



STATE OF OHIO

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SITUATION REPORT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Bob Taft, Governor

FROM: Ohio Emergency Management Agency

SUBJECT: Ivan Flooding South and East Ohio SITREP No. 1

DATE: September 17, 2004, 8:30 p.m.

The next Operations Briefing is scheduled for September 18, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. in the EOC Assessment Room.

GENERAL SITUATION

Heavy rain moved into the south and east portions of the state September 17, 2004. These rains led to flooding in the following 19 counties; Athens, Belmont, Columbiana, Coshocton, Gallia Guernsey, Harrison, Jackson, Lawrence, Mahoning, Meigs, Monroe, Morgan, Muskingum, Noble, Perry, Scioto, Vinton and Washington. Multiple township, county, and state roadways were subject to closings due to high waters. Additional flooding is expected as the rain continues and flood waters travel down stream. It is predicted that the rain will stop late Friday, September 17.

Overflowing dam between Lowell and Beverly, Washington County



STATE LEVEL DISASTER ASSISTANCE ACTIONS

ESF 5- INFORMATION AND PLANNING

Ohio Emergency Management Agency (Ohio EMA)

Ohio EMA reported for the following counties:

Athens Co. – High water signs are out. It is feared that slippage from SR 13 may cause damage to water mains along the road.

Belmont Co. – Received nearly 6 inches of rain causing significant flooding. The county continues to conduct search and rescue mission and shelter residents evacuated from their homes.

Guernsey Co. – EMA Director states that Wills Creek will crest at 6.7' over flood stage by Monday. The Village of Derwent has been evacuated. Cambridge City Schools were closed Friday. County officials are concerned that service facilities (nursing homes, etc.) may become isolated by water.

Jackson Co. – The ARC opened a shelter in Jackson. Fire Department water rescue units have been activated or are on standby.

Lawrence Co. – Rock Hill and Chesapeake Schools were closed Friday.

Meigs Co. –All three local school districts and county Offices were closed Friday.

Morgan Co. – All schools in the county were closed Friday.

Noble Co. – Schools and county facilities have been closed.

Perry Co. – The Sayre area is flooding. The fire department sandbagged businesses and apartment complexes. The Corning Park mitigation project site flooded but due to successful mitigation efforts, no long term damage occurred.

Declarations

	County	Jurisdiction	Declaration Level	Type	Date
1	Athens	Countywide	County	Emergency	9/17/2004
2	Belmont	Countywide	County	Emergency	9/17/2004
3	Guernsey	Countywide	County	Emergency	9/17/2004
4	Harrison	Countywide	County	Emergency	9/17/2004
5	Jefferson	Countywide	County	Emergency	9/17/2004
6	Meigs	Countywide	County	Emergency	9/17/2004
7	Monroe	Countywide	County	Emergency	9/17/2004
8	Morgan	Countywide	County	Emergency	9/17/2004
9	Perry	Village of Corning	Local	Emergency	9/17/2004
10	Washington	Countywide	County	Emergency	9/17/2004

ESF 1 – TRANSPORTATION

Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT)

ODOT has more than 125 roads closed due to high water, slips, slides and wash outs. This road count does not include ODOT’s District 11 which had the most flooding. ODOT has pre-positioned changeable message boards at numerous locations well in advance to show high water and closures on the Interstate Highways. At 3:00 p.m., I-70 had one lane closed at the 184 mile marker. However, I-70 was open at 5:30 p.m. I-77 northbound at mile marker 34.4 was closed at 7:21 p.m.

ODOT's District 11, which includes Belmont, Columbiana, Harrison, Jefferson and Tuscarawas counties is trying to maintain the interstates and 4-lane routes.

ODOT will have crews out in each of the 19 counties experiencing major flooding.

ESF 3 – ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS

Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR)

ODNR activated the Watercraft Swift Water Rescue Team (WSWRT) dispatching 2 watercraft teams to Barton, Belmont County, to find missing people. ODNR also contacted US Coast Guard and requested aerial rescue capabilities. The Coast Guard from Detroit, Michigan arrived at 7:00 p.m. in Belmont County.

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA)

OEPA has received numerous reports of overflows and bypasses of sewage from high water and excessive flows, but no reports of damage or wastewater issues were reported at this time.

Ohio National Guard (ONG)

ONG has liaisons in Belmont County coordinating missions. They are assisting local law enforcement with security.

ESF 4 - FIREFIGHTING

State Fire Marshal (SFM)

Belmont County has activated the Fire Chiefs Mutual Aid Agreement for help with evacuations.

ESF 6 – MASS CARE

Ohio Department of Aging (ODAgging)

ODAgging has contacted all 12 Area Agencies on Aging (AAA). The AAAs (based in Marietta, Rio Grande and Cambridge) covering eastern and southern Ohio report flooding in their respective regions. The AAA offices in Marietta and Cambridge have been closed due to road flooding. They have implemented procedures to contact case managed consumers to ensure their safety. The AAA based in Rio Grande reports that Villa Apartments in Wellston has been evacuated. They also report that the area around the Jackson Senior Center (City of Jackson) is being evacuated.

American Red Cross (ARC)

ARC reported that they currently have 3 shelters open and 28 residents. The open shelters are at the Nazarene Church in Jackson, Gallia and Morgan counties.

Other Shelter Operations

Twenty additional shelters, not operated by ARC, were opened in other locations in Belmont, Guernsey, Noble, Perry, and Vinton counties.

ESF 8 – HEALTH AND MEDICAL

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA)

OEPA reported that South Bass Island in Lake Erie was having difficulty with turbidity due to the strong winds on the lake. Island officials inquired about pipe or hose to pump water from the leeward side of the island, but hauling raw water with a 4000 gallon tanker has been sufficient to

meet their demand. If conditions continue to improve and no further assistance is needed. This matter will be considered closed.

BRIEFING/SITREP DATA

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