



STATE OF OHIO

Emergency Operations Center

SITUATION REPORT

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Bob Taft, Governor
FROM: Ohio Emergency Management Agency
SUBJECT: Continued Flooding in South and East Ohio SITREP No. 4
DATE: September 19, 2004, 3:00 p.m.

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

GENERAL SITUATION

Flooding conditions remain in 16 southeastern Ohio counties; Athens, Belmont, Columbiana, Gallia, Guernsey, Harrison, Jackson, Lawrence, Meigs, Monroe, Morgan, Muskingum, Noble, Perry, Vinton and Washington. Evacuations have been conducted in 5 Athens, Belmont Meigs and Washington Counties and shelters opened for evacuee support. Many township, county, and state roadways remain closed due to high water, mudslides, or slips, some causing delays in response. Although floods have receded on minor streams, waters moving downstream are expected to result in serious flooding conditions on major tributaries and the Ohio River.

Major flooding is occurring over an area along the Ohio River extending from Jefferson County in the north to Washington (Marietta) in the south. Forecasts call for the Racine Lock and Dam in Meigs County to receive a record flood crest of 50.4 feet or 1 foot above the previous record level.

STATE LEVEL DISASTER ASSISTANCE ACTIONS

ESF 5- INFORMATION AND PLANNING

Ohio Emergency Management Agency (Ohio EMA)

Seventeen affected area county EOCs are now open. OEMA field liaisons remain on duty in Belmont, Jefferson, Meigs, Noble and Washington counties to assist local officials. Additional liaisons will be assigned upon request.

Declarations

Eighteen counties are under a state proclamation of emergency:

| # | County | Jurisdiction | Declaration Level | Type |
|---|------------|--------------|-------------------|-----------|
| 1 | Athens | Countywide | County/State | Emergency |
| 2 | Belmont | Countywide | County/State | Emergency |
| 3 | Carroll | Countywide | County/State | Emergency |
| 4 | Columbiana | Countywide | County/State | Emergency |
| 5 | Guernsey | Countywide | County/State | Emergency |

Bob Taft, Governor
Jennette Bradley, Lt. Governor

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| 6 | Harrison | Countywide | County/State | Emergency |
| 7 | Jefferson | Countywide | County/State | Emergency |
| 8 | Meigs | Countywide | County/State | Emergency |
| 9 | Monroe | Countywide | County/State | Emergency |
| 10 | Morgan | Countywide | County/State | Emergency |
| 11 | Muskingum | Countywide | County/State | Emergency |
| 12 | Noble | Countywide | County/State | Emergency |
| 13 | Perry | Countywide | County/State | Emergency |
| 14 | Stark | Countywide | County/State | Emergency |
| 15 | Trumbull | Countywide | County/State | Emergency |
| 16 | Tuscarawas | Countywide | County/State | Emergency |
| 17 | Vinton | Countywide | County/State | Emergency |
| 18 | Washington | Countywide | County/State | Emergency |

ESF 1 – TRANSPORTATION

Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT)

ODOT reports that 85 state route sites remain closed due to high waters and/or slips. All state highways off of SR 7 from Monroe County north to Jefferson County are closed due to numerous mudslides. Mudslides have also closed portions Rte 7 southbound from Steubenville to Wheeling.

Work is continuing on clearing state highways in Belmont and Jefferson Counties to include SR 7. Additional work crews will be shifted to critical work sites on Sept. 20 for recovery site support. The Department is monitoring high water conditions, closings, and re-openings throughout the affected area.

Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP)

No additional flyovers or escort missions have been requested at this time.

ESF 3 – ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS

Ohio National Guard (ONG)

A “Red Horse” engineering element of 22 personnel and engineering equipment is currently en route from Camp Perry to Belmont County for recovery support missions. This element is estimated to arrive in the county at approx. 3:00 p.m. Sunday.

ESF 4 - FIREFIGHTING

State Fire Marshal (SFM)

Seventy five to one hundred crews from local fire departments from across the state are assisting assist affected counties with various response missions under the provisions of the State Fire Mutual Aid Agreement.

ESF 6 – MASS CARE

American Red Cross (ARC)

Red Cross chapters in the affected area are preparing to address family service and related casework issues along with sheltering needs. Red Cross shelters remain open in Athens, Meigs, and Washington Counties. A previously opened shelter in Jefferson County has been closed.

Other Shelter Operations

Additional shelters, not operated by ARC, are open for residents of various locations in Athens and Belmont Counties.

ESF 7 – RESOURCE SUPPORT

Department of Administrative Services (DAS)

The DAS is currently addressing potable water needs in Athens, Belmont, Monroe, and Washington Counties. DAS has contracted with Walmart for the delivery of water to affected jurisdictions in Athens, Belmont, Monroe and Washington Counties. DAS is also procuring clean-up kits for residents of Noble and Washington Counties.

ESF 8 – HEALTH AND MEDICAL

Ohio Department of Health (ODH)

ODH remains in contact with all local health departments. The Department is working to resolve issues in the following areas of concern:

Tetnus Vaccine Requests – The ODH continues an open mission to coordinate with the OSHP to deliver Tetnus vaccine to Belmont (270 doses) and Noble (150 doses) Counties on Monday, Sept, 20.

Private Well Testing – The ODH is working with the Noble County Health Dept. to assist with testing for 50 private wells in the county. This mission will be addressed on Monday, Sept. 20.

Potable Water Request – Athens County has requested potable water for Green’s Run (Trimble Twp.) where 60 – 70 residents are said to be without water. DAS has contracted to procure water for these residents. The Athens Co. EMA will coordinate with local fire departments for pumper units to assist with local clean-up actions.

ESF 9 – SEARCH AND RESCUE

Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR)

The ODNR staff continues to monitor dam and related water safety conditions in the affected counties. The department has deployed a three fast water rescue teams (with boats) to Belmont County to assist with possible evacuation efforts in Powhattan Point.

ESF 10 – HAZAROUS MATERIALS

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA)

OEPA hotline received several complaints of oil sheen sightings on ponds and streams in affected counties. Affected area residents are advised to use the OEPA hot line (800-282-9378) to report oil sheen/fuel/chemical spills, displaced heating oil tanks/drums, drinking water plant and waste water treatment plant issues.

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.

ESF 11 – AGRICULTURE

Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA)

No report.

ESF 12 – ENERGY

Energy Status Chart – PUCO and Ohio EMA

| Name of Company | County | Location | Customers | Estimated Restoration |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------------|
| Allegheny | Washington | Marietta | 19 | Underway |
| AEP | Athens | Stewart | 100 | 5:00pm, 9/18 |
| AEP | Athens | Trimble | 644 | 3:00pm, 9/19 |
| AEP | Belmont | Countywide | 350 | Late 9/20 |
| AEP | Jefferson | Tiltonsville | 540 | Late 9/20 |
| <i>AEP</i> | <i>TOTAL WITHOUT SERVICE 9/18</i> | <i>Area wide</i> | <i>1,663</i> | |
| Columbia Gas | Belmont | Neffs | 0 | Restored 9/19 |
| Columbia Gas | Belmont | Lansing | 200 | * |
| Columbia Gas | Belmont | Armstrong Mills | 40 | * |
| Columbia Gas | Monroe | Clarington | Est. 100 | * |
| Columbia Gas | <i>TOTAL WITHOUT SERVICE 9/18</i> | <i>Scattered</i> | <i>340</i> | * |

* Note - In situations involving flooding or high waters in private structures, the provider will deliberately shut off gas service to affected structures to prevent contamination and possible further damages. As waters recede, the carrier will go to individual houses to restore pressure and reinstate services.

ESF 13 – LAW ENFORCEMENT

Ohio National Guard (ONG)

An ONG 30 member military police detachment remains in Belmont County to provide security augmentation for the County Sheriff.

Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP)

The isolation of the OSHP’s Marietta Post by high waters, caused the relocation of the post to the grounds of the Marietta High School. The post is operating with the support of the Patrol’s mobile command post vehicle.

RECOVERY

Ohio Emergency Management Agency (Ohio EMA)

Immediate concerns are related to emergency support actions for local jurisdictions. The Ohio EMA will hold an initial briefing and deployment on Monday Sept. 20 for preliminary damage assessments (PDA) for public assistance in Perry County (Mon.), Carroll County (Tue.) and Tuscarawas County (Wed.). All other PDA actions for public assistance have been delayed due to high water.

BRIEFING/SITREP DATA

All agencies should email their reports to: eocassmt@dps.state.oh.us

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