
State of Ohio Hazard Identification and Risk Analysis (HIRA)

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FOREWORD

This 2011 edition of the State of Ohio Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (HIRA) provides current research and updates on those natural, technological and human-caused hazards to which the state of Ohio is most vulnerable. Knowledge of these hazards, their frequency, and the state's overall vulnerability to them allows state and local government officials to better assess their risks and to plan and prepare for the consequences.

This revision is an update from the July 2008 HIRA. This HIRA has been reviewed in its entirety, with all information evaluated and updated as necessary. Similar to the 2008 version, this document was prepared by Plans Branch personnel at the Ohio Emergency Management Agency (Ohio EMA) with the assistance of all branches within the agency and other state/federal partners. The information contained in this HIRA is a compilation of research from federal, state, and local government sources, as well as from public sources.

Emergency managers have the task of coordinating mitigation, planning, response and recovery efforts for the threats and hazards that the citizens of the state, and the nation, face. It is important that all available information, tools, and expertise are incorporated into efforts to lessen the impact of disasters and to ensure as rapid a return to normal daily life as possible. We have developed this HIRA as an additional resource to help address these challenges.

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