



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. 5
DATE: September 19, 2004, 6:00 p.m.

The EOC is at CAS-3. The next Operations Briefing is scheduled for 10:00 p.m. September 20, 2004 in the EOC Operations Room.

GENERAL SITUATION

Flood-related damages remain in 16 southeastern Ohio counties; Athens, Belmont, Columbiana, Gallia, Guernsey, Harrison, Jackson, Lawrence, Meigs, Monroe, Morgan, Muskingum, Noble, Perry, Vinton and Washington. Evacuations of affected residents have been conducted in five; Athens, Belmont Meigs and Washington Counties and shelters opened for evacuee support. 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, or is occurring over an area extending from Columbiana County in the north to Gallia in the south. Revised forecasts now call for the Racine Lock and Dam in Meigs County to receive a record flood crest of 50.4 feet, or 1 foot above the previous record level. Waters are expected to crest early on the 20th and slowly recede throughout the day Monday.

STATE LEVEL DISASTER ASSISTANCE ACTIONS

ESF 5- INFORMATION AND PLANNING

Ohio Emergency Management Agency (Ohio EMA)

Gallia County has issued a local declaration of emergency in anticipation of flooding conditions on the Ohio River. OEMA field liaisons are expected to remain on duty through September 20th and 21st to assist authorities in Belmont, Jefferson, Meigs, Noble and Washington with response and recovery needs. The Ohio EMA will assist others upon request.

Declarations

Eighteen counties are under a state proclamation of emergency. Gallia County issued an emergency declaration for the county today at 12:00 noon.

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

ESF 1 – TRANSPORTATION

Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT)

A total 83 state route sites are closed due to high waters and/or slips. ODOT engineers indicated that the entire Belmont County infrastructure is a total loss. Another estimate has placed damages to township roadways in the neighborhood of \$1 million. The number of ODOT support missions from Noble County alone has been likened to a 2 year construction program. ODOT will continue to assist local authorities and residents with re-entry and return issues, coordinating these efforts with the ONG and other agencies.

Mudslides still contribute to the closing of state highway feeder routes for SR 7 from Monroe County north to Jefferson County. Portions of SR 7 extending from Steubenville to Wheeling also remain closed due to mudslide actions.

The Department will continue to monitor high water conditions, closings, and re-openings throughout the affected area and remain responsive to local emergency needs.

Ohio National Guard (ONG)

Five 5 ton trucks from the 2nd Battalion 174 ADA are on duty to assist with evacuation and hauling missions in Belmont County.

Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP)

The OSHP supported flyover missions throughout the day.

ESF 3 – ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA)

OEPA will be addressing the need for a “Curtain Burner” device for Belmont County to be employed in debris and solid waste removal issues in that county.

Ohio National Guard (ONG)

Elements of the deployed “Red Horse” engineering unit have arrived in Belmont County and will coordinate county and other local mission assignments with the County Engineer.

ESF 4 - FIREFIGHTING

State Fire Marshal (SFM)

Pumping crews deployed under the State Fire Mutual Aid Agreement have completed assignments in Neffs and Bellaire and are being released from Belmont County. However, some local EMS and related units are requesting relief via mutual aid due to physical exhaustion.

Water crews have been assisting with the evacuation of Powhatan Pont and vicinity since 2:00 a.m. on the 19th.

ESF 6 – MASS CARE

American Red Cross (ARC)

The ARC reports the following support actions were completed for the reporting period:

Mass Care meals – 1,800 meals served in the affected area as of Sept. 18.

Clean-Up Kits – 1,000 Clean-up kits have been distributed in the area. 500 have been distributed to the Cambridge, Ohio ARC chapter for distribution to other affected jurisdictions.

Red Cross chapters remain available for family service and related casework issues along with sheltering needs. Red Cross shelters are open for residents of Athens, Meigs, and Washington Counties.

Other Shelter Operations

Additional shelters, not operated by ARC, remain open in affected areas.

Ohio Department of Aging-

The department has worked with Area Agencies on Aging in Cambridge and Marietta on status and conditions in those areas. The Marietta office indicates that their office has supported water supply actions. AAAs will continue to provide and track assistance to their customers. Assistance needs may include procurement of clean-up kits and training in their use.

ESF 7 – RESOURCE SUPPORT

Department of Administrative Services (DAS)

The DAS is addressing a number of affected area concerns to include:

Water Missions – On the 19th, Wal-Mart stores are in the process of delivering loads of bottled water from Columbus to Belmont, Monroe, Athens, and Washington Counties. The National Guard will also dispatch 6 water trailers to the Washington County EOC on the 19th. These will be filled and delivered to various points in the county as needed.

Dumpsters – The Washington County EOC has requested 25 roll-off units for Marietta and 5 for Belpre. DAS is scheduled to work with county officials on September 20th to determine specific needs and hauling capabilities.

Clean-Up Kits – Requested by several counties. DAS has coordinated with the ARC to ensure that these kits are sent to Cambridge Chapter for break-down and distribution to affected areas.

ESF 8 – HEALTH AND MEDICAL

Ohio Department of Health (ODH)

ODH remains in contact with all local health departments. The Department is working to resolve issues in the following areas of concern:

Tetanus Vaccine Requests – The ODH continues an open mission to coordinate with the OSHP to deliver Tetanus vaccine to Belmont (270 doses) and Noble (150 doses) Counties on Monday, September, 20th.

Private Well Testing – The ODH is working with the Noble County Health Dept. to assist with testing for 50 private wells in the county. This mission will be addressed on Monday, September 20th.

Potable Water Request – Athens County has requested potable water for Green's Run (Trimble Twp.) where 60-70 residents are said to be without water. DAS has contracted to procure water for these residents. The Athens Co. EMA will coordinate with local fire departments for pumper units to assist with local clean-up actions.

ESF 9 – SEARCH AND RESCUE

Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR)

ODNR fast water rescue teams completed evacuation assistance missions in the Powhattan Point area on the 19th. Teams will return to home station with the exception of one team which has been detailed to remain on site to assist with unexpected needs.

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.

ESF 11 – AGRICULTURE

Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA)

Anticipated missions include contact with food, dairy, and meat processors in affected counties for the preparation and coordination of food advisories with local health departments.

ESF 12 – ENERGY

PUCO Energy Status Chart

Name of Company	County	Location	Customers	Estimated Restoration
Allegheny	Washington	Marietta	19	Underway
AEP	Athens	Stewart	100	5:00pm, 9/18
AEP	Athens	Trimble	644	3:00pm, 9/19
AEP	Belmont	Countywide	291	Late 9/20
AEP	Jefferson	Steubenville	31	Late 9/20
<i>AEP</i>	<i>TOTAL WITHOUT SERVICE 9/19</i>	<i>Area wide</i>	<i>1085</i>	
Columbia Gas	Belmont	Lansing	50	*
Columbia Gas	Belmont	Neffs	108	*
Columbia Gas	Belmont	Armstrong Mills	2	*
Columbia Gas	Jefferson	Brilliant	560	
Columbia Gas	Monroe	Clarrington	16	*
Columbia Gas	<i>TOTAL WITHOUT SERVICE 9/19</i>	<i>Scattered</i>	<i>736+</i>	*

* Note - In situations involving flooding or high waters in private structures, the provider will deliberately shut off gas service to affected structures to prevent contamination and possible further damages. As waters recede, the carrier will go to individual houses to restore pressure and reinstate services.

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. The ONG is processing additional requests for possible support missions from Jefferson, Meigs, and Noble Counties.

Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP)

The isolation of the OSHP’s Marietta Post by high waters caused the relocation of the post to the grounds of the Marietta High School. The post is operating with the support of the Patrol’s mobile command post vehicle.

RECOVERY

Ohio Emergency Management Agency (Ohio EMA)

Immediate concerns are related to emergency support actions for local jurisdictions. The Ohio EMA will hold an initial briefing and deployment on Monday, September 20th for preliminary damage assessments (PDA) for public assistance in Perry County (Mon.), Carroll County (Tues.) and Tuscarawas County (Wed.). All other PDA actions for public assistance have been delayed due to high water.

BRIEFING/SITREP DATA

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

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