



STATE OF OHIO

Emergency Operations Center

SITUATION REPORT

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Ted Strickland, Governor
FROM: Ohio Emergency Management Agency
SUBJECT: September 2008 Statewide High Winds
DATE: September 22, 2008

This is the Situation Report for Monday, September 22, 2008. This information is current as of 3:00 p.m. today.

The next scheduled CAS Level 1 briefing is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, September 23 in the SEOC Assessment Room.

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

September 14: Remnants of Hurricane Ike moved through Ohio with Tropical Storm force winds, causing widespread downing of trees and power lines. At the height of the emergency, over 1.9 million customers throughout Ohio were without electricity.

September 15: In response to this event, the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) Assessment Room was activated at 6:30 a.m. A Crisis Action System (CAS) Level 1 briefing was conducted in the SEOC Assessment Room at 11:00 a.m. Due to an escalation of the event, a CAS Level 2 briefing was held in the SEOC Operations Room at 3:00 p.m. Six persons are confirmed to have died as a result of the storm. A boater was reported missing on Lake Milton, with search operations underway. Governor Strickland declared a State of Emergency. Over 450 school districts throughout Ohio were closed due to the emergency.

September 16: The SEOC Operations Room escalated activation to CAS Level 3 at 11:57 a.m. Twenty-four counties declared county-level emergencies due to high winds.

September 17: The SEOC Operations Room continued operating at CAS Level 3. Two additional counties issued declarations bringing the total to 26 counties declared. Power restoration continued with fewer than one million customers reported as being without power. ODOT reopened all but two state routes. The body of the missing boater in Mahoning County was found, and the Mahoning County Coroner confirmed the death. An official cause of death was not yet issued.

September 18: The SEOC Operations Room continued operating at CAS Level 3 until 3:31 p.m., when de-escalation to CAS-2 occurred due to reduced demand for state assistance. Three additional counties issued declarations bringing the total to 29 counties declared. Power continued to be restored with approximately 588,786 customers reported as being without power.

September 19: The SEOC Operations Room continued operating at CAS Level 2 until 3:30 p.m., when de-escalation to CAS-1 occurred due to reduced demand for state assistance. Power continued to be restored with approximately 332,631 customers reported as being without power.

September 20: The SEOC Assessment Room was staffed from 0700-2100 hours at CAS Level 1. Power continued to be restored with approximately 225,418 customers reported as being without power as of 1000 hours.

September 21: The SEOC Assessment Room was staffed from 0700-2100 hours at CAS Level 1. Power continued to be restored with approximately 126,725 customers reported as being without power as of 1000 hours.

DECLARATIONS

State Declaration of Emergency

County: (29) Brown, Butler, Carroll, Champaign, Clark, Clermont, Clinton, Columbiana, Coshocton, Delaware, Fairfield, Franklin, Greene, Hamilton, Highland, Knox, Licking, Madison, Marion, Miami, Montgomery, Morrow, Perry, Preble, Richland, Seneca, Stark, Tuscarawas and Warren.

WEATHER

General Forecast

Today sunny skies and highs in the 70s for the north and 80s in central and southern Ohio. A ridge of high pressure has built into the Ohio Valley and will linger for the remainder of the week meaning plenty of sunshine and above normal temperatures. No rain is forecast through the end of this week.

STATE LEVEL DISASTER ASSISTANCE ACTIONS

ESF 1 – Transportation

Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT)

All storm related roadway closures have been restored.

ESF 2 – Communications

Ohio Emergency Management Agency (OEMA)

OEMA has nothing significant to report.

ESF 3 – Engineering and Public Works

Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR)

ODNR has nothing significant to report.

Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT)

ODOT has six pending debris assistance missions in the counties listed below:

3 Greene
2 Montgomery
1 Franklin

ODOT District 8 reports the general debris mission for Jamestown is complete but they are working a staging area debris pile from Jamestown to Xenia and approximately 70 loads remain. They are beginning an assistance mission Wednesday for New Jasper Twp. with an estimated 50 loads of debris to remove.

Hamilton County is providing a clam bucket and operator to the City of Dayton today. The District is also considering other options to increase work output and has contacted Montgomery County direct to discuss.

Warren County critical missions are complete, though some pending debris in the area may generate additional requests later this week.

Franklin County is scheduled to begin assistance for the City of Worthington today for debris removal.

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

OEPA continues to closely monitor and provide technical assistance to water systems affected by power outages. Twenty-five public water systems in thirteen counties have active boil advisories in place. Thirteen systems in eight counties are using generator power to run equipment.

ESF 4 – Firefighting

Ohio Department of Commerce (ODC)

The Ohio Department of Commerce, Division of State Fire Marshal has nothing significant to report.

ESF 5 – Planning and Information

A CAS-1 briefing was held at 10:00 AM this morning. The Assessment Room of the State EOC continues to monitor the situation.

ESF 6 – Mass Care

Ohio Community Service Council (OCSC)

OCSC staff will continue to monitor mass care needs as needed.

American Red Cross (ARC)

Montgomery County has one shelter currently open at Crosswoods Church of God, 6213 Miller, Dayton, OH. The overnight population was 12.

Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS)

The ODJFS Office of Family Stability has been contacted by Stark CDJFS requesting additional TANF/Non-TANF Disaster Assistance. ODJFS is in the process of identifying counties that were not affected, or had minimal damage due to the storm, who can relinquish the funding issued to them. This will allow ODJFS to assess the greatest need in other counties and to reallocate funding appropriately.

ESF 7 – Resource Support

Department of Administrative Services (DAS)

DAS has nothing significant to report.

ESF 8 – Public Health and Medical Services

Ohio Department of Health (ODH)

ODH has nothing significant to report.

ESF 9 – Search and Rescue

Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR)

ODNR has nothing significant to report.

ESF 10 – Hazardous Materials

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

OEPA has nothing significant to report.

ESF 11 – Agriculture

Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA)

ODA will continue to monitor reports from USDA Farm Service Agency.

ESF 12 – Energy

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO)

The following reports were valid as of 9:30 AM this morning.

AEP

AEP continues to experience 6,410 customers without service in 4 counties. They anticipate 100% restoration by Tuesday, September 23rd at midnight.

Carroll and Stark (Canton)	1,330
Franklin (Columbus)	2,696
Licking (Newark)	2,384

FirstEnergy

Approximately 185 of their customers remain without power as a result of the original weather event. These customers are in the company’s Ohio Edison territory and it is expected these remaining customers will be restored by the end of today.

Dayton Power and Light

Dayton Power and Light has 35,000 customers remaining without power across its territory as they continue their restoration efforts.

Montgomery	27,000
Greene	5,000
Clinton	600
Preble	1,300
Darke	10
Miami	200
Fayette	400
Champaign	5
Logan	50
Warren	650
Union	6

Duke

Duke continues to experience approximately 8,040 customers without power across 7 counties. These outages are the result of approximately 3,150 reported cases of trouble. Their field resource compliment remains at 2,200. They anticipate receiving additional crews from Indiana (Duke Energy Carolinas crews) later this morning to assist in restoration efforts.

Brown	150
Butler	1,550
Clermont	1,950
Clinton	85
Hamilton	3,050
Montgomery	5
Warren	1,250

ESF 13 – Law Enforcement

Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP)

OSHP has nothing significant to report.

Ohio Homeland Security (OHS)

OHS has nothing significant to report.

ESF 14 – Recovery and Mitigation

Ohio Emergency Management Agency (OEMA)

Pending a formal request to FEMA, the Ohio EMA and FEMA will be conducting a Joint Preliminary Damage Assessment (Joint PDA) with local officials the week of October 6, 2008, to ascertain the impact from the September 14 windstorm. The Joint PDA will consist of meetings with officials of impacted local governments, schools, and certain private-non-profits (such as Rural Electric Cooperatives). The Joint PDA meetings will be held on a county-by-county basis. The number of counties to be surveyed is to be determined based on current, updated or new damage assessments received from the County EMA offices. Current County EMA and State Agency reported data totals approximately \$20 million in actual or estimated expenditures state-wide for debris removal, emergency response actions, and damage to buildings and utility systems.

Should the results of the Joint PDA justify such action, the Governor may request of the President a Major Disaster Declaration, making the Public Assistance Program available to state agencies, local governments, and limited types of private-non-profit organizations.

Such a federal declaration WOULD NOT provide loans and grants to homeowners, renters, farmers or business owners for any disaster-related costs they have incurred due to the power outage and clean up.

ESF 15 – Emergency Public Information and External Affairs

Ohio Emergency Management Agency (OEMA)

The Joint Information Center (JIC) closed this afternoon at 2:00 p.m. Any calls will be handled by Public Affairs during normal business hours.

COUNTY IMPACTS

Franklin, Greene, and Montgomery counties have ongoing missions for debris removal. Greene County has requested assistance with providing water to three rural neighborhoods that are still without power and are in need of water. The State EOC is coordinating with the Ohio National Guard to supply water carriers to fill this request.

BRIEFING AND SITUATION REPORT DATA

Crisis Action System (CAS) Level 1 Briefing: The next CAS 1 briefing is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 23, 2008. The State EOC Assessment Room staff will continue to monitor the situation in Ohio until conditions improve.

All agencies should email their briefing reports to: eocassmt@dps.state.oh.us by 2:00 p.m. daily.