



STATE OF OHIO

Emergency Operations Center

SITUATION REPORT

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Bob Taft, Governor
FROM: Ohio Emergency Management Agency
SUBJECT: Flooding in Eastern/Southeastern Ohio SITREP No. 10
DATE: September 22, 2004 – 4:30 p.m.

The EOC is at CAS-3. The next Operations Briefing is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. September 23, 2004 in the EOC Operations Room.

GENERAL SITUATION

Flood-related issues continue in eastern-southeastern Ohio counties. Township, county, and state roadways remain closed throughout the area due to high water, mudslides, or slips, leading to response effort delays.

Ohio River flooding has occurred over an area extending from Columbiana County in the north to Gallia in the south. From Portsmouth, Ohio to Maysville, Kentucky, the river is slightly above flood stage and falling; there is no significant impact. The forecast for today is sunny with the high in the 80's and is expected to remain sunny for the remainder of the week with the high in the 80's.



Marietta, Washington County

STATE LEVEL DISASTER ASSISTANCE ACTIONS

ESF 5- INFORMATION AND PLANNING

Ohio Emergency Management Agency (Ohio EMA)

OEMA field liaisons remain on duty assisting authorities in Belmont, Jefferson, Meigs, Monroe, and Washington with response and recovery needs. A total of 150 missions are being worked through the State's Emergency Operations Center.

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Guernsey County reports that there are several homes isolated by flood waters in the Seneca Lake area. Residents report that they are OK and able to use boats, all-terrain vehicles and horses to obtain supplies.

Monroe County has requested assistance with debris removal in the community of Cameron and the Debris Management Group is working with the county. Monroe County reports that the Red Cross shelter remains open with 8 families.

Columbiana County reports that the Village of Wellsville’s 18” main waterline has broken again. Currently, there is no need for state assistance. The city is working on the water line.

Washington County reports that the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is arriving from Cleveland today to help assess the housing situation and that the water is receding and families are beginning to leave shelters to clean their homes.

Declarations

Fifteen counties are under a federal declaration of emergency, eighteen counties are under a state proclamation of emergency, and two counties are under a county emergency only. FEMA has approved Governor Bob Taft’s request to roll the incident period back to August 27, 2004 for the current presidential declaration #1556, for Individual Assistance.

#	County	Jurisdiction	Declaration Level	Type
1	Belmont	Countywide	County/State/Federal	Emergency
2	Carroll	Countywide	County/State/Federal	Emergency
3	Columbiana	Countywide	County/State/Federal	Emergency
4	Guernsey	Countywide	County/State/Federal	Emergency
5	Harrison	Countywide	County/State/Federal	Emergency
6	Jefferson	Countywide	County/State/Federal	Emergency
7	Monroe	Countywide	County/State/Federal	Emergency
8	Morgan	Countywide	County/State/Federal	Emergency
9	Muskingum	Countywide	County/State/Federal	Emergency
10	Noble	Countywide	County/State/Federal	Emergency
11	Perry	Countywide	County/State/Federal	Emergency
12	Stark	Countywide	County/State/Federal	Emergency
13	Trumbull	Countywide	County/State/Federal	Emergency
14	Tuscarawas	Countywide	County/State/Federal	Emergency
15	Washington	Countywide	County/State/Federal	Emergency
16	Athens	Countywide	County/State	Emergency
17	Meigs	Countywide	County/State	Emergency
18	Vinton	Countywide	County/State	Emergency
19	Gallia	Countywide	County Only	Emergency
20	Mahoning	Countywide	County Only	Emergency

ESF 1 – TRANSPORTATION

Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT)

There are still 21 state routes closed or restricted due to flooding and debris. Numerous county and township roads are closed due to mud slides, slips and washouts.

ODOT is assessing the need to repair Center Township Road 131 in Noble County. ODOT has several hundred workers with equipment in the declared counties continuing work on state routes, clearing mud slides and opening damaged routes.

ESF 2 – Communications

Ohio Emergency Management Agency (Ohio EMA)

Ohio EMA reports that there are two additional MARCS EComm channels available for use. EComm # 7 is now available for law enforcement missions, EComm # 10 is available for debris missions and counties, as well as state agencies, have access to these channels.

ESF 3 – ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS

Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR)

ODNR's Division of Water reports that they will begin providing technical assistance to area flood plain managers tomorrow with the first meetings scheduled for Belmont County.

Ohio National Guard (ONG)

ONG is assisting with debris and hauling missions in the affected areas.

Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT)

ODOT is working two new missions. In Marietta, Washington County, ODOT is assisting in hauling debris to the Fairgrounds and has contracted with Waste Management for removal to the land fill. In Powhattan Point, Belmont County, ODOT has two trucks and one loader with operators removing debris today. Several of ODOT's ongoing missions include the following, in Athens County, ODOT will complete debris removal in the Village of Amesville today. Debris removal in Hockingport is on-going and will continue several days. In Monroe County, Debris removal in the Village of Clarington is ongoing. In Guernsey County, ODOT has completed debris removal in Eldon, Quaker City, Salesville and Derwent. Cambridge and Pleasant City are on-going. In Jefferson County, ODOT has moved into the Villages of Rayland and Brilliant for debris removal.

ESF 4 - FIREFIGHTING

State Fire Marshal (SFM)

The two-man portable pump units deployed to Washington County under the Ohio Fire Service Emergency Response Plan (OFSERP) were dismissed at 9:00 p.m. yesterday.

ESF 6 – MASS CARE

American Red Cross (ARC)

Washington County: 35 special needs clients are sheltered in hotels/motels and will continue for an undetermined amount of time.

ARC will continue their feeding efforts, damage assessment, and casework assistance for affected families in the various counties. Families needing assistance should contact the local chapter of the Red Cross.

Ohio Department of Aging (ODA)

The Marietta office is in its building and is taking calls. They are triaging calls for assistance from another location. Case managers are out again in the community.

Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD)

VOAD reports that their district centers are functional.

ESF 7 – RESOURCE SUPPORT

Department of Administrative Services (DAS)

DAS reports that they are working with FEMA to locate mobile homes for possible use.

Clean-Up Kits – ARC reports that 1500 clean up kits will be delivered to Washington County. With the assistance of ODOT, ARC plans to ship 500 of these clean up kits to Meigs County as soon as possible.

Donations Management - VOAD opened donations management sites to distribute supplies in the following communities, one in Bridgeport, two in Byesville, one in Pomeroy, and one in Marietta. DAS reports that three truckloads of clean-up supplies and other assorted supplies are enroute from a facility in the mid-west to the VOAD facilities in Ohio. VOAD is also looking at potential warehouse sites in Meigs County. DAS reports the Donations Management Coordination Team is activated to evaluate needs. DAS reports that there are numerous cleaning kit components being donated and that the Telephone Pioneers are on standby for the hotline.

ODRC has two work crews in Belmont County erecting a pole barn for supplies and equipment.

ESF 8 – HEALTH AND MEDICAL

Ohio Department of Health (ODH)

Tetanus Vaccine Requests – ODH received requests from Washington, Belmont and Jefferson Counties for additional tetanus vaccine. The OSHP transported the vaccine this morning to the Jefferson Co. HD. Washington and Belmont County HDs have made arrangements to pick-up their vaccine at the Jefferson Co. HD. Washington County HD received 500 doses, Belmont County HD received 400 doses, and Jefferson County HD received 200 doses.

Private Well Testing – ODH continues to assist the affected counties regarding requests for private well water testing. ODH is providing technical assistance, sampling bottles, and potentially, will waive lab fees, if necessary.

ODH anticipates some additional requests for vaccine and assistance with water sampling as the flood waters continue to recede and clean-up proceeds.

Ohio Department of Mental Health (ODMH)

Jefferson County Behavioral Health responders provided supportive services to victims as they assisted the Dept. of Health with tetanus. Washington County Mental Health Board is providing behavioral health responders in the local shelter and assisting displaced senior citizens who lost everything to the flood.

ESF 9 – SEARCH AND RESCUE

Ohio Emergency Management Agency (Ohio EMA)

Belmont County reports that the search for the missing person was not successful and the Sheriff's office has called off the search.

ESF 10 – HAZAROUS MATERIALS

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA)

Affected area residents are urged to use the OEPA hot line (800-282-9378) when reporting oil sheen/fuel/chemical spills, displaced heating oil tanks/drums, drinking water plant and waste water treatment plant issues. OEPA has completed an informational fact sheet on home heating oil spill cleanup procedures and also one on the handling of household hazardous waste. Both fact sheets will be posted on the Ohio EPA web site at <http://www.epa.state.oh.us>.

OEPA reports that there is no change in the status of the boil alerts. A total of 16 public drinking water facilities have issued boil alerts. The following counties have facilities with boil alerts, Washington, Meigs, Gallia, and Belmont. The total population impacted by boil alerts is estimated at 37,803 people. No facilities have been identified that are completely off line or flooded out, that could impact a large number of people.

OEPA reports that they received information this morning concerning damage to the sewage treatment system infrastructure in the Washington County communities of Waterford, Beverly, Belpre, Marietta, and Matamoras. OEPA is assessing the situation.

OEPA reports that in Belmont County, at the Powhatan Point sewage plant, there is an issue with a sink hole impacting part of the plant which could affect their operations. This is a high priority issue that our district office staff is working with FEMA on.

ESF 12 – ENERGY

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO)

PUCO Energy Status Chart

Name of Company	County	Location	Customers	Estimated Restoration
Columbia Gas	Belmont	Neffs	24	
Columbia Gas	Jefferson	Brilliant	45	
Dominion Gas	Washington	Marietta	119	

PUCO reports that the telephone pole reported down yesterday, potentially affecting 911 services in Belmont County on National Road in Lansing, OH, has been repaired.

PUCO reports Several GTE North customers in the Seneca Lake area have no phone service. The company is working in the area but has yet to report their restoration status.

ESF 13 – LAW ENFORCEMENT

Ohio National Guard (ONG)

ONG military police personnel are working on 12-hour shifts to support local law enforcement agencies with security issues. There are 28 MPs working in Belmont County and 30 in Monroe County.

Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP)

The Marietta Post is operational and the Patrol's mobile command post vehicle has been redeployed. OSHP reports that the delivery of tetanus vaccine to Steubenville was completed and that they are working on increasing security and road patrols in the affected areas.

RECOVERY

Ohio Emergency Management Agency (Ohio EMA)

FEMA and Ohio EMA have started Preliminary Damage Assessments (PDA) for Public Assistance (PA) and anticipate finishing them on Thursday. The PDA briefing schedule for the counties is being finalized and will be distributed upon completion. The Belmont County DRC opened at 1:00 p.m. and the Columbiana County DRC at 3:00 p.m.. Ohio EMA will continue to work with the other affected counties to identify potential DRC sites and will confirm locations and dates for openings, when they become available.

Recovery reports that in the presidentially declared counties, the Individual Assistance (IA) program is being implemented. For IA only, this disaster's (#1556) start date has been adjusted back to August 27, 2004. The key message is that to be considered for the IA program, individuals and businesses must call and register at 1-800-621-FEMA.

State agencies must track and document overtime, labor, equipment and material for reimbursement under a federal declaration. This includes overtime incurred at the EOC.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The Ohio EMA PIO is working with FEMA to set up a Joint Information Center (JIC) with the Disaster Field Office (DFO). The Ohio EMA PIO asked all state agencies to prepare fact sheets, on their relevant assistance programs, in order to distribute them to the Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs).

The Lt. Governor and the Director of the Department of Commerce, Jennette Bradley, is scheduled to be in the State EOC tomorrow at 3:00 p.m..

Lee Champagne, FEMA's Federal Coordinating Officer (FCO), will continue to use the same Disaster Field Office (DFO), located in Westerville, which has been used for the previous disaster (1519), but it will quickly ramp up and they may add another 100 people. FEMA will also have a team from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for housing, debris removal experts, experts on Waste Water Treatment Plants (WWTP), and experts on slips and slides. FEMA will bring in teams for Preliminary Damage Assessments (PDA) for Public Assistance (PA) and anticipates a large PA issue. FEMA is bringing in 30 community relations people and the FEMA presence will be felt soon. FEMA is bringing in a large team of people to work IA and PA. Lee Champagne stated that he works for Ohio EMA and that FEMA's role is to help the state ease the burden on the citizens of the State of Ohio. He said that long term recovery is a major priority.

BRIEFING/SITREP DATA

All agencies should email their reports to: eocassmt@dps.state.oh.us

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