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SITUATION REPORT

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TO: John R. Kasich, Governor
FROM: Ohio Emergency Management Agency
SUBJECT: Snow and Ice Storm – February 2011
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This is the fourth and final Situation Report for “Snow and Ice Storm – February 2011” event. There are no additional CAS-1 Briefings scheduled for this event. This information is current as of 12:00 p.m. Monday, February 7, 2011.

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

A significant winter storm affected the Ohio Valley during the period with a mixture of snow, sleet, and freezing rain for the period January 31-February 2, 2011. Significant ice accumulations were observed north of the Cincinnati Tri-State region, and into the Miami Valley region, as well as central Ohio. Heavy snow and sleet affected parts of the northern Miami Valley and west-central Ohio. Northern Kentucky and south-central Ohio experienced relatively light wintry precipitation early in the event before temperatures warmed above freezing during the day January 31.

There were four incident-related fatalities confirmed.

At the peak of this incident power outages statewide peaked at approximately 273,178 homes and businesses during the overnight hours on February 1. Total snow level emergencies peaked at (14) Level 1, (16) Level 2, and (5) Level 3. Ten county Emergency Operations Centers (EOCs) were opened beyond normal hours of operations. During the peak of this event, there were 10 shelters opened in 8 counties; 473 overnight stays; 1,336 meals served, and 3,108 snacks provided.

By midmorning today, all outages have been restored except for 200 home and businesses in Holmes and Montgomery counties. All county EOCs are back to normal hours of operations. All state, U.S., and interstate routes are opened.

There were no unmet needs and no requests for state or federal assistance.

Tuesday, February 1: In response to a severe weather storm across Ohio, the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) Assessment Room was activated at 1:00 p.m. A Crisis Action System (CAS) Level 1 briefing was conducted in the SEOC Assessment Room at 3:00 p.m. Assessment Room began 24-hour staffing operations. Snow level emergencies were declared throughout the state. Over 8,000 homes and businesses were reported without power during the morning hours, with a decrease to 1,000 by 5:00 p.m. During the overnight hours, over 273,178 homes and businesses were without power across the state. There were no resource requests and no local declarations of emergency.

Wednesday, February 2: CAS-1 briefings were held in the Assessment Room at 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. The Assessment Room staff continued to operate on a 24-hour basis. Stark County declared a local emergency. Ten American Red Cross (ARC) shelters (and 10 warming stations) opened in six counties to assist a total population of 77 individuals. At 7:00 a.m., Ohio's electric utility companies reported approximately 168,000 homes and businesses without power statewide. Ten county Emergency Operations Centers opened, with four on 24-hour operations. Local governments, schools, universities, and businesses were closed throughout the state due to weather conditions.

Thursday, February 3: CAS-1 briefings were held at 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. The Assessment Room staff continued to operate on a 24-hour basis. Approximately 116,000 homes and businesses statewide were without power during the early morning. At 2:00 p.m., the outages declined to approximately 70,322. Two weather-related deaths were confirmed. One individual died from a fatal traffic crash in the city of Ashland. A Lebanon Post Trooper in Montgomery County died from carbon monoxide related poisoning from a generator operating in the garage. Ohio EMA Executive Director and Public Affairs Officer traveled with Governor Kasich, Lieutenant Governor Taylor, and the Governor's staff to an ARC shelter in Canton.

Friday, February 4: A CAS-1 briefing was held at 10:00 a.m. The Assessment Room will close effective 5:00 p.m. The Enhanced Duty Officer will handle incident-related calls during the weekend. Two weather-related deaths were confirmed. An elderly man died from carbon monoxide poisoning in Stark County. The wife of the Lebanon Trooper died from carbon monoxide related poisoning. At 9:00 a.m., statewide outages decreased to 29,000. All county Emergency Operations Centers will close at normal business hours. There will be a final CAS-1 briefing on Monday, February 7, 2011.

Monday, February 7: The final CAS-1 briefing for this incident was held at 10:00 a.m. today. All shelters are closed. There are 200 homes and business still without power. The SEOC Assessment Room deactivated and closed operations at 12:00 p.m. today.

DECLARATIONS

Stark County

WEATHER

An arctic cold front will move through Ohio today bringing a few snow showers with a mix of rain and snow showers in the east and southeast. An inch or two of snow may come down along the I-71 corridor, otherwise expect mainly flurries west of I-71 and a light mix to the east. Much colder air will settle into Ohio tonight with lows in the single digits and teens and frigid weather will be around for the rest of the work week.

No NWS warnings, watches or advisories are in effect for Ohio at this time.

There are no snow level emergencies in effect at this time.

STATE LEVEL DISASTER ASSISTANCE ACTIONS BY EMERGENCY SUPPORT FUNCTION (ESF)

ESF 6 – Mass Care

Ohio Emergency Management Agency (Ohio EMA)

All shelters are closed at this time.

ESF 8 – Public Health and Medical Services

Ohio Department of Health (ODH)

Emergency department visits with primary complaints related to “falls” have returned to normal baseline values after large spikes were observed following the ice storm last week. However, emergency department visits for carbon monoxide poisonings observed another spike in Ohio on Saturday. Situational Monitoring & Event Detection staff will continue to monitor these trends and notify appropriate local public health departments of these anomalies.

ESF 12 – Energy

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO)

As of 10:00 a.m. this morning, the total number of power outages across Ohio has been reduced from approximately 29,000 on Friday afternoon to about 200 today.

- FirstEnergy: The utility reports restoration efforts will be 100% complete today.
- DP&L: Reports fewer than 100 homes and businesses without power near Montgomery County today.
- Duke: The utility reports restoration efforts will be 100% complete today.
- American Electric Power: Reports restoration efforts will be 100% complete today.

- Rural Electric Coops: Reports about 100 homes and businesses without power in Holmes County today.

COUNTY-LEVEL REPORTS

No county Emergency Operations Centers are open.

BRIEFING/SITREP DATA

This is the final Situation Report for this incident. There are no further briefings scheduled for the “Snow and Ice Storm – February 2011” event.