



This Week in Ohio EMA

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Week's Severe Storms Produce Flooding, Funnel Clouds; Northern Ohio Counties Declare



Northern Ohio flooding -
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Severe thunderstorms, lightning, hail, tornadoes and strong winds inundated the Buckeye State Wednesday, dumping as much as 10 inches of rain in parts of northwest Ohio. As of Friday afternoon, a total of 21 counties were affected by the severe weather and county/local states of emergency were declared for Allen, Cuyahoga, Erie, Huron, Lorain, Ottawa, Stark and Van Wert counties.

Allen County reported one unconfirmed storm-related death and 19 people with storm-related injuries; a Wellington (Lorain County) firefighter drowned Thursday afternoon while rescuing victims during swiftwater rescue; and Stark County reported one unconfirmed storm-related death.

Although there are no requests for state assistance, Ohio EMA has field liaison and disaster recovery staff in affected areas to assist with surveys and preliminary damage assessments.

County emergency managers continue to receive calls from businesses and residents who have sustained storm damages. Approximately nine shelters throughout the northern counties remain open. Residents were provided safety tips and cleaning kits as they cleaned out their flood-damaged basements and homes.

Governor Bob Taft will survey storm-damaged areas in Huron and Erie counties on Saturday morning.

Northern Ohio Shakes from Tenth Quake This Year; Perry Plant Issues Unusual Event

(Information from June 20 FEMA Region V Incident Report)



Perry Nuclear Power Plant.

Lake County residents were shaken up Tuesday afternoon after a small earthquake traveled about three miles along the Lake Erie coast near North Perry. No injuries or damage were reported.

The Perry Nuclear Power Plant declared an unusual event which was determined to be irregularities related to the earthquake. An inspection of the plant was performed. No damage took place and there was no loss of power. The plant continued to operate at 100 percent power.

The quake was recorded at 4:11 p.m. on June 20, with a magnitude of 3.4, according to the Ohio Seismic Network, a division of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. This was the tenth and largest earthquake in northern Ohio this year.

(For additional information, visit the Ohio Seismic Network Web site at www.dnr.state.oh.us/OhioSeis/.)

Homeland Security Threat Level:

ELEVATED ■ ■ ■ ■ ■

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Rapid Needs Assessment Training in Chicago



Representatives from Ohio EMA's Recovery Branch and Field Operations Branch attended the Rapid Needs Assessment (RNA) training course last week, at the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Region V offices in Chicago. The course was attended by all Region V states (Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio and Wisconsin); U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; Center for Disease Control Task Force; U.S. Department of Transportation; Mobile Emergency Response Support; American Red Cross; and the U.S. Armed Forces.

In the event of a catastrophic disaster, the affected state(s) may request a RNA team to deploy to the site and provide the state(s) and the FEMA regional office information about immediate needs, such as life-threatening situations and imminent hazards. Each RNA team is small, usually comprised of six to eight members, and is self-sufficient to allow local and state resources to be devoted to the victims.

RNA teams normally consist of state emergency management staff, and representatives from the Army Corps of Engineer, American Red Cross, Environmental Protection Agency, Urban Search and Rescue task forces, U.S. Public Health Service, and FEMA staff. The RNA should be able to arrive at the disaster within 12 hours of activation and complete their assignment within 24 to 72 hours. RNA teams assess the overall impact of the event and determine if federal response will be required.

Ready Business Mentoring Initiative



A member of the Plans Branch participated in an on-line forum on the Emergency Information Infrastructure Partnership (EIIP) presentation of the Extension Disaster Education Network (EDEN) and the Department of Homeland Security's Ready Business Mentoring Initiative. This new initiative is designed to help business owners and managers of small and medium-sized businesses prepare for emergencies. Mentoring guides were designed to teach business owners and managers about affordable ways to better protect their businesses. This forum is available twice a month on www.emforum.org.

EDEN links extension educators from across the nation and enables them to use and share resources and improve the delivery of services to citizens affected by disasters.

Effective mentoring leads to improved knowledge, skills and performance by providing personal access to important know-how and savvy practices. As a mentor, your knowledge and ability to communicate the preparedness message in a clear and convincing manner is critical to this learning partnership.

Free guides can be ordered by downloading from www.ready.gov/business/mentor/index.htm, or by calling 1-800-BE-READY, and ask for publication number **READY RB-0406-04**.

Joint Disaster Management Conference (United States and China)

An Ohio EMA planner participated in a conference call by the Steering Committee for the first joint United States and China Disaster Management Conference, which will be held in Beijing in August 2007. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1600: Standard on Disaster/Emergency Management and Business Continuity Programs will be the basis of the conference agenda items.

The next Steering Committee meeting will be held in Washington, D.C. on August 24.

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RIM&C

The Technical Support Division's Radiological Instrumentation, Maintenance and Calibration facility calibrated and repaired radiological equipment for New York; Michigan; Hancock County, North Carolina; cities of Raleigh and Badin, North Carolina; Public Utilities Commission of Ohio; and the Ohio Department of Health, Radiological Safety. The RIM&C lab is located on the west campus of The Ohio State University.



EMA Updates

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Debra Hartman, Ohio EMA
moved from Training Section to
Readiness & Response Branch

Mitigation Models Available Again for County Fairs

Ohio EMA's mitigation models have been repaired and are available for county EMAs to borrow for county fairs or vendor displays.

Flood City is a tabletop display; the Mitigation House and Flooded Roadway have support legs that fold away for transportation; the Mitigation House has an electric cord for push-button lights display.

The models became cracked, warped and damaged over time because of the build up of humidity, dampness and high temperatures.

Ohio EMA asks that borrowing agencies take responsibility for the transportation, storage and handling of the model(s), and agree to finance any repair needed if damaged while in their care.

Call Kelli Blackwell, Public Information Specialist, at 614-799-3694 to schedule/borrow models.

(Auglaize County has Flood City July 27 - August 5; Ohio EMA has the Mitigation House July 31 - August 13.)



Flood City



Mitigation House



Flooded Roadway

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
July 18 <i>Father's Day</i>	19 Medical TAC Ohio EMA	20	21	22 Water TAC Ohio EMA	23	24
National Weather Service's NATIONAL LIGHTNING SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK (June 18-24)						
25	26	27 Preparedness & Response to Agri-Terrorism (June 27-29) 220 W. Livingston Street, Celina OH 45822	28	29	30	JULY 1
		Beaver Valley Power Station EXERCISE (Plume Phase 06/27) (Ingestion Phase 06/28)				
2	3	4  <i>Independence Day</i>	5 Communications TAC Ohio EMA	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15

Register for Ohio EMA courses by visiting <http://ema.state.oh.us/training>