



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. 8
DATE: September 21, 2004 – 3 p.m.

The EOC is at CAS-3. The next Operations Briefing is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. September 22, 2004 in the EOC Operations Room.

GENERAL SITUATION

Flood-related issues continue in 20 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 Ohio River from Columbiana County to the Belleville Locks and Dam in Meigs County is below flood level. The Ohio River from Racine to Ashland, Kentucky, has crested and is falling. From Portsmouth to Cincinnati, the river is slightly above flood stage and rising, but there are no expectations that it will cause significant impact. The forecast for today is sunny with the high in the 80's and is expected to

remain sunny for the remainder of the week with the high in the 80's.



Lansing, Belmont Co., US 40

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.

Belmont County reports that they are looking into landslides that affected private property and those affected have been advised to leave their homes. Belmont County also reports that a food distribution center is being established in Lansing.

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Noble County reports that no rentals are available in the local area for displaced persons and that they are looking for mobile homes.

Guernsey County reports that there are several homes isolated by flood waters in the Seneca Lake area. Residents report that they are OK and able to use boats, all-terrain vehicles and horses to obtain supplies.

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. Meigs and Athens counties are under evaluation to be added to the federal declaration.

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

ESF 1 – TRANSPORTATION

Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT)

There are still 42 state routes closed due to high water. Numerous county and township roads are closed due to mud slides, slips and washouts.

ODOT has several hundred workers with equipment in the declared counties continuing work on state routes, clearing mud slides and opening damaged routes.

ESF 2 – Communications

Ohio Emergency Management Agency (Ohio EMA)

Ohio EMA provided 12 additional handheld MARCS radios to ONG for use in the field. Ohio EMA is assessing the MARCS coverage in the area.

ESF 3 – ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS

Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR)

ODNR reports that mine inspectors are in Wells Township, Belmont County, assisting with the assessment of road slippages.

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA)

OEPA is coordinating the placement of dumpsters in various counties.

Ohio National Guard (ONG)

Five 5-ton trucks from the 2nd Battalion 174 ADA are on duty to assist with debris and hauling missions in Belmont County. ONG units are assisting with debris removal in the City of Marietta.

Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT)

ODOT is assisting with debris removal in Jefferson County and has crews with equipment working in Adena, Dillonvale and Connorville. In Guernsey County, ODOT crews are working in Quaker City, Eldon, and Salesville and are expected to complete their work by 9/24/04. ODOT has debris removal crews working in Noble County. ODOT is providing a loader to assist the ONG in Marietta. ODOT is working with DAS to provide dumpsters for Monroe County for additional debris removal.

ESF 4 - FIREFIGHTING

State Fire Marshal (SFM)

No mutual aid resources are deployed at this time.

ESF 6 – MASS CARE

American Red Cross (ARC)

Washington County: 35 Special Needs Clients in hotels/motels - Continuing for an undetermined amount of time.

ARC reports that three Emergency Response Vehicles (ERVs) have been dispatched from Florida, are enroute to Meigs County, and will arrive tomorrow. ARC is making the arrangements to deliver clean-up kits to Meigs County.

ESF 7 – RESOURCE SUPPORT

Department of Administrative Services (DAS)

Water Missions – The last requested water delivery, which is for Athens County, is being delivered today. The National Guard also dispatched 6 water trailers to the Washington County EOC. They arrived in Marietta yesterday. They have been filled and delivered to various points in the county. DAS reports that if the main water line in Belmont County breaks again, they will be prepared to send additional drinking water supplies. They are monitoring the situation.

Clean-Up Kits – DAS is working with VOAD and ARC to locate additional clean-up kits, personal hygiene kits, and staging areas for distribution. They are looking at working with public entities, such as high schools and colleges, to acquire volunteers to help put the various kits together. ARC will deliver 1500 clean-up kits to Washington County with 500 of those kits going on to Meigs County.

Donations Management - VOAD has identified donations management warehouse locations in Bridgeport and Byesville and will publish hours and dates of operation when those are finalized. VOAD is also looking at potential warehouse sites in Meigs County. At DAS's request, the Donations Management Coordination Team is activated to determine whether to establish the 800 donations management information line.

ESF 8 – HEALTH AND MEDICAL

Ohio Department of Health (ODH)

Tetanus Vaccine Requests – ODH is consulting with Monroe County HD regarding Monroe's recent request for hepatitis B and tetanus vaccine.

Private Well Testing – ODH is working with Noble, Jefferson and Washington Counties regarding requests for private well water testing. ODH is providing technical assistance, sampling bottles, and lab fee waivers as necessary.

Ohio Department of Mental Health (ODMH)

Jefferson Behavioral Health responders provided supportive services to victims as they assisted the Dept. of Health with tetanus. Washington County Mental Health Board is providing behavioral health responders in the local shelter and assisting displaced senior citizens who lost everything to the flood.

ESF 9 – SEARCH AND RESCUE

Ohio Emergency Management Agency (Ohio EMA)

The Midwest Canine Search Club, from Delaware, Ohio has provided a boat and a canine unit to assist the search for a lost person. The situation is being monitored in case further search and rescue units are needed.

ESF 10 – HAZAROUS MATERIALS

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA)

Affected area residents are urged to use the OEPA hot line (800-282-9378) when reporting oil sheen/fuel/chemical spills, displaced heating oil tanks/drums, drinking water plant and waste water treatment plant issues.

A total of 16 public drinking water facilities have issued boil alerts. The following counties have facilities with boil alerts, Washington, Meigs, Gallia, and Belmont. The total population impacted by boil alerts is estimated at 37,803 people. No facilities have been identified that are completely off line or flooded out, that could impact a large number of people.

Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) bypasses include the Belmont County WWTP and the Adena WWTP in Jefferson County. Eastern Ohio regional WWTP in Belmont county is back on line. A 24 inch line that feeds into their system from the Belmont County sanitary district that was completely destroyed along SR 40 near Lansing, Oh in Belmont county. Approx 60-70 feet of the line is completely gone.

ESF 11 – AGRICULTURE

Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA)

ODA reports that local dairies are operational and that farmers are able to deliver milk to be processed.

ESF 12 – ENERGY

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO)

PUCO Energy Status Chart

Name of Company	County	Location	Customers	Estimated Restoration
AEP	Belmont	Countywide	40	9/21
Columbia Gas	Belmont	Neff's	30	
Columbia Gas	Jefferson	Brilliant	112	
Dominion Gas	Washington	Marietta	250	
Dominion Gas	Belmont	Powhatan	150	

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 28 MPs working in Belmont County.

Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP)

The Marietta Post continues to operate with the support of the Patrol's mobile command post vehicle. OSHP reports that they are scheduled to deliver tetanus vaccine to Steubenville today.

Ohio Emergency Management Agency (Ohio EMA)

RECOVERY

FEMA and Ohio EMA have started Preliminary Damage Assessments (PDA) for Public Assistance (PA) and anticipates finishing them on Thursday. Ohio EMA and FEMA, will open Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs) in Belmont and Columbiana counties tomorrow afternoon and continue to work with the other affected counties to identify potential DRC sites. Ohio EMA will confirm locations and dates for openings when they become available.

Recovery reports that in the presidentially declared counties, the Individual Assistance (IA) program is being implemented. The key message is that to be considered for the IA program, individuals and businesses must call and register at 1-800-621-FEMA.

State agencies must track and document overtime, labor, equipment and material for reimbursement under a federal declaration. This includes overtime incurred at the EOC.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The Ohio EMA PIO is working with FEMA to set up a Joint Information Center with the Disaster Field Office (DFO).

Lee Champagne, FEMA's Field Coordinating Officer (FCO), will continue to use the same Disaster Filed Office (DFO), located in Westerville, which has been used for the previous disaster (1519), but it will quickly ramp up and may add another 100 people. FEMA will also have a team from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for housing, debris removal experts, experts on Waste Water Treatment Plants (WWTP), and experts on slips and slides. FEMA will bring in teams for Preliminary Damage Assessments (PDA) for Public Assistance (PA) and anticipates a large PA issue. FEMA is bringing in 30 community relations people and the FEMA presence will be felt

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soon. FEMA is bringing in a large team of people to work IA and PA. Lee Champagne stated that he works for Ohio EMA and that FEMA's role is to help the state ease the burden on the citizens of the State of Ohio. He said that long term recovery is a major priority.

BRIEFING/SITREP DATA

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

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