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Subject: Expansion of flood warning services along the North Branch Chicago River at Chicago

Effective April 15, 2021, the National Weather Service will begin providing flood warning services for the North Branch Chicago River at Chicago Grand Avenue (NWS identifier NBGI2). Flood impact categories for this gauge location will also change. This expanded service is due to a collaboration between the National Weather Service, Chicago's Office of Emergency Management and Communications, the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, and the US Army Corps of Engineers.

Flood impact categories and warnings for this gauge are based upon the river reach extending from the confluence with the North Shore Channel downstream to the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal near IL-171 at Summit, including the Chicago River in downtown Chicago.

Action stage will change from 2.0 feet to 1.0 feet. Minor flood stage will remain unchanged at 3.0 feet. Moderate flood stage will change from 5.0 feet to 4.0 feet. Major flood stage will change from 6.0 feet to 5.0 feet. Flood advisories will be issued when this location has reached, or is expected to reach, action stage. Flood warnings will be issued when this location has reached, or is expected to reach, minor flood stage.

Forecast and warning information is available from the NOAA/NWS Chicago web page at [weather.gov/chicago](http://weather.gov/chicago) as well as the NOAA/NWS Advanced Hydrologic Prediction Service (AHPS) web page at [water.weather.gov](http://water.weather.gov).

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