CURRENT SITUATION
Manatee County reported that a gate to the Lake Manatee Dam has locked in the closed position. Dam officials are unable to open the gate to release water from the Lake. If water is not released from the lake, overflow will occur and start to flood the surrounding area. Manatee County Utilities have sent work crews with equipment to manually open the gate. Manatee County reports that 10am is the expected time the lake will start to spill over the Dam. The area expected to flood is called the "100 year flood plain". 492 homes are reported in the area.

COUNTY ACTIONS
Manatee County has made the decision to conduct evacuations. An Emergency Alert System message was broadcast at 6am. Manatee County has opened 2 shelters; Braden River Elementary and Tilman Elementary.

STATE ACTIONS
The State continues to monitor the event. Division staff has reported to the State Emergency Operations Center to better support Manatee County operations. The Division’s Area Coordinator is on scene.

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