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The U.S. Department of Transportation Broadcast News Service for Thursday, October 11 has a story on Coast Guard flood activity in the Midwest.

"The Missouri and Platte rivers are flooding in areas of western Missouri and eastern Kansas, and the Coast Guard has been called in for evacuation and flood relief duty. A Coast Guard spokesman in Kansas City filed this report:

"The Coast Guard has been called for flood relief duty in Clay County, Missouri, today. Ten men with six flood-relief boats are on the way to two small communities in the Kansas City, Missouri, area. The call came to Coast Guard Group Missouri River at Leavenworth, Kansas, to help evacuate persons along the flooding Platte River. That area has received two to seven inches of rain in the last 12 hours -- the Missouri has gone up 3 to 10 feet in the same time. The Kaw (Kansas River) is out of its banks. The Missouri is above flood stage in all of the area, and the Platte's flooding this morning. Fifteen more men remain on alert status at Group Missouri River Headquarters, where the Commander there has asked the Kansas City Coast Guard Reserve unit for volunteers to go on active duty for a day or two to help with the flood relief effort. And vehicles have been called to Leavenworth from the Coast Guard Recruiting office in Kansas City to assist."

This has been the Transportation News Report.

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