

Ohio EMA Spot Report– August 2, 2014 Toledo Water Issue (Lucas County)

City of Toledo Water Emergency (Lucas County)

Toledo city officials issued a warning early Saturday stating tests at Toledo's Collins Park Water Treatment Plant returned two sample readings for Microcystin above the standard for consumption. The presence of the toxin is possibly related to a harmful algal bloom (HAB) on Lake Erie. Residents in Lucas and Wood counties were issued a warning to not drink or boil water because boiling concentrates the toxins. The warnings cover city residents and those in Fulton, Lucas and Wood counties that are served by the Toledo Water System.

The Governor has declared a state of emergency for Fulton, Lucas and Wood counties.

Local Actions

- The city of Toledo has collected multiple rounds of samples.
- Homes and businesses are to use alternative water for drinking, food preparation, making infant formula, making ice, and brushing teeth.
- Pets and livestock should not be given water.
- Wood County Emergency Management is working to provide bottled water to Rossford residents.
- The University of Toledo announced that it will be closed Saturday, and all non-health-care functions have been cancelled.
- All Toledo Public School activities have been cancelled, and the Toledo Public Libraries and Toledo Zoo will be closed.
- Many area restaurants may also be forced to close. Officials are recommending that any business that uses water in any way be closed.
- Local health departments have issued guidance to cancel/reschedule all elective and non-emergency surgeries. Emergency/lifesaving procedures should only be performed with materials that were sterilized outside of the area.
- Lucas County EMA is requesting ODOT for use of their 3 purification systems (to supply water to hospitals) and for transport of water supplies.

Toledo Distribution Points

- At 1600 hours today, Toledo opened two distributions points for the public to receive drinking water:
 - Central Catholic High School – 2550 Cherry Street, Toledo (Kroger supplying)
 - Waite High School – 301 Morrison, Toledo (Kroger supplying)
- At 1800 hours today, Toledo opened two distributions points for the public to receive drinking water:
 - Springfield High School – 1470 S. McCord, Holland
 - Woodward High School – 701 East Central, Toledo
- Currently, open and utilizing own supply:
 - Whitehouse Fire Station – 10550 Waterville, Whitehouse
 - Oregon Fire Station – All stations, #1, #2, #3

State of Ohio Response and Actions

- State Emergency Operations Center is activated at a Crisis Action System Level 2 (CAS 2) as of 8:00 AM Saturday, August 2, 2014. The SEOC will operate 24-hour coverage until further notice.

- State Joint Information Center is activated.
- A State of Emergency was declared for Lucas, and Wood counties at 10:00 a.m. and Fulton County was added at approximately 2:30 p.m.
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- Mission requests are being coordinated by Ohio EMA.

The following Emergency Support Functions (ESF's) are activated:

ESF – 1 Transportation

- Five pallets of water from the Gallia county area are being transported to the Lucas County ODOT garage.
- ODOT District 2 has resources to transport water on standby (vehicles and personnel)

ESF – 2 Communications

- MARCS talk groups ECOMM 6 are reserved for state radio use exclusively and ECOMM 13 for general use. There are no specific radio talk group assignments at this time.

ESF – 3 Public Works

- Maumee Bay receives water from city of Oregon and is not affected by this incident. Maumee Bay has set up two water stations where the public could obtain water.

ESF – 4 Firefighting

- Ohio Fire Response Plan is not activated at this time, but personnel are standing by to move quantities of water with fire tankers.

ESF – 6 Mass Care

American Red Cross Northwest

- Working with Lucas County EMA to staff to identify points of distribution for potable water.
- Fielding a small amount of phone requests for water and is moving 5 pallets of water from a warehouse in central Ohio to the Toledo ARC. ARC volunteers are on standby.

Toledo Salvation Army

- Distributing bottled water and supply is about depleted.
- Reaching out to Lucas County EOC to coordinate resources.

Ohio Department of Aging (including Office of Ombudsmen)

- In contact with Area Agency on Aging (AAA) of NW Ohio.
- AAA of NW Ohio is in contact with local EOCs and is sending out a “check your neighbor” press release.
- Ombudsmen are preparing to call high priority consumers, and are exploring the potential of delivering water to home consumers on Monday.

ESF – 7 Logistics

Ohio Department of Administrative Services, Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections, Ohio Homeland Security, and the Ohio EMA have all been activated to support ESF-7.

- ESF-7 partners have completed the following:
 - Worst case gallonage for bottled/bladdered water
 - Coordination of delivery for bulk water
 - Coordination of public/private efforts

- ESF-7 partners continue to coordinate the availability of material handling equipment (pallet jacks, etc)

ESF – 8 Public Health

Ohio Department of Health

- Hospitals in the impacted area have been alerted.
- ESF-8 has been asked to identify water haulers.
- ESF-8 is also working on dialysis center issues. All local dialysis centers have been recommended to divert patients

Food service

Water cannot be used in food preparation. If locations cannot prepare food without water, they are advised to close until the situation is resolved.

ESF- 13 Law Enforcement

Ohio State Highway Patrol

- All posts in Toledo area are on standby to provide security for water distribution. OSP Intel unit is monitoring open source for signs of disruption in the Toledo area

ESF- 15 Public Affairs

- The Joint Information Center opened 9:00 AM.
- Personnel are monitoring traditional and social media.
- Two press releases have been issued.
- JIC has fielded six media related calls.

Other Agency Briefs

The Ohio National Guard is conducting staff estimates and is standing by for any potential missions.

Federal

A FEMA Liaison is enroute to the State EOC and is scheduled to arrive at approximately 5:00 PM today.

The SEOC continues to monitor the situation and coordinate with state and local partners. Additional reports will be sent as information is available.

Please forward updates to eocassmt@dps.state.oh.us.

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