



STATE OF OHIO
Emergency Operations Center
SITUATION REPORT

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Ted Strickland, Governor
FROM: Ohio Emergency Management Agency
SUBJECT: February 2008 Wind and Flooding
DATE: February 12, 2008

The EOC Assessment Room closed at 12:00 p.m. This is the fifth and final Situation Report for the February 2008 Wind and Flooding Incident

Information is current as of 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 12, 2008.

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

February 6: In response to heavy rainstorms and localized flooding across Ohio, the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) Assessment Room was activated at 8:00 a.m. A Crisis Action System (CAS) Level 1 briefing was held in the SEOC Assessment Room at 11:15 a.m. There was one state level request for support from Auglaize County for 10,000 sandbags. Ohio EMA dispatched sandbagging supplies at 11:15 a.m.

February 7: Response operations began to ramp up. Many rivers levels throughout the state began to crest and others began receding. This allowed county EMAs the opportunity to begin assessing damages and needs. By this time, several counties had shelters open to care for displaced residents. State officials conducted their first conference call at 11:00 a.m. with the declared counties.

February 8: Response operations continued, with some early morning water rescues supported by ODNR. Shelters continued to operate in Marion, Erie, Hancock, Henry, Defiance and Putnam counties. A majority of rivers had already crested.

February 9 and 10: Preliminary damage assessments began over the weekend as most areas became accessible. Several shelters were on standby and Friday night into Saturday saw 4 shelters used with a total population of 23 reported.

February 11: All county Emergency Operations Centers were closed and some shelters remained on standby by close of business. Ohio EMA Disaster Recovery Branch began receiving preliminary damage assessments of homes and businesses from the nine declared counties. Rivers and tributaries were at or near crest at the end of last week, and began to recede over the weekend. Damage Assessments were ongoing, and the nine counties with county-level emergency declarations anticipated having preliminary private property damage assessments completed by the close of business.

CURRENT SITUATION

Snow developed today throughout a large portion of the state, with a wintry mix of rain and snow to the east of I-71. Areas in southern Ohio had mostly rain. Although snow accumulations from this weather event were expected to exceed 6 inches in western Ohio, the storm weakened as it moved through Ohio and final accumulations were generally 2-4 inches.

EMERGENCY DECLARATIONS

County: Auglaize, Defiance, Hancock, Henry, Logan, Mercer, Paulding, Putnam, Seneca.

WEATHER

General Conditions

Snowfall developed today throughout the state, with locally heavy lake-effect snowfall in northeast Ohio. Snow mixed with rain occurred in southeast Ohio. Snow accumulations were around 2-4 inches over most of the state. Icing was expected to develop later in the day, especially in the southern third of the state.

High temperatures today will be in the low twenties to the north, and in the mid-30s to low 40s to the south. Low temperatures will be in the mid teens to the north and in the low 20s to the south. On Wednesday, temperatures will lower slightly, with highs in the mid-to-upper-20s to the north and around 30 to the south. Low temperatures on Wednesday night will be between 10-to-15 degrees throughout the state.

Snow Emergencies

As of 9:00 a.m. this morning, Athens, Champaign, Clark, Coshocton, Crawford, Fairfield, Hocking, Holmes, Jackson, Morgan, Muskingum, Noble, Ross, Vinton, Washington and Wayne counties were under a Level I snow emergency. Butler, Clinton and Fayette and Pike Counties were under a Level II snow emergency.

By 2:00 p.m. this afternoon, Ashland, Athens, Butler, Champaign, Clark, Coshocton, Crawford, Fairfield, Fayette, Hocking, Holmes, Jackson, Licking, Madison, Morgan, Morrow, Muskingum, Noble, Pickaway, Pike, Richland, Summit, Washington, Wayne, Ross and Vinton counties were under a Level I snow emergency. Belmont and Jefferson were under a Level II snow emergency.

Warnings and Advisories As Reported by NOAA (Reported at 9:00 a.m.)

Three counties were under a Flood Warning: Defiance, Fulton and Henry.

Fifty counties were under a Winter Storm Warning: Adams, Ashland, Ashtabula, Athens, Brown, Butler, Clark, Clermont, Clinton, Crawford, Cuyahoga, Delaware, Erie, Fairfield, Fayette, Franklin, Geauga, Greene, Hamilton, Highland, Hocking, Holmes, Huron, Knox, Lake, Licking, Lorain, Madison, Mahoning, Marion, Medina, Montgomery, Morgan Morrow, Perry, Pickaway, Pike, Portage, Preble, Richland, Ross, Scioto, Seneca, Stark, Summit, Trumbull, Vinton, Warren, Wayne and Wyandot.

STATE LEVEL DISASTER ASSISTANCE ACTIONS

ESF 1 – Transportation

Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT)

According to BuckeyeTraffic.org, twelve state routes are still closed due to flooding. For a complete and up-to-date list of road closures, visit www.buckeyetraffic.org.

ESF 3 – Engineering and Public Works

Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR)

Floodplain staff is maintaining contact with local floodplain managers in many of the areas that have been impacted by flooding. Assistance is being provided as needed to make sure that local National Flood Insurance Program responsibilities (for complying with the floodplain management requirements) are being addressed.

Reminder letters have been sent to participating communities, emphasizing the need to complete substantial damage determinations and to issue permits for structures within identified flood hazard areas. These letters were sent to: Auglaize, Defiance, Logan, Hancock, Henry, Mercer, Paulding, Putnam and Seneca Counties; and to the municipalities of Napoleon, Oakwood, Prospect, LaRue, Kalida, Wapakoneta, Russells Point, Tiffin and Grand Rapids.

ESF 6 – Mass Care

Ohio Department of Mental Health (ODMH)

ODMH reported concentrated efforts on public awareness/education and work with the Long-Term Recovery Committee in Hancock County. The Courier printed a press release in the newspaper today regarding where behavioral health services could be received.

ESF 12 – Energy

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO)

As of 3:00 p.m., Duke Energy reported that nearly 3,600 customers in Butler County and more than 4,000 customers in Hamilton County were experiencing a power outage. These outages were

expected to be resolved soon, some by 6:00 p.m. today. There are other pockets of minor outages throughout the state and the number of reported outages changes by the hour.

ESF 14 – Recovery and Mitigation

Disaster Recovery Branch (DRB)

Ohio EMA recovery staff continues to collect and analyze preliminary damage assessment information sent in from the field and to provide technical assistance as necessary.

COUNTY IMPACTS

The following county reports are current as of 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 12, 2008.

No county Emergency Operations Centers are open. There are no shelters open. All preliminary damage assessments related to private property (residents and businesses) have been completed.

Auglaize County: Digging is continuing under a downtown business' basement to expose a fuel tank that had ruptured.

Henry County: Working with City of Napoleon officials to determine municipal park/golf course damage.

BRIEFING/SITREP DATA

The State EOC Assessment Room closed at 12:00 p.m. today and staff will continue to monitor the situation.