



STATE OF OHIO

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SITUATION REPORT

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Bob Taft, Governor

FROM: Ohio Emergency Management Agency

SUBJECT: Flooding in Eastern/Southeastern Ohio SITREP No. 6

DATE: September 20, 2004 – 4:30 p.m.

The EOC is at CAS-3. The next Operations Briefing is scheduled for 3:00 p.m. September 20, 2004 in the EOC Operations Room.

GENERAL SITUATION

Flood-related issues continue in 12 southeastern Ohio counties: Athens, Belmont, Columbiana, Gallia, Guernsey, Harrison, Meigs, Monroe, Morgan, Noble, Perry and Washington. Evacuations of affected residents have been conducted in eight counties: Athens, Belmont, Columbiana, Guernsey, Jefferson, Monroe, Muskingum and Washington and shelters opened for evacuee support. Township, county, and state roadways remain closed throughout the area due to high water, mudslides, or slips, leading to response effort delays.



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(Source: Martins Ferry Times Leader)

Ohio River flooding has occurred, or is occurring over an area extending from Columbiana County in the north to Gallia in the south. The Ohio River from East Liverpool to the Racine Locks and Dam in Meigs County has crested and is falling. The Ohio River from Mt. Pleasant to Cincinnati is expected to go above flood stage, but only slightly. The forecast for today is sunny with the high in the 70's and is expected to remain sunny for the remainder of the week with the high in the 80's.

STATE LEVEL DISASTER ASSISTANCE ACTIONS

ESF 5- INFORMATION AND PLANNING

Ohio Emergency Management Agency (Ohio EMA)

OEMA field liaisons are expected to remain on duty through September 20th and 21st to assist authorities in Belmont, Jefferson, Meigs, Noble, and Washington with response and recovery needs.

Declarations

Fifteen counties are under a federal declaration of emergency, eighteen counties are under a state proclamation of emergency, and one county is under a county emergency

only. Meigs and Athens counties are under evaluation to be added to the federal declaration.

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

ESF 1 – TRANSPORTATION

Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT)

ODOT has 69 state route sites closed due to flooding. They continue to have numerous other routes closed due to mud slides, slips and washouts. ODOT engineers indicated that the entire Belmont County road infrastructure is a total loss. Another estimate has placed damages to township roadways in the neighborhood of \$1 million. The number of ODOT support missions from Noble County alone has been likened to a two-year construction program. ODOT will continue to assist local authorities and residents with re-entry and return issues, coordinating these efforts with the ONG and other agencies.

Mudslides still contribute to the closing of state highway feeder routes for SR 7 from Monroe County north to Jefferson County. Portions of SR 7 extending from Steubenville to Wheeling also remain closed due to mudslide actions.

ODOT continues to work on state routes in all declared counties where many locations are closed or restricted.

Ohio National Guard (ONG)

Five 5-ton trucks from the 2nd Battalion 174 ADA are on duty to assist with evacuation and hauling missions in Belmont County.

ESF 2 – Communications

Ohio Emergency Management Agency (Ohio EMA)

Ohio EMA is providing additional handheld MARCS radios to ONG for use in the field. Additional requests are anticipated over the next 24 hours.

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO)

PUCO reports that telephone service has been restored to the area.

ESF 3 – ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA)

OEPA is coordinating the placement of dumpsters in various counties.

Ohio National Guard (ONG)

The “Red Horse” engineering unit is in Belmont County and is assigning priorities for engineering missions. ONG Liaison Officers will coordinate missions in other affected counties.

Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT)

ODOT has dispatched crews for debris removal in Jefferson County. There are also requests for debris removal in Noble and Guernsey County, which ODOT personnel are coordinating at this time.

ESF 4 - FIREFIGHTING

State Fire Marshal (SFM)

Pumping crews deployed under the Ohio Fire Service Emergency Response Plan (OFSERP) have completed assignments in Neffs and Bellaire and were being released from Belmont County. The OFSERP regional coordinator will be rotated over the next 24 hours. Some engine companies may be recalled for pump out assistance. No mutual aid resources are deployed at this time.

ESF 6 – MASS CARE

American Red Cross (ARC)

The ARC reports the following support actions were completed for the reporting period:

Mass Care meals – 200 meals served in Jefferson County, one fixed feeding site in Meigs county closed Sunday evening.

Clean-Up Kits – 1,000 Clean-up kits have been distributed in the area. 500 have been distributed to the Cambridge, Ohio ARC chapter for distribution to other affected jurisdictions. Available clean-up kits are in short supply.

Shelters –

County	#Shelters	#Population
Athens	2	28
Belmont	3	16 (ARC supporting non-ARC shelters)
Columbiana	4	114
Guernsey	3	23
Jefferson	1	5
Monroe	1	(awaiting information)
Muskingham	1	0
Washington	1	30
TOTAL	16	216

Washington County: 35 Special Needs Clients in hotels/motels - Continuing for an undetermined amount of time.

ARC is looking over the next 24 hours at continuing damage assessment activities, securing additional clean-up kits, opening a service center in Jefferson County, and evaluating the needs in Monroe and Belmont counties for service centers.

Other Shelter Operations

Additional shelters, not operated by ARC, remain open in affected areas.

Ohio Department of Aging (ODA)

ODA is assisting a client in Belmont County who was evacuated to a relative's home. ODA is working on assisting the AAA in Marietta to access client and emergency contact information for certain counties from a remote location or electronically. The department continues to work on a flood clean-up plan to be implemented after consumers in need are identified.

Department of Job and Family Services (JFS)

ODJFS is working with the local county agencies to adjust assistance levels for their clients.

ESF 7 – RESOURCE SUPPORT

Department of Administrative Services (DAS)

Water Missions – Drinking water from Wal-Mart is being loaded for delivery to Belmont, Monroe and Washington counties. Water for Athens County is the next priority for loading and delivery. The National Guard will also dispatch 6 water trailers to the Washington County EOC. They are scheduled to arrive in Marietta around 4 p.m. today. These will be filled and delivered to various points in the county as needed.

Dumpsters – The Washington County EOC has requested 25 roll-off units for Marietta and 5 for Belpre. DAS is scheduled to work with county officials on September 20th to determine specific needs and hauling capabilities. DAS is awaiting the delivery of dumpsters to Marietta and working requests for dumpsters to Jefferson County and the City of Belpre.

Clean-Up Kits – It is anticipated that over the next 24 hours the distribution of clean-up kits and dumpsters will be an ongoing mission.

ESF 8 – HEALTH AND MEDICAL

Ohio Department of Health (ODH)

Tetanus Vaccine Requests – The Monroe County, Washington County and Marietta City Health Departments have requested a total of 300 doses of the tetanus vaccine for delivery today. ODH has coordinated with OSHP for transport to these counties in addition to the previous requests from Belmont and Noble counties.

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.

Private Well Testing – The ODH is working with the Noble County Health Dept. to assist with testing for 50 private wells in the county today and anticipate additional call from other flooded areas.

Nursing – ODH has determined that Jefferson County Health Department is working to take nurses into the southern part of the county for assessment and to provide advice on clean-up. ODH has talked with ONG to assist in the transportation effort.

ODH will be providing public information on mold and clean-up issues.

ESF 9 – SEARCH AND RESCUE

Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR)

ODNR fast water rescue teams completed evacuation assistance missions in the Powhatan Point area on the 19th and remained there overnight. Teams have been recalled and are on stand-by for further assistance.

ESF 10 – HAZAROUS MATERIALS

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA)

Affected area residents are urged to use the OEPA hot line (800-282-9378) when reporting oil sheen/fuel/chemical spills, displaced heating oil tanks/drums, drinking water plant and waste water treatment plant issues.

OEPA is working in the town of Neff, in Belmont County, concerning the issue of flooded basements that include fuel oil spills from heating oil tanks.

The Ohio EPA Solid waste, in coordination with Belmont County EMA, decided that it is too soon to determine the need for an air curtain burner. OEPA staff will be in the field on Monday to help make that determination once the amount and type of debris is characterized.

The boil alerts in St. Clairsville, Bridgeport and Martins Ferry continue.

ESF 11 – AGRICULTURE

Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA)

ODA anticipates missions to begin once the floods start to recede. They are contacting food, dairy and meat processors in the effected counties and are working with the local health departments regarding retail food operations. They will assess crops and livestock damage when water recedes.

ESF 12 – ENERGY

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO)

PUCO Energy Status Chart

Name of Company	County	Location	Customers	Estimated Restoration
AEP	Belmont	Countywide	333	Late 9/20
AEP	TOTAL WITHOUT SERVICE 9/19	Area wide	333	
Columbia Gas	Jefferson	Brilliant	560	
Columbia Gas	TOTAL WITHOUT SERVICE 9/19	Brilliant	560	*

* 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. At 5:15 PM 9/19/04 Columbia Gas sectionalized their service area into "high and low ground". Re lightning of 533 customers in the "high ground" has begun. There are 27 customers in the "low ground" under water and they will remain out of service.

ESF 13 – LAW ENFORCEMENT

Ohio National Guard (ONG)

28 ONG military police personnel are working on 12-hour shifts to support local law enforcement agencies with security issues in Belmont Co.

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. OSHP will provide a fly-over this afternoon and will continue to coordinate the delivery of tetanus shots to the area.

Ohio Emergency Management Agency (Ohio EMA)

RECOVERY

FEMA and Ohio EMA are beginning preliminary damage assessments for Public Assistance in Perry County for today, Carroll County for tomorrow, and Tuscarawas County for Wednesday. Ohio EMA staff is also working with FEMA to get Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs) open in Belmont, Columbiana and, possibly, Washington counties. Ohio EMA will confirm locations and dates for openings when they become available.

Recovery reports that in the presidentially declared counties, the Individual Assistance (IA) program is being implemented. This includes all counties with sustained, substantial damage from flooding that began on September 8th. The key message is that to be considered for the IA program, individuals and businesses must call and register at 1-800-621-FEMA.

State agencies must track and document overtime, labor, equipment and material for reimbursement under a federal declaration. This includes overtime incurred at the EOC.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The Ohio EMA PIO is working with other state agency PIOs to prepare a press release scheduled for a 2:00 p.m. distribution.

It was reported that the Governor will travel to Belmont and Washington Counties this afternoon and will return to the EOC at approximately 4 p.m. for a media briefing.

BRIEFING/SITREP DATA

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

Conference call number: 614-387-3141

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