



STATE OF OHIO

Emergency Operations Center

SITUATION REPORT

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Bob Taft, Governor

FROM: Ohio Emergency Management Agency

SUBJECT: Flooding in Eastern/Southeastern Ohio SITREP No. 7

DATE: September 20, 2004 – 6:30 p.m.

The EOC is at CAS-3. The next Operations Briefing is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. September 21, 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.

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 Racine to Cincinnati is expected to go above flood stage, but only slightly. Flood warnings remain in effect for Wills Creek in

Cambridge with major flooding in the area. 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 remain on duty assisting authorities in Belmont, Jefferson, Meigs, Noble, and Washington with response and recovery needs. Governor Taft and Ohio EMA Executive

Bob Taft, Governor
Jennette Bradley, Lt. Governor

Kenneth L. Morckel, Director
Department of Public Safety

Director, Dale Shipley, flew to Powhatan Point and Marietta to survey the flood damage and returned to the EOC at approximately 4 p.m. for a media briefing.

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 62 state route sites closed due to flooding. They report numerous county and township roads closed due to mud slides, slips and washouts.

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

ESF 2 – Communications

Ohio Emergency Management Agency (Ohio EMA)

Ohio EMA provided 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. OEPA-Division of Solid Infectious Waste Management-SE District Office inspection staff have been in contact with the approved health departments and local EMA staff to offer technical assistance regarding debris management as needed. OEPA is currently in the information collection mode, since many of the affected areas are still under water.

Ohio National Guard (ONG)

Five 5-ton trucks from the 2nd Battalion 174 ADA are on duty to assist with debris and hauling missions in Belmont County. The “Red Horse” engineering unit is in Belmont County and is assigning priorities for engineering missions.

Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT)

ODOT is working on debris missions in Guernsey County including the cities of Cambridge, Quaker City, Salesville, Pleasant City and Derwent, and Meigs County in the cities of Racine and Pomeroy.

ESF 4 - FIREFIGHTING

State Fire Marshal (SFM)

No mutual aid resources are deployed at this time.

ESF 6 – MASS CARE

American Red Cross (ARC)

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 reports that Emergency Response Vehicles (ERVs) will be dispatched from Florida tomorrow and sent to Meigs County.

Other Shelter Operations

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

Department of Job and Family Services (JFS)

ODJFS is working with the local county agencies to adjust assistance levels for their clients. Adult Disaster Assistance funds have been identified to provide assistance to certain elderly and disabled individuals residing in these counties who have been adversely affected by the emergency condition. Each of the 18 counties will be authorized up to \$25,000 for this population. No additional funding above this amount will be available for this specific disaster episode.

In addition, each of the counties will be restricted to \$200,000 for benefits/services for families. Requests for amounts above \$200,000 must be approved by the Office of Family Stability.

Please note that the funding for Adult Disaster Assistance is different from the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funds available for families. TANF funds are available for disaster-related assistance for families in those counties in which the Governor declared a state of emergency.

ESF 7 – RESOURCE SUPPORT

Department of Administrative Services (DAS)

Water Missions – Two truckloads of drinking water from Wal-Mart were sent for delivery to Belmont County. There are 8,000 people without water in Belmont County. DAS continues to work the issue of delivering water to Monroe and Washington Counties. Water for Athens County is the next priority for loading and delivery. The National Guard also dispatched 6 water trailers to the Washington County EOC. They arrived in Marietta today. They have been filled and delivered to various points in the county.

Clean-Up Kits – DAS is working with VOAD and ARC to locate additional clean-up kits, personal hygiene kits, and staging areas for distribution. They are looking at working with public entities, such as high schools and colleges, to acquire volunteers to help put the various kits together. ARC will deliver 1500 clean-up kits to Washington County with 500 of those kits going on to Meigs County.

ESF 8 – HEALTH AND MEDICAL

Ohio Department of Health (ODH)

Tetanus Vaccine Requests – The Monroe County, Washington County and Marietta City Health Departments requested a total of 300 doses of the tetanus vaccine for delivery today. OSHP delivered the tetanus vaccine to Alterman Field in St. Clairsville (Belmont Co) around 2:30 p.m.. Noble, Monroe, Washington counties and Marietta City will coordinate with Belmont Co HD to receive their tetanus vaccine requested allotment.

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.

Ohio Department of Mental Health (ODMH)

Jefferson Behavioral Health responders provided supportive services to victims as they assisted the Dept. of Health with tetanus. Washington County Mental Health Board is providing behavioral health responders in the local shelter and assisting displaced senior citizens who lost everything to the flood. Other counties are monitoring the behavioral health needs of the

community and keeping in close touch with Red Cross to provide supportive services to victims. Lucas County Mental Health Board has offered behavioral health assistance to any county needing it.

ESF 9 – SEARCH AND RESCUE

Ohio Emergency Management Agency (Ohio EMA)

Belmont County requested assistance in the search for a lost person. The Midwest Canine Search Club, from Delaware, Ohio provided a boat and a canine unit to assist. The situation is being monitored in case further search and rescue units are needed.

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.

USEPA & Ohio EPA made assessments at homes contaminated with water and home heating oil mixtures in basements. In most cases, the flood waters had receded, leaving stains from fuel oil spillage but no recoverable quantities of oil. Most of the oil is presumed to have been washed away in the flood waters. Three homes in Belmont County are being addressed by the USEPA contractor because they have oil in amounts that may be recoverable by pumping.

A total of 16 public drinking water facilities have issued boil alerts. The following counties have facilities with boil alerts, Washington, Meigs, Gallia, and Belmont. Many of the boil advisories are limited, meaning they do not impact all users on the systems, only local neighborhoods or areas where line breaks may have occurred. The total population impacted by boil alerts is estimated at 37,803 people. No facilities have been identified that are completely off line or flooded out, that could impact a large number of people.

Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) bypasses include the Eastern Ohio WWTP in Belmont County, the Belmont County WWTP, and the Adena WWTP in Jefferson County.

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 affected 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	150	8:00 PM 9/20
Columbia Gas	Jefferson	Brilliant	112	*

* Note - At 5:15 PM 9/19/04 Columbia Gas sectionalized their service area into "high and low ground". The high area has had 448 of the 533 outages restored. The company has not been able to gain access to the remaining 85 residences. They will be making a second round through these 85 to see if they can gain access. There are 27 customers in the "low ground" under water and they will remain out of service until the water recedes. As of 10:00 p.m. yesterday, Columbia Gas had restored service to the city of Neffs. The company has 30 residences to which they have not been able to gain access. They will access these as permitted.

ESF 13 – LAW ENFORCEMENT

Ohio National Guard (ONG)

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

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. All missions have been completed with tetanus vaccines delivered.

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 worked with other state agency PIOs to prepare a press release scheduled for a 2:00 p.m. distribution.

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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