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Parts of Ohio Endure Flood Cleanup on Christmas Eve

COLUMBUS – According to the National Weather Service, all flood-impacted rivers in the state have crested and started to recede, with the exception of the Scioto River in Prospect, OH (Marion County). Rivers are expected to fall below flood stage sometime today.

The American Red Cross continues to coordinate sheltering needs for residents in Marion County. State and local officials will begin assessing damages in Marion County on Friday and will coordinate with the Red Cross which started its damage assessments on Monday.

Earlier this morning the Ohio Department of Transportation reported 42 road closures/restrictions due to flooding. For up-to-date information on Ohio traffic, road closures and restrictions, visit ODOT's www.ohgo.com.

As people are traveling for the holidays, state officials continue to remind motorists to be exceptionally cautious while driving. Never drive through flooded roadways. Never drive around barriers that warn of flooded roads or high water. **Turn Around, Don't Drown.**

Weather conditions across Ohio today are cloudy and cold, with a dusting of snow, snow flurries and icy patches. Temperatures in the 20s and 30s. Temperatures for Christmas day range in the low to mid-30s.

Residents who are experiencing storm or flood damage and need assistance are encouraged to contact their county emergency management agency. A listing is available on the Ohio Emergency Management Agency website: www.ema.ohio.gov.

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