



STATE OF OHIO
Emergency Operations Center
SITUATION REPORT

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Governor John Kasich
FROM: Ohio Emergency Management Agency
SUBJECT: Franklin County Nitrate Response – June 2015
DATE: June 16, 2015

This is the Situation Report for Tuesday, June 16, 2015. Information is current as of 3:00 p.m.

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

On Tuesday, June 9, 2015, the Columbus Division of Water issued a nitrate advisory for certain populations receiving water from the Dublin Road Water Plant. The identified population included infants below the age of six months and or individuals that are pregnant or are breastfeeding. The advisory will remain in effect until further notice. The affected area includes portions of west, central, and southwest Columbus, as well as Grandview Heights, Grove City, Hilliard, Lincoln Village, Marble Cliff, Upper Arlington, Urbancrest, and Valleyview. On Wednesday, June 10, 2015, the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) was partially activated. The scheduled hours of operation are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The Ohio EMA has coordinated with the Ohio Department of Transportation and the Ohio Department of Health to deliver bottled water for local distribution. The Ohio EMA remains in contact with the Ohio Department of Health, Ohio EPA, local public health, officials from the city of Columbus, and the Franklin County EMA to ensure there are no unmet needs.

As of June 16th, the nitrate level still remains above the advisory level. A table of sample results reported by the Columbus Department of Public Utilities is provided below (all readings in mg/L):

	6/9/2015	6/10/2015	6/11/2015	6/12/2015	6/15/2015	6/15/2015
Finished Water Dublin Road Plant	11.7	10.7	11.4	11.8	10.5	10.6
Raw Water into Plant	12.0	12.0	11.7	12.7	11.0	9.6
Griggs Reservoir	12.0	12.7	12.3	Not Available**	Not Available**	Not Available**
O'Shaughnessy Dam	14.6	15.1	13.2	Not Available**	Not Available**	Not Available**

** Sample collection not completed due to Lab re-certification.

LOCAL ACTIONS

The two points of distribution (PODs) that have been managed by Columbus Public Health (CPH) and Franklin County Public Health (FCPH) have ceased operations at 6:00 p.m. June 15th. Identification of water needs will be served through the 211 system and through partners that serve populations most likely to be in need (WIC, Food Pantries, Community Resources Centers, etc.). Both CPH and FCPH are coordinating local public information messaging regarding the use of 211 as an entry point for those who need water.

As of this report, summary water distribution information is as follows:

	Received	Distributed	On-hand
Columbus Public Health (CPH)	6/8 – 14 6/9 – 12 6/11 – 15 Total: 41	22.5 pallets at POD 8 pallets to WIC centers	POD: 3 pallets WIC: 5.5 pallets
Franklin County Public Health (FCPH)	6/8 – 6 6/9 – 25 6/10 – 19 6/11-12 6/12 – 19 6/14 – 1 6/15 – 34 Total: 116	67 pallets at POD 35.5 pallets to partners for distribution	13.5 pallets

Franklin County Emergency Management and local public health continues to estimate needs for additional bottled water and make resource requests as needed. At this time, FCPH may request 2 additional pallets of water on Wednesday (June 17th). Franklin County EMA has coordinated with Red Cross to provide a lift gate truck capable of hauling 3 pallets or less to haul the water if needed.

STATE ACTIONS

The State of Ohio has coordinated the delivery of 157 total pallets of water to support the response to this event.

SITREP DATA/BRIEFING

This is the fifth Situation Report for this incident.

The next coordination call will be at 1:00 pm on Friday, June 19.

HOURS OF OPERATION

The State EOC Assessment Room will close at 5:00 p.m. today and will open at 8:00 a.m. Wednesday, June 17th, to continue monitoring and coordination efforts for this incident.