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### **National Heritage Responders Available to Assist with Damaged Collections**

WASHINGTON, DC—Heavy rains and melting snow have led to flooding throughout the Midwest, affecting parts of the Missouri and Mississippi river basins. Communities in Nebraska, Iowa, and Wisconsin have been severely affected; those in neighboring states will likely see additional flooding in the coming days.

The Foundation for Advancement in Conservation (FAIC) offers free emergency response assistance to cultural organizations affected by the flooding:

- The National Heritage Responders, a team of trained conservators and collections care professionals, are available to provide free advice on the phone via a 24-hour hotline at 202.661.8068
- The National Heritage Responders are also available to conduct free on-site assessments and provide guidance on salvage. Call the hotline (202.661.8068) to request assistance

National Heritage Responders have provided advice and assistance to hundreds of museums, libraries, and archives since 2008. They stand ready to help.

Collecting institutions in the path of the floodwaters are encouraged to do all they can to prepare. Additional resources and information on disaster recovery and salvage can be found on the FAIC website at [www.culturalheritage.org/resources/emergencies](http://www.culturalheritage.org/resources/emergencies)

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