



STATE OF OHIO
Emergency Operations Center
SITUATION REPORT

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Governor John Kasich
FROM: Ohio Emergency Management Agency
SUBJECT: Franklin County Nitrate Response – June 2015
DATE: June 10, 2015

This is the Situation Report for Wednesday, June 10, 2015. This information is current as of 5:00 p.m.

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

On Friday June 5, 2015, the Columbus Division of Water notified ODH of a potential Nitrate level exceeding the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) of 10 parts per million (ppm) in the finished water supply at the Dublin Rd Water Plant in Columbus.

On Tuesday, June 9, 2015, the Columbus Division of Water issued a nitrate advisory to certain populations receiving water from the Dublin Road Water Plant. The identified population included infants below the age of six months, or individuals that are pregnant or are breastfeeding. The advisory will remain in effect until further notice. The affected area includes portions of west, central, and southwest Columbus, as well as Grandview Heights, Grove City, Hilliard, Lincoln Village, Marble Cliff, Upper Arlington, Urbancrest, and Valleyview.

The Ohio EMA coordinated with the Ohio Department of Transportation and the Ohio Department of Health to coordinate the delivery of a cache of bottled water for local distribution. The Ohio EMA remains in contact with the Ohio Department of Health, Ohio EPA, Columbus Public Health, officials from the city of Columbus, and the Franklin County EMA to ensure there are no unmet needs.

On Wednesday, June 10, 2015, the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) was partially activated. The scheduled hours of operation are 8AM to 5PM.

As of June 10th reporting, the nitrate level remained above advisory level. Daily sampling will continue.

LOCAL ACTIONS

Two points of distribution to ensure water was available for the population at risk:

- Columbus Public Health Offices on Parsons Avenue
- Westland Mall on West Broad Street (Franklin County Health Department)

As of this report, water distribution information is as follows:

	Received	Distributed	On-hand
Columbus Public Health (CPH)	26 pallets	8 pallets at distribution center 8 pallets to WIC 1.5 pallets to affected childcare facilities	8.5 pallets
Franklin County Public Health (FCPH)	50 pallets	29 pallets	21 pallets

Franklin County Public Health plans to halt operation of the distribution center after the evening shift on Thursday, June 11th. Columbus Public Health plans to halt operation of the distribution center after the evening shift on Friday, June 12th. Both agencies will work with their partners to distribute bottled water to populations in need. Additionally, both agencies are working on public information messaging related to the scaling back of water distribution.

Franklin County Emergency Management and Homeland Security continues to support the local public health effort and coordinate resource requests.

STATE ACTIONS

Ohio Department of Health with the assistance of the Ohio Department of Transportation transported 10 pallets of water to Westland Mall (Franklin County Health Department) and 12 pallets to Columbus Public Health on Tuesday afternoon. An additional 19 pallets was transported to the Westland Mall distribution site on the morning of Wednesday, June 10th.

SITREP DATA/BRIEFING

This is the first Situation Report for this incident.

HOURS OF OPERATION

The State EOC Assessment Room will close at 5:00 p.m. today and will open at 8:00 a.m. tomorrow to continue monitoring and coordination efforts for this incident.