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- On the afternoon of Thursday, July 1, 2010, a severe storm hit the Yorkton area. As a result of massive rainfall, the Yorkton Regional High School sustained major water damage. Two main failures occurred: A break in the storm sewer line due to the extreme volume of water coming off of the roof caused flooding in the crawl space of the school; in addition, the fresh air intakes for the school air handling system are located below grade and the extreme amount of water flowed through the intakes and flooded the crawl space area as well. As a result, 6 feet of water flooded the mechanical room that houses our boilers, water heaters and various electrical equipment. The remainder of the inhabited basement had 6 inches of water and the crawl space had 2 to 4 feet of water. Power and energy to the building were severed to prevent further damage.
- On Friday morning, the clean up process began primarily pumping water out of the area which lasted until Monday morning. Also on Friday, a claims representative was in attendance and assessed the overall damage to be in excess of \$1 million dollars. At this point, a second claims consultant from Ontario was brought in to assist in assessing the scope of the loss.
- Major issues:
  - All duct work and air handling equipment is contained within the crawl space. Due to the contamination of the crawl space, certain procedures must be enforced to ensure the environmental contaminants do not migrate into the inhabited areas. Extra precautions have been taken to protect all in the building. Every effort is being made to assess the environmental impact and to ensure that, before the equipment is back to full operation, contaminants are contained and not spread in other areas of the facility.
  - We will require heat early in the school year and, as the boiler room was one of the flooded areas, we need to design, order and install new heating equipment.
- Insurance consultants are assisting in the coordination of restoration specialists to handle proper clean up procedures as soon as possible. We have hired additional staff to clean out the affected portions of the school and are working towards a cleaning schedule over the next few weeks which will allow the proper clean-up, restoration and remediation of the building. We are working with environmental specialists, restoration specialists and mechanical engineers to ensure all aspects are handled in as expedient a manner as possible.

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