



# STATE OF OHIO

## Emergency Operations Center

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## SITUATION REPORT

### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Bob Taft, Governor

**FROM:** Ohio Emergency Management Agency

**SUBJECT:** Continued Flooding in South and East Ohio SITREP No. 3

**DATE:** September 18, 2004, 6:00 p.m.

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**The EOC is at CAS-3. The next Operations Briefing is scheduled for September 19, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. in the EOC Operations Room.**

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### GENERAL SITUATION

Heavy rain continued to move into the south and east portions of the state September 17, 2004. These rains led to flooding in the following 19 counties; Athens, Belmont, Columbiana, Gallia, Guernsey, Harrison, Jackson, Lawrence, Mahoning, Meigs, Monroe, Morgan, Muskingum, Noble, Perry, Scioto, Vinton and Washington. Multiple evacuations have been reported and numerous shelters have been opened. Multiple township, county, and state roadways were subject to closings due to high water, causing difficulties with evacuations. Many waterways are still experiencing flooding, but are receding. As waters move downstream additional flooding is expected.

*Bellaire, Belmont County*



### STATE LEVEL DISASTER ASSISTANCE ACTIONS

#### **ESF 5- INFORMATION AND PLANNING**

##### ***Ohio Emergency Management Agency (Ohio EMA)***

OEMA has field liaisons present in Belmont, Jefferson, Meigs, Noble and Washington counties. Additional liaisons will be provided to affected counties upon request.

***Declarations***

At 11:30 a.m. on Sept. 18, Governor Taft declared Athens, Meigs, and Vinton counties. The Governor will re-declare the original 15 counties currently on declaration and add the above three.

	<b>County</b>	<b>Jurisdiction</b>	<b>Declaration Level</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Date</b>
1	Athens	Countywide	County/State	Emergency	9/17/2004
2	Belmont	Countywide	County/State	Emergency	9/17/2004
3	Carroll	Countywide	County/State	Emergency	9/17/2004
4	Columbiana	Countywide	County/State	Emergency	9/17/2004
5	Guernsey	Countywide	County/State	Emergency	9/17/2004
6	Harrison	Countywide	County/State	Emergency	9/17/2004
7	Jefferson	Countywide	County/State	Emergency	9/17/2004
8	Meigs	Countywide	County/State	Emergency	9/17/2004
9	Monroe	Countywide	County/State	Emergency	9/17/2004
10	Morgan	Countywide	County/State	Emergency	9/17/2004
11	Muskingum	Countywide	County/State	Emergency	9/17/2004
12	Noble	Countywide	County/State	Emergency	9/17/2004
13	Perry	Countywide	County/State	Emergency	9/17/2004
14	Stark	Countywide	County/State	Emergency	9/17/2004
15	Trumbull	Countywide	County/State	Emergency	9/17/2004
16	Tuscarawas	Countywide	County/State	Emergency	9/17/2004
17	Vinton	Countywide	County/State	Emergency	9/17/2004
18	Washington	Countywide	County/State	Emergency	9/17/2004

**ESF 1 – TRANSPORTATION**

***Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT)***

ODOT reported that 90 state routes remain closed due to high water and/or slips. Contractors are working on SR 7 in Belmont and Jefferson counties where seven slips have occurred. SR 7 is closed or restricted in many locations. Their crews are continuing to clear state routes. ODOT Engineers are conducting aerial assessments this afternoon. An ODOT representative evaluated the condition of Lakeside Golf Course Lake and found the dam to be stable with overflow at this time. The dam will continue to be monitored.

***Ohio National Guard (ONG)***

ONG supplied 5 cargo trucks (5 ton) and one wrecker providing transportation capability in areas isolated by flood water and road debris for search and evacuation. ONG provided aviation transportation for the Adjutant General, Ohio EMA Director and county officials for an aerial survey of Belmont County with Belmont County officials.

***Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP)***

Early in the morning of Saturday, September 18 OSHP flew over the affected areas. The final flyover was with State Rep Charlie Wilson and the Monroe Co. EMA Director. There are no additional flyovers requested at this time.

**ESF 3 – ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS**

***Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA)***

OEPA has been contacted for numerous debris issues and are requesting that officials work requested through their county EMAs.

***Ohio National Guard (ONG)***

ONG will dispatch an engineering package composed of approximately 40 ONG members and engineer equipment. The estimated time of arrival is Sunday, September 19.

**ESF 4 - FIREFIGHTING**

***State Fire Marshal (SFM)***

SFM reported that under the State Fire Mutual Aid Agreement, local fire departments from across the state are assisting with various missions in Belmont County.

**ESF 6 – MASS CARE**

***American Red Cross (ARC)***

ARC provided lunch at two Belmont County Shelters. In Jefferson County there is a standby shelter for stranded motorists. Feeding needs and methods are still being assessed.

***Other Shelter Operations***

Twenty-three additional shelters, not operated by ARC, were opened in various locations in Athens, Belmont, Guernsey, Monroe, Morgan, Noble, and Perry counties.

**ESF 7 – RESOURCE SUPPORT**

***Department of Administrative Services (DAS)***

DAS completed work on state credit card issues for ONG and ODNR. Office of Budget and Management (OBM) now has allowed for lodging and food purchases associated with state operations. DAS has contracted with Walmart to deliver water to Belmont County by 3:00pm on Sunday, 20. DAS is working on additional water missions in Athens and Monroe counties.

**ESF 8 – HEALTH AND MEDICAL**

***Ohio Department of Health (ODH)***

ODH continues to be in contact with all local health departments on a daily basis. The Noble County Health Department has requested 100 doses of the tetanus vaccine to be delivered by Monday, September 20 with assistance from OSHP. Noble County Health Department is currently assessing potential needs for bottled water and will get back to ODH on Saturday 18.

ODH received a request from the Belmont County Health Department for 270 doses of tetanus vaccine. They will attempt to coordinate vaccine delivery for Belmont County in conjunction with the delivery to the Noble County Health Department.

Monroe County Health Department staff reported that they were en route to Cameron to screen for the need for tetanus shots. The Cameron area has been evacuated however there are some residents that remain in the area. The Health Department has about 30 doses of vaccine and will contact ODH if they determine more are needed.

**ESF 9 – SEARCH AND RESCUE**

***Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR)***

All ODNR missions are currently completed. ODNR staff will continue to monitor dams in the affected counties.

**ESF 10 – HAZAROUS MATERIALS**

***Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA)***

OEPA hotline received several complaints of oil sheen sightings in the impacted counties. The oil sheens have been reported in private ponds and on swift moving streams. OEPA has advised County EMA's in flood impacted areas to call the OEPA hot line at 800-282-9378 to report oil sheen/fuel/chemical spills, displaced heating oil tanks/drums, drinking water plant and waste water treatment plant issues.

In Belmont County the Bridgeport drinking water plant reported that a six inch water line to Lansing has been repaired. Residents have been advised to boil water until further notice. The Bridgeport well field will not be impacted by flood waters. The boil alerts for St. Clairsville, Bridgeport and Martins Ferry will continue for several days. No additional drinking water and/or waste water treatment plant issues have been reported to OEPA at this time.

**ESF 11 – AGRICULTURE**

***Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA)***

No report.

**ESF 12 – ENERGY**

AEP has approved Buckeye Rural Cooperative to tap into an AEP line. This will assist Buckeye in getting their customers re-established.

<b>Name of Company</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Customers</b>	<b>Estimated Restoration</b>
AEP	Athens	Stewart	100	5:00pm, 9/18
AEP	Athens	Trimble	644	3:00pm, 9/19
AEP	Belmont	Countywide	2,700	Late 9/19
<i>AEP</i>	<i>TOTAL WITHOUT SERVICE 9/18</i>	<i>Scattered</i>	<i>3,444</i>	
Columbia Gas	Belmont	Neffs	258	
Columbia Gas	Belmont	Lansing	200	
Columbia Gas	Belmont	Armstrong Mills	40	
Columbia Gas	Monroe	Clarrington		estimated <100
Columbia Gas	<i>TOTAL WITHOUT SERVICE 9/18</i>	<i>Scattered</i>	<i>498</i>	

***Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT)***

ODOT assisted power crews in moving flooded substations near Lansing in Belmont County.

**ESF 13 – LAW ENFORCEMENT**

***Ohio National Guard (ONG)***

ONG provided 30 military police for security assistance to augment Belmont County Sheriff's Office. An ONG mobile command center is en route to Washington County in order to provide support to local law enforcement agencies impacted by the flooding.

**RECOVERY**

***Ohio Emergency Management Agency (Ohio EMA)***

Ohio EMA will evaluate preliminary damage assessment (PDA) for public assistance in Perry County (Monday), Carroll County (Tuesday) and Tuscarawas County (Wednesday). All other PDA for public assistance has been delayed due to high water.

**BRIEFING/SITREP DATA**

All agencies should email their reports to: [eocassmt@dps.state.oh.us](mailto:eocassmt@dps.state.oh.us)

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