



STATE OF OHIO

Emergency Operations Center

SITUATION REPORT

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Bob Taft, Governor

FROM: Ohio Emergency Management Agency

SUBJECT: Ivan Remnants Flooding South and East Ohio SITREP No. 2

DATE: September 18, 2004, 2:00 p.m.

The EOC is at CAS-3.

GENERAL SITUATION

Heavy rain moved into the south and east portions of the state September 17, 2004. These rains led to flooding in the following 19 counties; Athens, Belmont, Columbiana, Gallia Guernsey, Harrison, Jackson, Lawrence, Mahoning, Meigs, Monroe, Morgan, Muskingum, Noble, Perry, Scioto, Vinton and Washington. Multiple evacuations have been reported and numerous shelters have been opened. Multiple township, county, and state roadways were subject to closings due to high water, causing difficulties with evacuations. Many waterways are still experiencing flooding, but are receding. As waters move down stream additional flooding is expected.

Cameron, Monroe County



STATE LEVEL DISASTER ASSISTANCE ACTIONS

ESF 5- INFORMATION AND PLANNING

Ohio Emergency Management Agency (Ohio EMA)

OEMA has field liaisons present in Belmont, Jefferson, Meigs, Noble and Washington counties. Additional liaisons will be provided to affected counties upon request.

Athens Co. – It was reported that 150 school children spent the night at school, but were rescued this morning when a road into Waynesburg was opened. The ODNR is currently working on rescue missions along Big River Road.

Declarations

Bob Taft, Governor
Jennette Bradley, Lt. Governor

Kenneth L. Morckel, Director
Department of Public Safety

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At 11:30 a.m. on Sept. 18, Governor Taft declared Athens, Meigs, and Vinton counties. The Governor will re-declare the original 15 counties currently on declaration and add the above 3.

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

ESF 1 – TRANSPORTATION

Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT)

ODOT still has 111 state routes closed due to either high water or slips. ODOT has full crews dispatched in all affected counties. ODOT has scheduled an assessment for Belmont, Jefferson and Columbiana counties. They are also arranging transport of additional equipment and manpower to assist in opening local roads and moving debris.

ESF 3 – ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS

Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR)

ODNR reported a request to evaluate the dam between Beverly and Lowell along SR 60 in Washington County. Failure of this dam would only endanger SR 60 which is already closed.

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA)

OEPA has been contacted for numerous debris issues and are requesting that officials work through their county EMAs.

ESF 4 - FIREFIGHTING

State Fire Marshal (SFM)

SFM reported that Belmont County EMA has been providing room, board, and fuel for approximately 75 firefighters and 16 ODNR rescue personnel. Cost associated with these operations will be directed to Belmont County EMA.

ESF 6 – MASS CARE

Ohio Department of Aging (ODAging)

ODAging has not received any calls requesting assistance from the Area Agencies on Aging (based in Marietta, Cambridge and Rio Grande) that serve the impacted region. These AAAs have implemented procedures to contact case managed consumers to ensure their safety.

American Red Cross (ARC)

ARC reported that it is too early to have disaster assessment numbers because many areas are still isolated, although some chapters are reporting potential affected homes (these numbers are very early and subject to considerable revision): Athens 174, Vinton 42, Jefferson 1,200, Belmont 300. Disaster assessment will probably continue for several days.

ARC reported that a number of shelters were opened in the affected areas and most had 1 or 2 people. Shelters with greater numbers included: Holy Cross Catholic Church, Athens County with 4, Vinton County Community Center with 8, Steubenville High School in Jefferson County with 8, in Belmont County: Bridgeport with 7, Martins Ferry with 5, and One family with medical problems places in a hotel.

It is anticipated that each chapter will be able to meet the feeding needs identified in their respective counties. The one exception is Belmont County. Belmont County has reported feeding needs, both for shelter occupants (estimated between 50 to 100 people), as well potential feeding needs for the approximately 1,500 people that were evacuated last night. There is not a good estimate of the number of people needed to be fed, and for what period of time. Assistance has been requested from the OEMA field liaison in answering this question.

Belmont County ARC is part of the Wheeling Chapter of the ARC. The Wheeling Chapter experienced severe flooding in seven counties in WV and PA and may have trouble feeding helping to feed Belmont County. The ARC is evaluating:

- A. Whether the ARC in PA is moving resources to Belmont County to provide feeding,
- B. Whether other ARC chapters in Ohio can assist in feeding in Belmont County, or
- C. Whether “heater meals” can be provided.
- D. If none of these options is workable, ARC will work with VOAD to determine their ability to assist in feeding in Belmont.

There are 500 cleanup kits that were to be delivered to the ARC chapter in Cambridge this morning. They will be available to the affected chapters as they identify their needs. These 500 kits are a reserve to support kits that are already available at each chapter.

Other Shelter Operations

Twenty-three additional shelters, not operated by ARC, were opened in other locations in Athens, Belmont, Guernsey, Monroe, Morgan, Noble, and Perry counties.

ESF 7 – RESOURCE SUPPORT

Department of Administrative Services (DAS)

DAS secured lodging for responders in Belmont County.

ESF 8 – HEALTH AND MEDICAL

Ohio Department of Health (ODH)

ODH continues to be in contact with all local health departments on a daily basis. The Noble County Health Department has requested 100 doses of the tetanus vaccine to be delivered by Monday, September 20. Noble County Health Department is currently assessing potential needs for bottled water and will get back to ODH on Saturday 18.

ESF 9 – SEARCH AND RESCUE

Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR)

ODNR swift water rescue teams worked until 4:00 a.m. on numerous rescue missions in Belmont County until Division of Watercraft determined that it was unsafe to conduct non life-threatening rescues. US Coast Guard Air Station Detroit was called to conduct hoisting missions in Belmont County. In Powhatan Point, USCG was sent to hoist two adults and eight children however the terrain prevented the mission. As an alternative, the aircraft used their “night sun” equipment to light a path for the 10 people to safely walk to higher ground.

In Athens County ODNR was requested to assist in the evacuation of a victim of 20-30 bee stings. Although Division of Watercraft could not safely attempt rescue at night, contact was maintained with the victim and firefighters, who maintained the victim’s stability. By 12:30 p.m. September 18 the victim, firefighter and 2 females were successfully evacuated.

Ohio National Guard (ONG)

In Belmont County ONG was requested to provide vehicles capable of fording deep water (3-4 Feet) for search and evacuation as necessary. ONG sent five cargo trucks (5Ton) which handled the mission on September 18.

ESF 10 – HAZAROUS MATERIALS

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA)

In Belmont County OEPA reports that several water lines were broken, 2,700 users in the St. Clairsville area are under boil alert. There is also a boil alert in Bridgeport and Martins Ferry.

ESF 11 – AGRICULTURE

Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA)

No report.

ESF 12 – ENERGY

Name of Company	County	Closest Major Town	Customers	Estimated Restoration
AEP	Belmont	St. Clairsville	3,700	Late 9/19
AEP	Jefferson	Steubenville	1,750	Late 9/19 or 9/20
<i>AEP</i>	<i>TOTAL WITHOUT SERVICE 9/18</i>	<i>Scattered</i>	<i>5,450</i>	
Columbia Gas	Belmont	Neffs	258	
Columbia Gas	Belmont	Lansing	200	
Columbia Gas	Belmont	Armstrong Mills	40	
Columbia Gas	<i>TOTAL WITHOUT SERVICE 9/18</i>	<i>Scattered</i>	<i>498</i>	

ESF 13 – LAW ENFORCEMENT

Ohio National Guard (ONG)

ONG provided 30 military police for security assistance to Belmont County.

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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