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Pin Oak Levee Breached

St. Louis -- The Corps St. Louis District Emergency Operations Center received a report Corps flood fighting personnel at 5:20 a.m. this morning, that the Pin Oak Levee was breaking at its south end.

- We understand the event occurred at a location where flood fighting citizens, volunteers and National Guardsmen had worked hard to raise the top of the levee with sand bags.
- This should not be interpreted as failure either of the levee or the people who have fought to save it and the people and property behind it.
- The levee simply sustained water levels higher than it was designed for and for a much longer period of time than anyone had hoped.
- Water had already risen above the top of the levee as it was built and was on sand bags that were added to its top.
- The continuing saturation of the soil was the likely cause of this breakdown.
- We have no additional details at this time.

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