



STATE OF OHIO

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SITUATION REPORT

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Governor John Kasich
FROM: Ohio Emergency Management Agency
SUBJECT: Statewide Severe Weather and Flooding – June 2015
DATE: June 17, 2015

This is the Situation Report for Wednesday, June 17, 2015. Information is current as of 4:30 p.m.

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

Ohio has experienced consecutive days of rain and thunderstorms with locally-heavy rainfall. As a result, several counties in northern Ohio have saturated soils and elevated river levels. Continued rainfall over northern Ohio has resulted in river and areal (wide-area) flooding. The National Weather Service's Ohio River Forecast Center is reporting that a number of rivers in northern and west-central Ohio are at minor and moderate flood stages.

Showers and thunderstorms will occur across the state today into tonight. With a very moist air mass in place, some of these storms could produce heavy rainfall and localized flooding and flash floods, especially if storms move across the same area multiple times. Isolated severe thunderstorms may develop especially late today and early tonight ahead of a weak cold front. Damaging winds and large hail are possible. An active weather pattern will persist this week with strong-to-severe thunderstorms possible on Thursday and again this weekend.

Local Declarations

The Mercer County Commissioners approved an Emergency Proclamation for the county at 1:00 pm on June 17th due to continued flooding.

The Auglaize County EMA Director advised of a verbal emergency declaration at 2:45 pm on June 17th due to flooding. The Auglaize County Commissioners will be submitting a signed Declaration on June 18th.

Marion County Commissioners will be declaring an emergency on June 18th.

Local Emergency Operations Centers

At the time of this report, local emergency operations centers in the impacted areas are monitoring flooding conditions and are ready to activate as needed.

Local Shelters

The Allen County Chapter of the American Red Cross activated a shelter and registered a population of 2 persons last night.

The American Red Cross opened a shelter in Larue (Marion County) and had an overnight population of 8 persons.

Auglaize County reports that two shelters are on stand-by for use if conditions warrant.

Union County reports a shelter on stand-by in Richwood.

Flooding

The National Weather Service’s Ohio River Forecast Center is Forecasting Rivers to Crest at the Following Levels (information current as of 3:00 p.m.)

Stage	*Minor Flooding*	*Moderate Flooding*	*Major Flooding*	*Record Flooding*
NWS Definition:	- Minimal or no property damage, but possibly some public threat.	- Some inundation of structures and roads near stream. Some evacuations of people and/or transfer of property to higher elevations.	- Extensive inundation of structures and roads. Significant evacuations of people and/or transfer of property to higher elevations.	- Flooding which equals or exceeds the highest stage or discharge at a given site during the period of record keeping.
River and Gauge Location:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scioto River at Prospect • Blanchard River at Ottawa • Maumee River at Defiance, Napoleon, Waterville • Tiffin River at Stryker • Portage River at Woodville • Auglaize River near Defiance • St. Mary’s River at Rockford • Eagle Creek Above Findlay 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Auglaize River at Fort Jennings • Blanchard River at Findlay • Scioto River at Larue 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A

Weather Warnings, Watches and Advisories

Flood Advisory

The National Weather Service has issued a Flood Advisory for the following counties in Ohio: Crawford, Marion, Hancock and Wyandot.

A Flood Advisory means flooding is imminent or occurring, generally within the next 1 to 3 hours, but is not expected to substantially threaten life and property.

Flood Warning

The National Weather Service has issued a Flood Warning for the following counties in Ohio: Allen, Auglaize, Champaign, Darke, Delaware, Defiance, Fulton, Hancock, Hardin, Henry, Logan, Lucas, Marion, Mercer, Paulding, Putnam, Sandusky, Shelby, Union, Williams, Wood and Van Wert.

A flood warning means that flooding is imminent or has been reported.

Flash Flood Watch

The National Weather Service has issued a Flash Flood Watch for the following counties in Ohio: Auglaize, Champaign, Clark, Darke, Delaware, Fairfield, Franklin, Hardin, Licking, Logan, Madison, Mercer, Miami, Shelby and Union.

A Flash Flood Watch means that current or developing hydrologic conditions are favorable for flash flooding in and close to the watch area, but the occurrence is neither certain or imminent.

STATE ACTIONS

ESF-1 – Transportation

Roads Closures due to Flooding Conditions

- Auglaize County – SR 197
- Coshocton County – SR 715
- Crawford County – SR 19
- Logan County – SR 720
- Mercer County – SRs 117, 118, 219 and US Route 33
- Paulding County – SRs 500, 613 and 66
- Putnam County – SRs 114, 115, 189, 190, 634 and US Route 224
- Richland County – SR 96
- Van Wert County – SRs 116, 49, 66, 697, 81 and US Route 33
- Wyandot County – SR 199

ESF-3 – Engineering and Public Works

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources Dam Safety Division and the Logan County EMA Director have responded to the East Liberty Dam near East Liberty, Ohio in Logan County. The Class 1 dam could be impacted by continued rainfall in the area, with the potential of flooding SR 292 if it fails. Downstream impact to citizens was mitigated when the lone occupant moved to a location outside of the expected area that would be impacted.

ESF-5 – Information and Planning

The Ohio EMA will be deploying field staff to impacted areas on June 18th.

The Ohio State Highway Patrol Hub, Intel Unit, has created an incident in the Safer Ohio Repository - "20150617 - Mercer/Marion/Auglaize Counties – Flooding" – which can be accessed by <https://services.dps.ohio.gov/SaferOhioRep/>

ESF-6 – Mass Care

The Ohio Department of Aging (ODAge) has communicated with the three Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) that serve Northwest Ohio. The AAAs are checking on high-risk clients and have reported limited impacts on their clients at this time. Those who are impacted are reported to be safe, and, as needed have been relocated to safer locations. ODAge and the AAAs will continue to monitor the situation and provide assistance as needed.

The Salvation Army and American Red Cross are providing meals at the Wilshire Fire Department (Van Wert County) for volunteers. If shelter operations are necessary they will support the feeding mission for the sheltered population as well.

ESF-8 – Public Health and Medical Services

The Ohio Department of Health's (ODH) Office of Health Preparedness, and Bureau of Environmental Health and Radiation Protection staff reached out to Allen, Auglaize, Marion, and Medina counties to inquire about potential public health impacts or unmet needs. As of 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, all four counties reported no public health impacts and no unmet needs at that time.

The ODH Office of Health Assurance and Licensing (OHAL), Bureau of Long Term Care and Community Health Care are monitoring reports of flooding in regard to impacted healthcare facilities in Ohio. OHAL has received no reports of active or anticipated facility evacuations due to flooding. OHAL is reporting three facilities that have had at least one access road to their facility closed due to flooding. OHAL reports that in Putnam County, there are two impacted facilities in the City of Ottawa: Rescare Ohio Ottawa and Rescare Ohio Putnam; and in Hancock County, the Blanchard Valley facility in Findlay is impacted. The impacted facilities have other access roads and evacuation plans available in case evacuation should become necessary.

ESF-13 – Law Enforcement

The Ohio State Highway Patrol will be sharing observations of flood impacts while on patrol. Images of flooded areas and impacts will be submitted and available for viewing through the Safer Ohio Repository.

ESF-14 – Recovery and Mitigation

Ohio EMA staff is reviewing the areas impacted by flooding to identify where previous mitigation projects have lessened impact from this event.

SITREP DATA/BRIEFING

This is the first Situation Report for this incident. There are no scheduled briefings for this incident.

HOURS OF OPERATION

The State EOC Assessment Room was activated at 4:00 pm and will be staffed on a 24-hour basis throughout the incident for continued monitoring and situational awareness.