



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. 9
DATE: September 21, 2004 – 8 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 County, 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.

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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.

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. FEMA has approved Governor Bob Taft's request to extend the incident period to begin 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 33 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 has several hundred workers with equipment in the declared counties continuing work on state routes, clearing mud slides and opening damaged routes.

Belmont County EMA has requested 500 road closed signs for county and township roads. The ODOT Traffic Dept. has made up 200 signs and they will be delivered at 7:30 AM, Wednesday, Sept. 22.

ESF 2 – Communications

Ohio Emergency Management Agency (Ohio EMA)

Ohio EMA provided 12 additional handheld MARCS radios to ONG for use in Meigs, Washington, and Jefferson counties. 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. ODNR reported that there is a need to deploy code enforcement personnel in the affected areas to assist in damage assessment and will coordinate with the Department of Commerce on this issue.

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA)

OEPA is coordinating the placement of dumpsters in various counties.

Ohio National Guard (ONG)

ONG is assisting with debris and hauling missions affected areas.

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. Marietta and Washington County are receiving technical assistance on locating debris staging and reduction areas, as well as separation, chipping and grinding advice. Pomeroy, Meigs County, is receiving technical assistance with flood related silt issues.

ESF 4 - FIREFIGHTING

State Fire Marshal (SFM)

Seventeen two-man teams with portable pumps were deployed to Washington County under the Ohio Fire Service Emergency Response Plan (OFSERP).

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 is feeding people, providing damage assessment, and casework assistance in several counties. ARC in Wheeling will begin feeding in Powhatan Point at 4:00 p.m. today.

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 – DAS reported that two additional drinking water requests have been received for Athens and Glouster. 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 today, 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 evaluate needs. DAS reports that there are numerous cleaning kit components being donated and that the Telephone Pioneers are on standby for the hotline.

ODRC has two work crews in Belmont County erecting a pole barn for supplies and equipment.

ESF 8 – HEALTH AND MEDICAL

Ohio Department of Health (ODH)

Tetanus Vaccine Requests – ODH reports that fifty doses of tetanus vaccine were delivered to Monroe County by the OSHP. After consultation with local authorities, Hepatitis B vaccine was determined not to be needed. ODH reports that there has been an increase in requests for tetanus vaccine and that there is a concern that the distribution of the vaccine is done in accordance with wound management protocols. ODH is assessing the overall supply of 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 County 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 in Belmont County. The situation is ongoing and 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. OEPA reported that they are working on an informational fact sheet on Home heating oil spill cleanup procedures to send out to all County EMA's as a reference tool and guidance for citizens.

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. The county is currently working on restoring a drinking water line that ran through the same area (so the sewer customers are also without water currently). Once they get the water line fixed, which they hope will be done today, they will begin to work on the sewer line. The major problem is there is no road along which to reconstruct the sewer. Belmont County's 15" sewer line break in Lansing is being fixed. A temporary line will be installed to replace the 800 feet of line and two man-holes affected. There are 1500 people without service.

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. ODA reports that they are assisting producers one mile from Racine where water overcame the well head and are advising them on use of water resources.

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	Neffs	24	
Columbia Gas	Jefferson	Brilliant	72	
Dominion Gas	Washington	Marietta	250	
Dominion Gas	Belmont	Powhatan	150	

PUCO reports that a telephone pole is down and is across a phone line, potentially affecting 911 services in Belmont County on National Road in Lansing, OH. SBC has been contacted, but no update has been reported.

PUCO reports that a few individuals in Seneca Lake have no phone service. They are requesting to stay in their homes. They have food and are being checked on by boat, horseback via the woods. GTE North has been contacted, but no update has been reported.

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 the delivery of tetanus vaccine to Steubenville was completed and that they are working on increasing security and road patrols in the affected areas.

RECOVERY

Ohio Emergency Management Agency (Ohio EMA)

FEMA and Ohio EMA have started Preliminary Damage Assessments (PDA) for Public Assistance (PA) and anticipate finishing them on Thursday. The PDA briefing schedule for the counties is being finalized and will be distributed upon completion. 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 Federal Coordinating Officer (FCO), will continue to use the same Disaster Field Office (DFO), located in Westerville, which has been used for the previous disaster (1519), but it will quickly ramp up and they 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 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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