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# This Week in Ohio EMA

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## Northwest Ohio Brings in the New Year with Springtime Flooding

The Maumee River through Lucas County, the Saint Joseph River in Williams County and the Tiffin River near Stryker, Ohio (southeastern Williams County) all approached flood stages Tuesday, according to the National Weather Service in Cleveland. Northwest Ohio brought in the New Year with spring-like temperatures and constant rain, causing numerous road closures and reported flooded basements.

Lightning was responsible for minor power outages throughout the area.

The rivers crested on Wednesday. Low-lying areas were flooded, but buildings and roads were not threatened. No counties declared emergencies nor requested state assistance.

The best protection homeowners can provide for their property is to purchase a flood insurance policy from the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Licensed property/ causality insurance agents sell flood insurance.



The NFIP provides an agent referral number for assistance: 1-800-427-4661.

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### Ohio EMA Updates (from Weekly Report 01/04/06)

#### Communications Branch Update

Radio technicians from the Ohio EMA Communications Branch completed repairs to State of Ohio Rain/Snow Monitoring System (STORMS) gauges in Butler, Meigs, Scioto and Pike counties; completed the reprogramming and equipment upgrades to the Buckeye State Sheriffs Association (BSSA) Interoperability Vehicle, Unit 2; and completed repairs to the Multi-Agency Radio Communication System (MARCS) radios located at the Emergency Operations Centers (EOCs) in Columbiana and Franklin counties.

### FEMA Assistance (As of January 4, 2006)

#### Hurricane Wilma

Florida 573,483

#### Hurricane Rita

Louisiana 361,390

Texas 478,238

#### Hurricane Katrina

Alabama 114,245

Louisiana 1,069,856

Mississippi 513,174

As of January 4, FEMA received more than 2.5 million (2,536,164) Individual Assistance registrations for hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

FEMA has approved more than \$5.6 billion (\$5,678,274,706) in disaster assistance to individual applicants from Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Texas.

Ohio has 17 applications of the Public Assistance Program (EM-3250-OH) for hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The initial Project Worksheet for the Ohio Housing Finance Agency has been approved by FEMA. The project worksheets of four other applicants are under review by FEMA.

The first Public Assistance funds were disbursed to the Ohio Housing Finance Agency on December 29. These funds represent reimbursement for costs already incurred by Ohio EMA (\$323,881).

Homeland Security Threat Level:

ELEVATED

**JOB OPPORTUNITY**

**Radiological Analyst** Pay Range 32  
**Salary:** \$19.73 - \$28.87/hour or \$41,038 - \$60,050 annually

**Location:** Ottawa County Courthouse/EMA  
 315 Madison Street  
 Port Clinton, OH 43452

**Hours:** 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
**Position:** Full-Time, Permanent, Bargaining Unit, Classified  
**Posting:** Jan. 3-13, 2006.  
 Mail applications to: ODPS, Human Resources  
 1970 West Broad Street  
 Columbus, OH 43223  
<http://statejobs.ohio.gov/applicant/results2.asp?postingID=148314>

**Duties:** Under the direction of the Radiological Analyst Supervisor of the Ohio EMA Radiological Branch, acts as a liaison between county and state emergency management agencies and nuclear facilities that impact Ohio to coordinate, monitor and evaluate scientific and technical information related to health physics/emergency response programs; operates computer model at local level to assess radiological consequences from malfunctions at facilities possessing radiological materials.  
 Additional duties available at above mentioned web address.

Minimum Qualifications: Undergraduate core program in radiological science or health physics; 12 months experience in position applying radiological science or health physics that included operation and calibration of radiological equipment OR three years experience in radiological planning, preparedness and response.

**EMA Updates**

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 Accountant Examiner 2  
 Ohio EMA Fiscal Branch

**Molly Wilson**  
 Accountant Examiner 3  
 Ohio EMA Fiscal Branch

**Philip Romine**, leaving Ohio EMA Fiscal Branch to return to Ohio Department of Public Safety

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"I'm the Clutter Fairy. I'll come back... I'm gonna need a much bigger wand!"

Monday, January 9th is  
 National Clean-Off-Your-Desk Day!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <b>January</b>  New Year's Day	2 Holiday Observed	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 Disaster Recovery Course - Ohio EMA	10	11	12 Exercise: WMD FE Athens County	13 Donations Mgmt. Ohio EMA	14
FEMA/EMI Advanced HAZUS-MH for Hurricane (E170) Emmitsburg, MD						
15	16  Martin Luther King Holiday	17	18	19	20	21
FEMA/EMI Emergency Management Assistance Compact TTT - FY06 (E430 EMAC TTT) - Emmitsburg, MD (Jan. 16-19)						
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
FEMA/EMI Advanced HAZUS-MH for Earthquake (E174) - Emmitsburg, MD						
CAMEO Course - Ohio EMA (Columbus)						
		WMD-FE Exercise Union County				
29	30	31				