



STATE OF OHIO

Emergency Operations Center

SITUATION REPORT

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Bob Taft, Governor

FROM: Ohio Emergency Management Agency

SUBJECT: Flooding in Eastern/Southeastern Ohio SITREP No. 14

DATE: September 24, 2004 – 3:30 p.m.

The EOC is at CAS-3. The next Operations Briefing is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. September 25, 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.

Ohio River flooding has occurred over an area extending from Columbiana County in the north to Gallia in the south. All rivers are now below flood stage. The forecast for the next 5-7 days is sunny and dry with highs in the mid 70's.



Governor Taft in Belmont County

STATE LEVEL DISASTER ASSISTANCE ACTIONS

ESF 5- INFORMATION AND PLANNING

Ohio Emergency Management Agency (Ohio EMA)

OEMA field liaisons remain on duty assisting authorities in Belmont, Jefferson, Meigs, Monroe, and Washington with response and recovery needs. The number of completed missions through the State Emergency Operations Center (EOC) to date is 179.

Declarations

Fifteen counties are under a federal declaration of emergency and twenty counties are under a state proclamation of emergency. 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

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Individual Assistance. Athens, Gallia, Meigs, Mahoning and Vinton counties are being considered for inclusion in the federal declaration.

#	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/State	Emergency
20	Mahoning	Countywide	County/State	Emergency

ESF 1 – TRANSPORTATION

Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT)

There are still 14 state routes closed or restricted due to flooding and debris. Numerous county and township roads are closed due to mud slides, slips and washouts. ODOT is cleaning ditches in Athens County, cleaning streets in Washington County and Meigs County, and is repairing a slip in Monroe County. ODOT expects to continue road repairs through the weekend. There are no significant impacts on state route bridges.

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. Ohio EMA has provided a total of 91 MARCS hand held radios to the ONG to support their missions. Ohio EMA is providing technical assistance to the donations hotline and donations warehouse.

ESF 3 – ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS

Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR)

ODNR’s Division of Mineral Resources Management continues to work slip/landslide issues in Belmont and Vinton Counties.

Ohio National Guard (ONG)

ONG has a total of 144 ONG personnel working in Belmont, Washington, Monroe and Meigs counties on transportation and engineering missions and using 129 pieces of equipment.

Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT)

ODOT is removing debris in Jefferson County; Noble County; Washington County; and Belmont County. ODOT expects to complete the debris removal mission in Jefferson County by Saturday afternoon and expects to continue the debris removal mission for Belmont County for the next two weeks.

Preliminary estimate of damage to the state highway system alone may exceed \$20 million.

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA)

Division of Solid and Infectious Waste Management (DSIWM), SE District Office staff continues their field presence in affected counties with emphasis on Washington, Belmont and Jefferson Counties. Most counties are in the process of removing flood debris generated from damaged households.

Division of Surface Water continues to compile a comprehensive list of infrastructure damage at waste water treatment plants that was damaged to ensure that all necessary locations are visited for assessment. OEPA has identified over 28 facilities which had some level of damage caused by recent flooding, ranging from minor pump and line damage in their collection systems, to fairly substantial damage at some plants.

Division of Drinking and Ground Water reports the number of boil alerts remains in flux. There are new pipe breaks occurring as things begin to dry out. Some areas are still so saturated there are new slips causing new line breaks and some pipe alignments are not matching up, which is causing repaired pipes to fail as they are re-pressurized. York Township in Belmont County remains on a boil alert due to the break at Captina creek and Matamoras in Washington County remains on boil alert. Wellsville in Columbiana County is reporting that an 8 inch drinking water line which had been fixed, broke again. They hope to have it repaired this afternoon. The 30-40 residences impacted will be under a boil advisory once it is repaired.

Ohio Department of Commerce (ODC)

ODC's Industrial Compliance Division is providing technical assistance to local building inspectors with home and business inspections.

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. All crews are scheduled to work through the weekend.

ESF 6 – MASS CARE

American Red Cross (ARC)

Washington County: 20 special needs clients are sheltered in hotels/motels and will continue for an undetermined amount of time.

ARC is evaluating available assistance for 25 homes in Belmont County (Quincy) with major damage and poor sanitation. Reports of people sleeping in cars in Noble, Guernsey, Washington, Perry, and Morgan Counties are being investigated.

Ohio Department of Mental Health (ODMH)

ODMH is assessing the needs of citizens of Belle Valley in Noble County, Trimble and Glouster in Athens County and Derwent in Guernsey County with mental health issues due to the floods.

Ohio Department of Aging (ODA)

ODA reports that the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) continues the process of locating people, living with relatives in Monroe County, who were reported to need housing, especially in the Cameron area. The board president is exploring housing options for its clients. AAA staff is going door to door and have contacted all their congregate and meal delivery sites.

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. DAS reports that they have contacted several building supply companies on the availability of building materials and will assess the need for the materials in the affected area.

DAS is forwarding a report of possible price gouging in Meigs County to the Attorney General's Office. ONG is delivering supplies in Jefferson County on behalf of the Red Cross.

Lens Crafter's "Gift of Sight" program is providing flood victims in Belmont County with eye glasses. DAS will contact Lens Crafter's corporate office to see if this service will be provided to other counties in the flood area.

The Donations Management Group activated the hotline and a warehouse. DAS reports that the Donations hotline at 1-888-FloodOH will operate daily from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. including Saturday and Sunday. The Telephone Pioneers are manning the lines.

ESF 8 – HEALTH AND MEDICAL

Ohio Department of Health (ODH)

ODH has conducted flood assessment for manufactured home parks (MHP) in Carroll, Columbiana, Perry, and Guernsey Counties. All the affected MHPs were sent follow-up letters regarding the assessment, and the procedures to follow for compliance with flood plain requirements.

ODH received a request from the Monroe County Health Department for technical assistance regarding "unsafe living conditions."

Tetanus Vaccine Requests – ODH received a request from the Washington County Health Department for an additional 500 doses of tetanus vaccine and is coordinating with the OSHP for delivery on 9/24. ODH reports that they are working with local health departments on how to

best administer the vaccine throughout the affected area and that before receiving a vaccination, people need to visit their physician for evaluation.

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 1-800-282-9378 spill hot line.

OEPA reports that Washington County advised that the county solid waste management personnel are reporting many drums along SR 821 and SR 26. This has been reported to Ohio EPA Emergency response staff for follow-up.

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 State Highway Patrol (OSHP)

OSHP handled ground transportation for Senator Dewine's visit to the Washington County area this morning. Transportation of vaccine to Washington County is being provided in coordination with ODH.

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 28 MPs working in Belmont County and are expected to be released at 7:00 p.m. today. There are 30 MPs and 5 support staff in Monroe County.

RECOVERY

Ohio Emergency Management Agency (Ohio EMA)

FEMA and Ohio EMA have completed Preliminary Damage Assessments (PDA) for Public Assistance (PA) in Carroll, Harrison, Mahoning, Tuscarawas, and Perry counties. PDAs for Jefferson, Guernsey, Belmont, Noble, and Athens counties are scheduled to begin on Monday, with completion by Wednesday of next week.

Disaster Recovery Centers (DRC) in Belmont County and Columbiana County opened yesterday and as of close of business yesterday, there were a total of 110 clients served. A third DRC is scheduled to open in Marietta in Washington County at 3:00 p.m. today. 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, 2788 people registered for Individual Assistance (IA) through the 800-621-FEMA hot line. 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. The focus at this point will be continuing our development of strong local capability to enforce the NFIP requirements as part of the recovery and repair for the communities impacted.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Public Affairs is providing daily updates on agency activities as well as issuing press releases. Press releases have been issued covering the Disaster Recovery Centers (DRC) and the Donations Management Program. The public affairs staff is working on a media release concerning price gouging.

Senator DeWine will visit the affected area on September 24th.

BRIEFING/SITREP DATA

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

Conference call number: 614-387-3141

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