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Flooding in South Central New York

There is severe flooding in parts of south-central New York including much of the Delaware River basin as a result of heavy rainfall over the last several days.

The Delaware River at Callicoon, NY was at 19.64 feet and over 125,000 cubic feet per second (ft³/s) at 7:30 this morning (Wednesday June 28). The National Weather Service flood stage for this site is 12 feet.

The flow measured at this site corresponds to a 500-year flood-recurrence interval, based on thirty years of data through 2005. A 500-year flood is a flood that has a 1 in 500 chance of being exceeded in any given year, but the occurrence of a 500-year flood does not decrease the chances of its happening again in the near future.

The USGS has crews currently working in the area to measure these flows. There have been new record high flows at several sites including West Branch Delaware River at Walton, NY, West Branch Delaware River at Hale Eddy, NY, and Delaware River at Callicoon, NY. Many of these and other sites across New York are still rising. For up-to-date information go to <http://ny.water.usgs.gov/htmls/pub/data.html> for near real-time stream stage and flow data from over 200 sites across New York State.

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