents Clean-Up Following Storm

(Pierre) - Governor Bill Janklow has called in state prison inmates to assist with clean-up efforts in Salem following last night's storm.

Fifty inmates from Unit C of the Jameson Annex of the South Dakota State Penitentiary in Sioux Falls are involved in the clean-up.

This is the seventh time this year that Janklow has sent inmate crews to assist South Dakotan's in emergency situations. Inmates have been used in twenty-two Disaster Response Team efforts in the past eight years, including the Spencer and Oglala tornadoes. Inmates have worked more than 72-thousand hours on those projects.

Inmate crews have also worked more than 17-thousand hours as certified firefighters on twenty-one wildfires and forest fires in the state during the past year.

For more information on the various work performed by inmates, visit our website at: http://www.state.sd.us/corrections/inmate_work.htm.