

The WIPB tower building suffered severe flooding during the evening of July 7, 2017 and the station went off the air. The water receded enough to permit entry to the building the next day to assess the damage. Broadcasting was restored at 35% of licensed power during the afternoon of July 9th. We need to replace eight of the 16 power supplies and eight of the 16 circuit breakers.

We had hoped to purchase and take delivery of the power supplies in time to return to full power by today. However, our efforts to locate available power supplies have to date produced only two of the eight that we needed, so we continue to operate at 35% of licensed ERP. The company from which we normally would obtain the power supplies has a back order of eight to ten weeks. We have had no luck with alternative sources, such as resellers or sellers of refurbished units. It appears likely that we will not be able to return to full power by August 6, and if that is the case we will by that date request STA to continue reduced power operations pending procurement and installation of the needed parts.