



**STATE OF OHIO**  
Emergency Operations Center  
**SITUATION REPORT**

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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Governor John Kasich  
**FROM:** Ohio Emergency Management Agency  
**SUBJECT:** Statewide Heavy Rainfall and Flooding – June 2015  
**DATE:** June 30, 2015

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This is the Situation Report for Tuesday, June 30, 2015. Information is current as of 3:30 P.M.

**INCIDENT SYNOPSIS**

On June 27, 2015, a storm system brought excessive rainfall to the northern counties in Ohio. The ground in the area was already saturated due to heavy rainfall from a week ago. Counties have reported road closures, some flooded homes, and local evacuations.

Thunderstorms impacted the southern part of the state overnight on June 29, 2015, resulting in severe thunderstorm warnings and a tornado warning in Lawrence County. Impacts in Lawrence County were limited to downed tree limbs and localized street flooding.

**DECLARATIONS**

Henry County and the Village of Hamler and Marion Township declared on June 28<sup>th</sup>. The declaration expired today at 12:30 p.m.

Paulding County declared on June 29<sup>th</sup>.

In Wood County, Walbridge, Lake Township and the Village of Millbury that declared on June 29<sup>th</sup>.

**SHELTERS**

There are no shelters reported open as of this report.

**FLOOD LEVEL SUMMARY**

The following rivers are currently in or forecast to go to the indicated flood stages:

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"> <li>• Maumee River at Waterville</li> <li>• Maumee River at Napoleon</li> <li>• Blanchard at Ottawa</li> <li>• Portage River at Woodville</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maumee River at Defiance</li> <li>• St. Joseph River at Montpelier</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tiffin River at Stryker</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• N/A</li> </ul>

**FLOOD WARNINGS**

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Wood, Lucas, Paulding, Putnam, Van Wert, Williams, Henry, Defiance, Fulton, Sandusky

**ROAD CLOSURES**

- Fulton County – US 20A
- Gallia County – SR 141
- Lucas County – SR 2
- Ottawa County – SR 105
- Sandusky County - SR 105
- VanWert County – SR 49
- Wood County – SR 281, US23

**COUNTY IMPACTS – Bold county names have updated information**

**Defiance:** Many roads remain closed throughout the county. Both the Maumee and Auglaize River levels are up. The county has more than a dozen homes and businesses affected by flooding. EMA assisted approximately 12 homes with sandbagging efforts in Evansport. One family was evacuated in Evansport and being sheltered in a hotel by American Red Cross. Also in Defiance City, two families evacuated that are being sheltered in a hotel. Damage assessment is being conducted today and Wednesday. Officials are unable to access Evansport until Thursday to conduct damage assessment. Red Cross reported there are no clean-up kits available for Defiance County. No requests for state assistance.

**Henry:** The State of Emergency in Henry County expired at 12:30 p.m. Most roads are cleared. The Maumee River has crested and water levels continue to drop. Individual Assistance (IA) Damage Assessment in progress. Public Assistance (PA) will have to wait until the creeks and rivers return to their banks for a proper damage assessment to be conducted. Flood clean up kits and handouts staged at the Joint Southern Ambulance District Office in Hamler, Deshler Fire Department, and Henry County EOC. Clean-up guidelines have been posted on the Henry County Health Department website. Henry County Health is monitoring social media along with the Henry County EMA.

Based on damage assessments conducted so far: 4 majors, 28 minor and 66 affected. Damage assessment is to be conducted in Ridgeville and Malintia. No requests for state assistance.

**Wood:** Flood waters continue to recede today from areal, and river flooding since Saturday, June 27, 2015. The Portage River and the Maumee River have both dropped back to minor flood stage and roads that were impassable are now back open. As of this report, basement flooding occurred in the Village of Pemberville in homes that typically have basement flooding from river floods. They are waiting on confirmation from Grand Rapids but believe there were some residential basement flooding and minor water issues on the main floor of some downtown businesses (in the lowest section which is typical). Most areas in Northern Wood County (i.e. Walbridge, Lake Twp., Millbury, and Northwood) have had water recede down to the point that most streets/roads are open. People who may have been isolated in their homes because of flooded driveways/streets have been checked on by the American Red Cross and/or local fire departments. No needs were requested.

Woodland Court in Lake Township was impacted by a breeched fuel oil tank, which was caused by flooding, contaminating at least one property. Ohio EPA, Lake Township FD, and the Wood County Health District are working with the property owner who is hiring an environmental company for clean-up. The Health District, with the assistance of Ohio Department of Health, is collecting samples from at least 10 private water wells around the impacted property to determine if drinking water has been contaminated. Those samples will be sent to Jones & Henry Labs late today or on Wednesday for analysis. EMA is working on potential bottled water sources in the county in case bottled water is needed by the residents. According to the Health District, ODH stands ready to assist with bottled water should it become necessary.

Starbright Subdivision in Perrysburg Township is the subdivision that was impacted by waste oil in the storm sewers that contaminated flood waters. Ohio EPA, Perrysburg Twp. FD, and the Health District have been working with the property owner. The family had to move out of the

home last night, because of possible air contamination in the home as well. The Health District advised them to seek medical attention. As of this report, an environmental clean-up company has not been contracted by the property owner. EMA has spoken with the property owner on two occasions in the past two days offering to contact the American Red Cross for them, but the property owner insists they have no immediate needs.

The EMA is compiling all of its information this afternoon on impacted areas and properties that may have had 1st floor living area flooding. Since the water is now low enough to get into some of these areas, EMA will be conducting damage assessment on Wednesday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, in areas that were potentially impacted. The Village of Millbury has informed that they have one business in town that had more than 4” of water throughout its facility and had possible substantial damage from flood waters.

### **STATE ACTIONS**

#### **ESF-5 – Information and Planning**

The Ohio Emergency Management Agency continues to coordinate information related to this event.

### **SITREP DATA/BRIEFING**

This is the fourth and final Situation Report for this incident.

### **HOURS OF OPERATION**

The State EOC Assessment Room was activated at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, June 27, 2015 and will be closing at 4:00 p.m. today.

Damage Assessment information should be forwarded to [eocassmt@dps.ohio.gov](mailto:eocassmt@dps.ohio.gov).

Situation Report approved by:

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