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I. PURPOSE

This Circular provides guidance on how counties will report their county residential, business, and infrastructure damage(s) to the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA).

II. GENERAL INFORMATION

- A. A requirement for a presidential declaration is the completion of a joint Preliminary Damage Assessment (PDA) by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), PEMA, and the applicable county to determine the extent of damage(s) that the event(s) has/have caused and the impact(s) it has/ had on the Commonwealth and its Counties.
- B. The Pennsylvania Emergency Incident Reporting System (PEIRS) Damage Reporter is the only system that the Commonwealth currently has that can capture and condense county damage reports into a usable format for determining if a joint PDA is warranted.
- C. Counties must report their damage(s) through the online Damage Reporter to be evaluated to determine if a PDA should be scheduled for the county.
- D. The Commonwealth is now using the WebEOC reporting platform. The current Damage Reporter does not integrate with the WebEOC platform. There is a plan to develop a new damage reporter within WebEOC that will integrate with the Knowledge Center reporting platform. Until the development and integration occurs, county damage(s) must be reported through the old PEIRS Damage Reporter.

III. PROCEDURES

- A. Counties and those other local government entities that have been granted permission will continue to access the online Damage Reporter through: <https://www.peirs.state.pa.us>.
- B. For additional information or access, contact the State Emergency Operations Center at 1-800-424-7362.

IV. AUTHORITY

- A. Title 44, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 206.33



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