



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 25, 2008

This is the eleventh and final Situation Report for the "September 2008 Statewide High Winds" event. There are no additional CAS-1 Briefings scheduled for this event. This information is current as of 3:00 p.m. Thursday, September 25, 2008.

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. This brings the number killed as a result of the storm to seven.

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 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. at CAS Level 1. Power continued to be restored with approximately 225,418 customers reported as being without power as of 10:00 a.m.

September 21: The SEOC Assessment Room was staffed from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. at CAS Level 1. Power continued to be restored with approximately 126,725 customers reported as being without power as of 10:00 a.m.

September 22: The SEOC Assessment Room was staffed from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at CAS Level 1. Significant power restoration continued with approximately 49,635 customers reported as being without power as of 10:00 a.m.

September 23: The SEOC Assessment Room was staffed from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at CAS Level 1. The most significant outage numbers were reported by Dayton Power and Light with 23,000 total. AEP and Duke both reported just over 800 outages each. Ohio EMA Public Assistance specialists continued to work with county EMA offices and state agencies to compile damage assessment figures for the public sector.

September 24: The final CAS-1 briefing was held at 10:00 a.m. Electrical service has been restored to the majority of customers in Ohio, though pockets and individuals remain without power. The electrical utilities indicate that electrical service will be returned for nearly all Ohioans by the end of the weekend, and that they will continue to work with customers who do not have power. The Ohio National Guard and Ohio Department of Transportation continue to fulfill missions assisting local jurisdictions with water or debris removal. The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency continues to work with public water systems on testing and the issuance of advisories.

CURRENT SITUATION

Most Ohioans have had electrical service restored, and the utilities report fewer than 7,000 remain without power. Electricity is expected to be restored to all but isolated persons by the end of the weekend.

The Ohio National Guard continues supporting Greene County with the provision of six water buffaloes. The water buffaloes are located throughout the county at fire stations. The ONG plans to support the mission through September 28, 2008 unless it is cancelled at an earlier date.

The Assessment Room will close today at 5:00 p.m. The Ohio EMA Duty Officer will be available by calling 614-889-7150.

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

Very pleasant weather will continue today with another warm, dry and sunny day in store for Ohio. Tonight, clouds will increase as an east coast storm, and associated area of low pressure,

moves west toward Ohio. Showers are possible in southeast Ohio late tonight and on Friday expect a few light rain showers in east and central Ohio. On Saturday, the area of low pressure will bring lingering showers to central and eastern Ohio before drier weather returns Sunday. Temperatures through the weekend will be seasonable.

STATE LEVEL DISASTER ASSISTANCE ACTIONS

ESF 1 – Transportation

Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT)

No new missions. All state routes closed due to the windstorm are now reopened. ODOT maintained roadways are still being worked for debris, signs and signal issues until fully restored. Current traffic flow and conditions can be monitored at www.buckeyetraffic.org.

ESF 3 – Engineering and Public Works

Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT)

ODOT was forwarded 7 debris mission requests from ESF #3 for consideration. Upon review of the requests, all from Franklin County, none of the requests met the threshold of affecting the public safety, infrastructure or traffic flow. In addition, it was indicated local resources had yet to be fully engaged before the mission request could be supported. ODOT rejected the missions based on those issues.

The clamshell-loader assistance mission for the City of Dayton will be completed by Friday, September 26, 2008.

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

OEPA continues to monitor and provide technical assistance to water systems affected by power outages. Nineteen public water systems in thirteen counties have active boil advisories in place. Three systems in three counties are using generator power to run equipment.

ESF 5 – Planning and Information

A CAS-1 briefing was held at 10:00 a.m. this morning. The Assessment Room of the State EOC is closing at 5:00 p.m., Thursday, September 25, 2008.

ESF 6 – Mass Care

American Red Cross (ARC)

All shelters are closed and the last feeding site at Crossroads in Montgomery County will close after lunch on Thursday, September 25, 2008.

The American Red Cross provided the following cumulative numbers of mass care resources devoted to sheltering, feeding and comfort operations in Ohio used since the storm moved through on Sunday, September 14, 2008 through Thursday, September 25, 2008.

Shelters Opened	25	Fixed Feeding Sites Opened	58
Overnight Stays	287	Mobile Feeding Units	28
Meals Served	25,124	Kitchens Opened	5
Snacks Served	7,201	ERVs Activated	18

Other Response Vehicles	49	Mental Health Contacts Initiated	42
Service Delivery Sites Opened	19	Health Services Contacts	167
Emergency Aid Stations	1	Total Red Cross Workers	1,085
Comfort Kits Distributed	204	(of which 690 were volunteers)	

Ohio Department of Aging

The Council on Aging of Southwestern Ohio and its Meals on Wheels providers are arranging for an estimated 3,000 boxes of food to be delivered Friday to seniors in need. Volunteers will be packing the food at 5 p.m. Thursday, at the Derringer Company, 5530 Fair Lane, Fairfax

ESF 12 – Energy

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO)

Dayton Power and Light - As of 7:00 a.m., Thursday, Dayton Power and Light reported 2,802 customers, concentrated primarily in Montgomery and Greene counties, remaining without power across its territory. The majority of remaining outages are due to individual service lines need of repair or replacement; over 250 poles are still down, a marked improvement over the 500+ needing repair yesterday. Over 1,000 crews, comprising 1,700 employees from across 10 states, continue restoration work on individual pockets of outages. By the end of Thursday, it is expected that fewer than 1,000 customers will be without power. Barring any unforeseen difficulties, the balance of customers should have service restored by the end of Friday.

Dayton Power and Light - Outages by County - Estimates

<u>Counties</u>	<u>23-Sep AM</u>	<u>23-Sept PM</u>	<u>24-Sep AM</u>	<u>24-Sept PM</u>	<u>25-Sept AM</u>
Montgomery	18,400	9,650	6,550	3,050	1,900
Greene	3,000	2,350	1,100	810	641
Clinton	300	200	150	141	83
Preble	700	400	250	134	95
Miami	80	60	30	25	10
Fayette	250	200	150	110	60
Warren	280	100	47	30	20
Ohio Total	23,050	12,990	8,287	4,307	2,809

American Electric Power - Crews continue to work to restore power to the individuals and pockets that remain without power in the AEP service area.

American Electric Power - Outages by County

County	Without Power	Total Customers	Percent of Customers w/o Power
Fairfield	234	30,910	.76%
Franklin	411	505,695	0.08%
Harrison	159	7,138	2.23%
Statewide	804	1,455,486	0.06%

Duke Energy - Most customers of Duke Energy have had power restored. The last customers without power should have their electricity restored by the end of the weekend.

Duke Energy - Outages by County	
County	Customers Out - 9/25/08
Butler	18
Clermont	74
Hamilton	279
Warren	32
Ohio Total	407

First Energy - First Energy reports scattered outages across its network. More than 98 percent of customers in the First Energy service area, who experienced outages, have had their power restored. In Lorain County, 13,000 customers lost power due to malfunctions at three substations. Crews are working to restore power and work is expected to be completed at 7:00 p.m.

ESF 14 – Recovery and Mitigation

Ohio Emergency Management Agency (OEMA)

Current County EMA and State Agency reported data totals approximately \$32.9 million in actual or estimated expenditures state-wide for debris removal, emergency response actions, and damage to buildings and utility systems.

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.

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 incurred due to the power outage and clean up.

BRIEFING AND SITUATION REPORT DATA

This is the final Situation Report for this event. No additional briefings or reports are scheduled.

Agencies may e-mail any updates related to this event to: eocassmt@dps.state.oh.us .