



STATE OF OHIO

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SITUATION REPORT

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Bob Taft, Governor

FROM: Ohio Emergency Management Agency

SUBJECT: Flooding in Eastern/Southeastern Ohio SITREP No. 12

DATE: September 23, 2004 – 3 p.m.

The EOC is at CAS-3. The next Operations Briefing is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. September 24, 2004 in the EOC Operations Room.

GENERAL SITUATION

Flood-related issues continue in eastern-southeastern Ohio counties. 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 over an area extending from Columbiana County in the north to Gallia in the south. The forecast for today is sunny with the high in the 80's and is expected to remain so through Thursday. There is a chance for scattered showers on Friday and Saturday, but no heavy precipitation is expected.

Washington County, Marietta



STATE LEVEL DISASTER ASSISTANCE ACTIONS

ESF 5- INFORMATION AND PLANNING

Ohio Emergency Management Agency (Ohio EMA)

The Lt. Governor and Director of the Department of Commerce, Jennette Bradley, is scheduled to be in the State EOC today at 3:00 p.m..

OEMA field liaisons remain on duty assisting authorities in Belmont, Jefferson, Meigs, Monroe, and Washington with response and recovery needs.

Declarations

Fifteen counties are under a federal declaration of emergency, eighteen counties are under a state proclamation of emergency, and two counties are under a county emergency only. FEMA has approved Governor Bob Taft’s request to roll the incident period back to August 27, 2004 for the current presidential declaration #1556, for Individual Assistance.

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

ESF 1 – TRANSPORTATION

Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT)

There are still 17 state routes closed or restricted due to flooding and debris. Numerous county and township roads are closed due to mud slides, slips and washouts.

ESF 2 – Communications

Ohio Emergency Management Agency (Ohio EMA)

Ohio EMA reports that there are two additional MARCS EComm channels available for use. EComm # 7 is now available for law enforcement missions, EComm # 10 is available for debris missions and counties, as well as state agencies, have access to these channels. The ONG has requested an additional 100 MARCS hand held radios.

ESF 3 – ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS

Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR)

ODNR’s Division of Water reports that they are in Washington and Belmont Counties providing technical assistance and training to area flood plain managers on substantial damage determinations.

Ohio National Guard (ONG)

ONG is coordinating their engineering and debris assignments with Belmont County and has 71 personnel with 69 pieces of equipment in the county. ONG is also providing assistance in Washington County with 19 personnel and 17 pieces of equipment, in Jefferson County with 13 personnel and 6 pieces of equipment, in Meigs County with 26 personnel and 18 pieces of equipment, and in Noble County with 1 Liaison Officer.

Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT)

ODOT is now working in the Village of Cameron, Monroe County, clearing debris and continues to work assigned missions in Noble, Vinton, Athens, and Washington Counties. ODOT reports that removal is going well and that they have requested two more Waste Management trucks to take debris from Marietta to the land fill.

ODOT has concentrated on the state highway system, closing and opening roads, repairing slips, slides and washouts, and removing structures. Preliminary estimate of damage to the state highway system alone may exceed \$20 million and the anticipated contracts with the Federal Highway Administration will be on going for at least the next year.

Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections (ODRC)

ODRC reports that there are 40 inmates and 8 staff in Marietta and a crew in Hockingport, Athens County, working on debris removal.

The Debris Removal Management Group (DRMG) reports that OEPA is working with West Virginia's Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to coordinate the movement of debris from Washington and Monroe Counties to a West Virginia landfill. OEPA is evaluating a request from Belmont County for permission to have controlled burns of debris in northern and southern sections of the county. OEPA is assisting counties in identifying staging areas for debris before it is sent on to landfills.

ESF 6 – MASS CARE

American Red Cross (ARC)

Washington County: 35 special needs clients are sheltered in hotels/motels and will continue for an undetermined amount of time.

ARC will continue their feeding efforts, damage assessment, and casework assistance for affected families in the various counties. Families needing assistance should contact the local chapter of the Red Cross. There are Service Delivery Sites open in Jefferson, Meigs, and Washington counties.

Ohio Department of Aging (ODA)

ODA reports that the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) has 8 staff in the process of locating the people in Monroe County who were reported to need housing, especially in the Cameron area. AAA staff will be going door to door and they have contacted all their congregate and meal delivery sites. ODA reports that a press release went out to the media in all the affected counties and that they convened a conference call Wednesday afternoon for the AAA's in Rio Grande, Marietta and Youngstown. The purpose of the call was to summarize sources of flood assistance for older persons in the affected areas. ODA is also working with the Ohio Community Services Council about recruiting volunteers.

Ohio Department of Education (ODE)

ODE collected data from area school districts and reports that 222 school buildings were impacted by flooding, with an estimated total of 90,277 students affected by school closures, delays and early dismissals. The impacted buildings are in Athens, Belmont, Carroll, Columbiana, Gallia, Guernsey, Harrison, Hocking, Jefferson, Mahoning, Meigs, Monroe, Morgan, Muskingum, Noble, Perry, Stark, Trumbull, Tuscarawas, Vinton and Washington Counties.

ESF 7 – RESOURCE SUPPORT

Department of Administrative Services (DAS)

DAS is working with FEMA to locate mobile homes for possible use and they continue to canvass the mobile home industry to locate vendors willing to rent trailers/mobile homes.

Belmont County is being provided a third truckload of water.

DAS reports that ONG is delivering supplies in Jefferson County on behalf of the Red Cross.

ARC reports that they are working with Belmont County on a request for clean-up kits.

Donations Management - VOAD opened donations management sites to distribute supplies in the following communities, Belmont (Bridgeport), Guernsey (Byesville), Meigs (Pomeroy), Washington (Marietta) and Jackson (Jackson) counties. DAS reports three truckloads of cleaning supplies and other assorted supplies are enroute from the United Methodist Mid-West Missions Distribution Center in Illinois to the VOAD facilities in Ohio. Case Western Univ. students have a truckload of furniture to deliver to the VOAD center in Byesville this weekend. DAS reports that an effort on the part of Mount Vernon Academy to collect donations for flood victims was picked up by Columbus's Channel 6 resulting in unintended publicity and a large response by the public. The Donations Management Group is evaluating the need to activate the hot line and a warehouse to assist with this effort.

ESF 8 – HEALTH AND MEDICAL

Ohio Department of Health (ODH)

ODH reports that they have are assessing health issues related to mobile home parks in Marietta, Belmont, and Belpre.

Tetanus Vaccine Requests – ODH responded to requests for 150 doses of tetanus vaccine from the Meigs County Health Department (HD), 200 doses of tetanus vaccine from the Monroe County HD, 150 doses of tetanus vaccine from the Noble County HD, 500 doses of tetanus vaccine from the Washington County HD. ODH reports that they are working with local health departments on how to best administer the vaccine throughout the affected area.

Private Well Testing – ODH continues to assist the affected counties regarding requests for private well water testing. ODH is providing technical assistance, sampling bottles, and potentially, will waive lab fees, if necessary.

ESF 10 – HAZAROUS MATERIALS

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA)

OEPA reports that the USEPA has done an assessment of spills and containers in Belmont County area and will be leaving the county today. The USEPA indicates no need for a wide scale

cleanup or collection activity. Any future reports of spills or drums, etc. will be handled by the OEPA district office as they are reported to the 800 hot line.

OEPA reports that three systems remain on boil alerts. Two systems are in Belmont County, which are the Belmont County Sanitary District #3 and the York Twp. Water system (due to the break at Captina creek) and the third system is in Matamoras, in Washington County. OEPA wants to point out that these are system wide advisories and that there can still be localized advisories, within other systems, due to small line breaks.

OEPA reports that they continue to work in Belmont County, at the Powhatan Point sewage plant, where there is an issue with a sink hole impacting part of the plant which could affect their operations. OEPA reports that FEMA and the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) are assisting with this mission and that this is a high priority issue.

ESF 12 – ENERGY

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO)

PUCO has no reportable electric, natural gas or telephone service outages.

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. There are 30 MPs working in Belmont County and 38 MPs, including 2 administrative staff, in Monroe County.

Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP)

The Marietta Post is operational and the Patrol's mobile command post vehicle has been redeployed. OSHP reports that they continue to coordinate with ONG to fulfill the mission for increased security and road patrols in Belmont and Monroe Counties.

RECOVERY

Ohio Emergency Management Agency (Ohio EMA)

FEMA and Ohio EMA have worked Preliminary Damage Assessments (PDA) for Public Assistance (PA) in Carroll, Harrison, Mahoning, Tuscarawas, and Perry counties and are scheduled to be finished today. PDAs for Jefferson, Guernsey, Belmont, Noble, and Athens counties are scheduled to begin on Monday, with completion by Wednesday of next week. The PDA briefing schedule for the counties is being finalized and will be distributed upon completion.

Disaster Recovery Centers (DRC) in Belmont County and Columbiana County opened yesterday and as of close of business yesterday, there was a total of 35 clients served. A third DRC is scheduled to open in Washington County on Friday and information on times and location will be distributed when available. Ohio EMA will continue to work with FEMA and the other affected counties to identify DRC sites that will open in a series of staggered dates with DRC staff traveling along the circuit. Ohio EMA will provide dates and times of their openings, when they become available. At DRCs, people can obtain information on available assistance and return paperwork.

As of close of business yesterday, 2232 people registered for Individual Assistance (IA) and the 800-621-FEMA hot line remains very active today. For IA only, this disaster's (#1556) start date

has been adjusted back to August 27, 2004. The key message is that to be considered for the IA program, individuals and businesses must call and register at 1-800-621-FEMA.

There will be a state agency briefing concerning the Public Assistance program on Monday at 9:00 a.m. at Ohio EMA's offices. Assistance on pre-applications for cost recovery by state agencies will be provided at that time. State agencies must track and document overtime, labor, equipment and material for reimbursement under a federal declaration. This includes overtime incurred at the EOC.

Mitigation

Ohio Emergency Management Agency (Ohio EMA)

Ohio EMA and ODNR's Division of Water report that they are coordinating with the affected counties and providing information on the National Flood Insurance Program.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Public Affairs is providing daily updates on agency activities as well as issuing press releases. The Departments of Aging and Ohio EMA's joint press release went out to media in all the affected counties.

BRIEFING/SITREP DATA

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

Conference call number: 614-387-3141

Assessment Room fax number: 614-764-2742