

Flood Watch

Bierschbach and Godwin Pumps Provide Relief Effort in Red River Flooding

Great walls are built with strong foundations. To create the mighty partition battling the rising waters of the Red River of the North (the natural water border between North Dakota and Minnesota), great pillars of the community came together last March to help cities like Fargo, N.D., and Moorhead, Minn. Godwin Pumps, worldwide manufacturer and supplier of water pumps, supplied support for the Red River flood effort. Its North Dakota based distributor Bierschbach Equipment & Supply provided Dri-Prime pumps for flood relief along the Red River Valley.

"The City of Fargo took their first two pumps from us on March 23. We

have now rented a total of 34 Godwin Dri-Prime CD100M and CD150M pumps," said Mike Anderson, branch manager of Bierschbach's Fargo facility. "Some of the pumps we have on rent are from our own inventory, and others were delivered from Godwin's Helena, Mont., branch."

Realizing that Bierschbach would be responding to this emergency, Godwin Pumps also deployed Helena-based Andy Fitzhugh to assist in the relief effort. With storm sewers backing up throughout the area, the Godwin Dri-Prime Pumps were used to pump flooded stormwater out of the backed up storm sewer, over the temporary clay dikes and into the river.

The Red River Valley is a misnomer. The river, slow and small in most seasons, does not have the energy to cut a gorge, which can make periodic floods catastrophic. Luckily, bright orange Godwin pumps were there to help combat increasing water levels.

