

STATE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER
Daily Summary Report

DATE:

May 16, 2016

TO:

The Honorable Tom Wolf
Governor
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

FROM:

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TIME PERIOD:

This report covers the period 0600 hours, May 15, 2016, through 0600 hours, May 16, 2016.

STATUS REPORT: (as of 0600 hours)

THREAT STATUS:

National Terrorism Advisory System:

There are no current alerts.

EOC STATUS:

State EOC Activation: None

County EOC Activations: None

CAPABILITIES STATUS:

PA All-Hazards Type-3 Incident Management Team – Mission Capable
PA-Task Force 1 (PA-TF1) – Urban Search & Rescue – Mission Capable
PA-Task Force 2 (PA-TF2) - Search & Rescue - Mission Capable

INFRASTRUCTURE STATUS:

Major Road Closures: None
Power Outage Reports: As of 0520 hours, 208 customers
Telephone Outage Reports: Unknown amount of Verizon customers are out of service in Northampton County, Lower Saucon Township. Windstream customers of the 275 telephone exchange in New Bethlehem Borough, Clarion County. Issue resolved, but county is monitoring.

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

OPEN:

9-1-1 TELEPHONE OUTAGE - Clarion County, 5/3/16 - Windstream customers of the 275 telephone exchange in New Bethlehem Borough, Clarion County were unable to reach 9-1-1. One critical care facility was affected in Clarion County; Edgewood Heights Personal Care Home. Clarion County sent an EAS advising residents to reach out to their local fire departments or use a cell phone for emergencies. Service has been restored, but Clarion County is continuing to monitor the situation.

GAS WELL EXPLOSION - Westmoreland County, 4/29/16 - A gas well explosion occurred on State Route 22 in the area of State Route 819 in Salem Township destroying one house and damaging three other homes. One person was transported for injuries caused by the explosion. The pipeline was one of four parallel lines running through the area. Evacuated personnel have returned to their homes. DEP is monitoring the air and plans to test surface water in the area. As of 5/10/16, State Route 819 remains closed between Beaver Run Road and Route 22. Work at the site has been progressing slowly due to the weather. A community meeting was held on May 11.

CLOSED:

STRUCTURE FIRE - Venango County, 5/15/16 - A smoke condition occurred in the basement of the Terrace Building at Polk Center located on South Third Street in Polk Borough. There were approximately 75 residents of the apartment building evacuated to another building on site. No visible fire was seen, but the smoke condition was believed to have been caused by a compressor station located in the basement. No injuries occurred as a result of the incident.

DISASTER DECLARATIONS:

3/23/16 - The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency announced that federal disaster aid has been made available to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to supplement commonwealth and local recovery efforts in the area affected by the severe winter storm which occurred January 22-23, 2016. The designation is FEMA-4267-DR.

The President's action makes federal funding available to Commonwealth and local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations on a cost-sharing basis for emergency work and the repair or replacement of facilities damaged by the severe winter storm in Adams, Bedford, Berks, Blair, Bucks, Chester, Cumberland, Dauphin, Fayette, Franklin, Fulton, Juniata, Lancaster, Lebanon, Lehigh, Montgomery, Northampton, Perry, Philadelphia, Schuylkill, Somerset, Westmoreland, and York counties.

CONTIGUOUS STATE EVENTS OF POTENTIAL INTEREST TO PENNSYLVANIA:

Delaware:	No significant events at this time.
Maryland:	No significant events at this time.
New Jersey:	No significant events at this time.
New York:	No significant events at this time.
Ohio:	No significant events at this time.
West Virginia:	No significant events at this time.

24-hour Projected Weather Statewide:

National Weather Service, 0345 hours, 05/16/16:

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Skies cleared across the Keystone state overnight. Early morning temperatures ranged from the low to mid 30s across the north to the upper 30s to the mid 40s elsewhere.

After a cold start, temperatures will moderate closer to normal this afternoon as high pressure moves off the coast. The strong mid May sun will help temperatures to moderate into the upper 50s to lower 60s.

Clouds will be on the increase tonight as a series of weak low pressure systems move eastward from the Great Plains. Lows will be in the 40s. A few showers could occur late across the west.

A wet day is in store for Pennsylvania on Tuesday. High temperatures once again will be in the upper 50s to lower 60s and lows will be in the 40s Tuesday night. Rain will taper off from north to south on Wednesday as low pressure moves off the coast.

Mainly dry weather will prevail for the remainder of the week as an area of high pressure builds across the area. Temperatures will trend toward normal.

WATCHES AND WARNINGS:

A Freeze Watch is in effect until 1000 on May 16th for the following counties: Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Bradford, Butler, Cambria, Cameron, Carbon, Centre, Clarion, Clearfield, Clinton, Elk, Fayette, Forest, Greene, Indiana, Jefferson, Lackawanna, Lawrence, Lycoming, McKean, Mercer, Monroe, Pike, Potter, Somerset, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Tioga, Venango, Warren, Washington, Wayne, and Westmoreland.



TROPICAL WEATHER OUTLOOK:

NOTE: The Tropical Weather Outlook is issued by the National Weather Service from June 01 through November 30 with special Outlooks issued at any time as conditions warrant.

