



STATE OF OHIO

Emergency Operations Center

SITUATION REPORT

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MEMORANDUM

TO: John R. Kasich, Governor

FROM: Ohio Emergency Management Agency

SUBJECT: July 2013 Flooding

DATE: July 9, 2013 – Effective 5:15

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

There was an early-morning flash flooding event in north-central and southeastern Ohio. The State EOC Assessment Room was activated around 7:00 a.m., with operations at a slow level. The incident appears to have stabilized for the short term. Given the size of the event, there are a small number (9) of state routes closed. There have been no mission requests for state-level assistance.

Perry County - The County has declared and their EOC is activated until 8:00 p.m. tonight. The EOC will open in the morning. The village of Crooksville and the village of Corning are areas of highest focus in the county. Two shelters have been opened. Flooding has receded enough to begin debris operations and damage assessment.

Richland County - The city of Shelby is the highest focus of operations in the county. The downtown business area has been evacuated. The City of Bellville has opened a short-term shelter, but it is not expected to remain open overnight. The county will make a determination later today on EOC activation status for overnight.

Ashland/Holmes - The county EMAs are coordinating efforts around the Loudenville area to ensure that campgrounds and businesses in close proximity to the river are aware of conditions.

Morrow - There is reported flooding in-and-around Mt. Gilead.

WEATHER & HYDROLOGY

The National Weather Service reports that with the region's heavy rain and saturated soils over the past several days, a flash flood watch for west central and central Ohio has been extended until 8pm Wednesday. The greatest threat is to the north and east, with thunderstorms developing with the potential of causing heavy rain and localized flooding. There is also a threat for severe storms this afternoon and into the evening, with damaging winds being the main threat. Severe thunderstorms are likely for central, east-central and southeast Ohio this afternoon, evening and

overnight. The most likely severe threat will be for strong gusty winds and 1” hail stones. Thunderstorms will produce very heavy downpours and localized flooding of small streams, creeks, and low-lying areas will be possible. There will also be frequent dangerous lightning.

COUNTY INCIDENT STATUS REPORTS

Ashland County: Drum Fork is out of its banks, and some roads are closed due to this situation. Currently, no calls are coming into the office to report damage. Water continues to rise after last night’s heavy rains in portions of the Mohican and Killbuck rivers and their tributaries. No evacuations have been ordered for campgrounds along the Mohican River. Loudenville residents have been advised to prepare to take necessary actions to protect life and property.

Coshocton County: It is raining currently, a few roads starting to become inundated, no structural damage reported yet.

Hancock County: Some roads have been flooded. In Findlay, rivers are not yet at flood stage. Some roads have been flooded and City officials are meeting to discuss NOAA data and planning.

Richland County: The City of Shelby Fire Department has issued an evacuation order for the downtown business district. A shelter has been opened in Bellville for affected individuals, but is currently unoccupied. The shelter is not expected to be open overnight. Local roads may be closed due to flooding.

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STATE ASSISTANCE ACTIONS BY EMERGENCY SUPPORT FUNCTION

ESF 1 – Transportation

ODOT is responding to flood related closures and maintaining detours/signs as needed. Below is a listing of flood related closures. Due to the nature of the situation this information could rapidly change.

SEARCH RESULTS					
COUNTY	ROUTE	STATUS	START DATE	END DATE	DESCRIPTION
ATH	13north	Closed	7/9/2013 11:50:00 AM	7/10/2013 12:01:00 PM	Foolding/High Water
COS	SR-60	Restricted	7/9/2013 10:00:00 AM	7/15/2013 4:00:00 PM	SR 60 in Coshocton County north of Layland is...
CRA	SR-294	Closed	7/9/2013 8:45:00 AM	7/9/2013 5:00:00 PM	SR-294 is closed between SR-4 and SR-98 due t...
HOC	SR-278	Closed	7/9/2013 1:00:00 PM	7/10/2013 12:00:00 AM	high water across roadway both lanes
NOB	SR-145	Closed	7/9/2013 10:00:00 AM	7/10/2013 7:00:00 AM	high water
NOB	SR-260	Closed	7/9/2013 10:00:00 AM	7/10/2013 7:00:00 AM	high water
NOB	SR-564	Closed	7/9/2013 10:00:00 AM	7/10/2013 7:00:00 AM	high water

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<u>NOB</u>	<u>SR-821</u>	Closed	7/9/2013 10:00:00 AM	7/10/2013 7:00:00 AM	high water
<u>PER</u>	<u>SR-155</u>	Closed	7/9/2013 4:40:00 AM	7/10/2013 3:00:00 PM	There is currently high water on SR-155 at SR...
<u>RIC</u>	<u>SR-13</u>	Closed	7/9/2013 11:35:00 AM	7/9/2013 6:00:00 PM	SR 13 at SR-97 is closed due to flooding. Mot...

Check www.buckeyetraffic.org for the latest closure information.

ESF-3 – Engineering and Public Works

Ohio Department of Natural Resources has gone to enhanced monitoring of two dams in the effective area, Buckeye Lake Dam and Mt. Gilead Dam. Both dams are at the lowest of three emergency classification levels: Level 1.

The 3 emergency classifications are:

- Level 1 - 24 hour monitoring
- Level 2 - increased potential for failure, but failure is NOT imminent
- Level 3 - failure is happening or imminent - evacuation ordered

The following is the most current information on Buckeye Lake Dam:

The lake level was at 892.38 ft. as of 1pm.

The top of the dam is 894.4 ft.

The normal pool is 891.75 ft.

The rain forecast is 3” over the next 48 hrs.

The following is the most current information on Mt. Gilead Dam:

The lake level was at 1106 ft. as of 1:45 pm

The water level has been going down 1” every 25 minutes since mid-morning’s highest level of 1107.8 ft.

The top of dam is 1109.5 ft.

The normal pool is 1105.0 ft.

The rain forecast is 2” over the next 48 hrs.

Ohio EPA - Ohio EPA has received an increase in the number of reports of sewage bypasses and overflows relative to recent, significant precipitation events. OEPA will continue to monitor.

ESF 6 – Mass Care

Two shelters are open in Perry County and one shelter is open in Richland County.

ESF-8 – Public Health and Medical Services

The Ohio Department of Health has reached out to the local health districts and the regional healthcare coordinators in the affected areas. Local Health Districts report that at this time they do not need any assistance. Hospitals in the affected areas are operating under normal conditions and do not need assistance at this time. The department is also reaching out to long term care facilities in the impacted area. ODH will continue to maintain contact with its local and regional partners.

ESF-10 – Hazardous Materials and Weapons of Mass Destruction

Ohio EPA - Ohio EPA has not received any release reports for hazardous materials that have specific, direct relationship to this flash flooding incident.

ESF 15 – Emergency Public Information and External Affairs

The State PIO has been in communication with Athens County PIO regarding the localized flooding in the county, no additional information has been shared at this time.

SITREP DATA/BRIEFING

This is the first Situation Report for this incident.

HOURS OF OPERATION

The State EOC's Assessment Room will be staffed overnight with limited staffing for monitoring purposes. The Assessment Room will reopen on July 10th at 7:00 a.m.