



# This Week in Ohio EMA



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## Disaster News

*Economic Injury Loans for Small Businesses*

### SBA Disaster Loans Available in Ohio following Secretary of Agriculture Disaster Declaration

*(From SBA news release dated October 23, 2007)*

**ATLANTA** – The U.S. Small Business Administration announces today that federal disaster loans are available to small businesses located in the counties of Adams, Brown, Clermont, Hamilton, Lawrence and Scioto in the state of Ohio, as a result of drought conditions and higher than normal temperatures that occurred February 1, 2007 and continuing.

“When the Secretary of Agriculture issues a disaster declaration to help farmers recover from damages and losses to crops, SBA issues a declaration to assist small businesses affected by the same disaster,” said Frank Skaggs, director of SBA Field Operations Center, East.

Under this declaration, SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loan program is available to farm-related and non-farm-related small business concerns and small agricultural cooperatives that suffered financial losses as a direct result of this disaster. Farmers and ranchers are not eligible to apply to the SBA but nurseries are eligible to apply for economic injury disaster loans for losses caused by drought conditions.

Eligible small businesses may qualify for loans for up to \$1.5 million. These loans are available at a four percent interest rate with loan terms up to 30 years. SBA determines eligibility for the program based on the size and type of business and its financial resources. Loan amounts and terms are set by the SBA and are based upon each applicant's financial condition. Under this disaster declaration, the SBA cannot provide loans to agricultural producers.

Interested business owners should contact SBA's Customer Service Center by calling 1-800-659-2955 (1-800-877-8339 for the hearing impaired), Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. EDT. Loan applications can also be downloaded from the SBA's Web site at [www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance](http://www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance). Completed applications should be mailed to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Distribution Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

Completed loan applications must be returned to SBA no later than June 2, 2008.



**Ohio EMA Weekly Report Activities (October 16-29, 2007)**



**Ohio AIRS Conference** - Information and Referral in the 21st Century: Changes, Choices and Challenges. The Ohio AIRS (Alliance of Information and Referral System) hosted the Eighth Annual Tri-State AIRS Conference for its affiliates in Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia. Every two years the AIRS affiliates sponsor a regional conference for information and referral professionals to discuss best practices, new technologies, future trends and special needs. This year's conference was held at Salt Fork State Park in Cambridge, October 17-19.

Guest speakers included Frances Strickland, First Lady of Ohio; Dr. James Bryant, Ohio Department of Health; and Barbara Sykes, president and CEO of United Way of Ohio. Ohio EMA Planner Brad Schwartz conducted a plenary workshop on pandemic flu/emergency planning for persons with functional needs and a tabletop exercise built around a pandemic scenario.

Other workshop topics included: Community Resources for Disaster Preparedness; IP Technologies for the Call Center; Changes, Choices and Challenges for 211; Information and Referral (I&R) Certification Preparation; Resource Management; Integrated Disaster Planning/Pandemic Flu; I&R: Serving the Aging and Disability Populations; and Organization Financial Stability.

Ohio AIRS is a private, nonprofit organization dedicated to improving information and referral throughout the state.

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**Ohio Nuclear Power Plants Update**



Unit 1 of the Beaver Valley Power Station completed its refueling outage on October 24, with synchronization to the electrical grid. The outage began on Sept. 24. Its original completion date was estimated to be October 17. There was a delay because a cable broke during fuel movement, which caused a fuel bundle to drop. Although the fuel bundle did not appear to be damaged, new fuel was brought to the site. All fuel movement was conducted under water.

The Perry Nuclear Power Plant, Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station and Units 1 and 2 of Beaver Valley Power Station are operating at 100 percent power.

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Mark Your Calendars:

**Winter Safety Awareness Week is  
November 11-17, 2007**

The Ohio Committee for Severe Weather Awareness encourages emergency managers to join them in promoting winter weather safety and preparedness to all Ohioans. Visit the revised OCSWA Web site at: [www.weathersafety.ohio.gov](http://www.weathersafety.ohio.gov).

**EMA STATUS REPORT**

**FEMA-1720-DR-OH**

Incident Period: August 20-28, 2007

Individual Assistance for: Allen, Crawford, Hancock, Hardin, Richland, Putnam, Seneca and Wyandot counties (declared 08/27/07)  
Deadline to Apply for FEMA IA: **CLOSED**

Public Assistance for: Allen, Crawford, Hancock, Hardin, Putnam, Richland and Wyandot counties (declared 09/11/07)

As of October 29, **40** Public Assistance projects have been approved for a total of **\$494,726**.

Cumulative number of registrations for the eight (IA) declared counties: **8,558** (as of COB 10/28).

**By county:**

Allen	331
Crawford	1,748
Hancock	2,741
Hardin	127
Putnam	896
Richland	1,991
Seneca	126
Wyandot	598

**As of October 14:**

Indiv. & Households Program (IHP)	5,358 approved	\$17.28 million
SBA Home/Personal Property		
SBA Business Loans		\$17.77 million

**Emergency Management Agency Updates**

**Terry Robison, Director**  
Muskingum County EMA  
Resigned October 19, 2007

**Bo Keck, Interim Director**  
Muskingum County EMA  
401 Main Street  
Zanesville, OH 43701  
Office: 740-453-1655

**Gary Holland, Director**  
Franklin County Office of Homeland Security  
and Emergency Management  
Resigning November 2, 2007  
Obtained employment with the  
Cuyahoga County's Department of Justice Affairs

**Jim Leonard, Acting Director**  
Franklin County HS and EM  
5300 Strawberry Farms Blvd  
Office: 614-794-0213  
**E-Mail: [jleonar@franklincountyohio.gov](mailto:jleonar@franklincountyohio.gov)**

**Walter Duzny, Director**  
Mahoning County EMA  
Retiring November 30, after 34 years of  
dedicated service with the county; 25 of those  
years as County EMA Director

**Diane Juhola, Secretary**  
Ohio EMA Disaster Recovery Branch  
Transferred to Ohio State Highway Patrol  
Academy. Last day at Ohio EMA: Oct. 26

**Robert Glenn, Special Projects Officer**  
Returning to Ohio EMA after serving a military  
tour in Iraq (U.S. Army)  
**Welcome Home, Rob!**

Geauga County EMA  
Dale Wedge, Director  
**E-Mail: [dwedge@co.geauga.oh.us](mailto:dwedge@co.geauga.oh.us)**

**Robert Crockett, Public Information Specialist**  
Franklin County HS and EM  
Resigning November 2, 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>November 4</b>  Daylight Savings Time Ends	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>  Election Day Damage Assessment Ohio EMA	<b>7</b> Debris Management Ohio EMA	<b>8</b> Campus Safety and Emerg. Planning, Reg. 6 Cincinnati Tech&Comm	<b>9</b> Cost Documentation Ohio EMA	<b>10</b> Intermediate ICS-300 Coshocton
<b>11</b> Veterans Day Intermediate ICS-300 Coshocton	<b>12</b> (Observed) 	<b>13</b> Intermediate Incident Command (ICS-300) Ohio EMA Campus Safety and Emerg. Planning, Reg. 2 Cleveland State Univ	<b>14</b> Incident Mgmt. TAC Ohio EMA	<b>15</b> Advanced Incident Command (ICS-400) - Ohio EMA	<b>16</b> Campus Safety and Emerg. Planning, Reg. 8 Washington State Comm	<b>17</b>
<i>Ohio Committee for Severe Weather Awareness ~ Winter Safety Awareness Week</i>						
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Medical TAC Ohio EMA	<b>20</b> HazMat TAC Ohio EMA	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>  Thanksgiving Day	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Water TAC Ohio EMA	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>December 1</b>

Register for Ohio EMA courses by visiting <http://ema.state.oh.us/training> - TAC - Technical Advisory Committee

