



# **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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## **South Kansas and Oklahoma Railroad Suspends Operations Due to Flooding**

The South Kansas and Oklahoma Railroad (SKOL) has suspended service to all customers due to flooding. The entire SKOL system is experiencing flooding, effecting areas from Pittsburg, KS, west to Winfield, KS, including the towns of Coffeyville, Neodesha and Fredonia; and from Cherryvale, KS south to Tulsa, OK including the towns of Independence, KS. The SKOL is a wholly owned subsidiary of Watco Companies, Inc. (Watco).

Many of the SKOL subdivisions are either under water or local rivers are rising near the railroad and not expected to crest until tomorrow, dependent upon whether more rain is received in the effected areas.

Track crews have been at work throughout the day assessing damage and developing contingency plans to allow for the speedy re-opening of the railroad. Assessments of the damage will continue throughout the day on Sunday with a public update expected by 6 p.m. Evaluations of damage will be done after the waters recede, but at this time it is estimated that service will not be restored until Tuesday, July 3.

A map of the SKOL is attached. More information about Watco and the SKOL can be found at [www.watcocompanies.com](http://www.watcocompanies.com).

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