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Salem—The Oregon Department of Administrative Services has announced an early curtailment of operations of state agencies in the Portland metro area, beginning at 3:00 p.m. today, due to hazardous road conditions and the likelihood of even more dangerous conditions as evening approaches.

The curtailment, which covers the entire Portland metro area north of Wilsonville, affects all nonessential state government services, and reflects a concern for the safety of state employees and the need to minimize traffic on streets and roadways. The action does not affect state employees who provide critical services, such as law enforcement and those who work for ODOT in road maintenance, or 24/7 operations.

The Department of Administrative Services (DAS) advises all affected state employees to report to their jobs as usual on Wednesday morning, weather conditions permitting. Those employees who are uncertain of whether to report should call the telephone number on the DAS website, under "Office Closures," (503) 373-0850.

The Department also advises employees to monitor the news media for weather news and announcements from state officials.

Employees may elect to remain at work until the end of their shifts if they feel it would be safer than leaving early. Represented employees who leave early should record their time pursuant to the terms of their collective bargaining agreements.