

STATE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER
Daily Summary Report

DATE:

May 18, 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 17, 2016, through 0600 hours, May 18, 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, 292 customers
Telephone Outage Reports: None

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:

None

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, 0542 hours, 05/18/16:

An upper level disturbance will move northeast across the state today bringing a several hour period of steady light rain across the southern half of Pennsylvania this morning. Some lingering showers are expected over the south this afternoon into early this evening. Locations near the New York border could escape with just mostly cloudy skies and some sprinkles today.

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High temperatures this afternoon will be in the upper 50s to lower 60s which is 8 to 10 degrees below normal for mid May.

Partial clearing is expected tonight, but a few stray showers are still possible from south central Pennsylvania to the Pocono region of northeastern Pennsylvania.

The low temperature tonight will vary from the mid 30s over the northwest mountains to the upper 40s in the southeast and southwestern corners of the state.

High pressure will build southeast into the area bringing fair weather for Thursday and Friday before the chance of rainfall returns for Friday night and Saturday.

WATCHES AND WARNINGS:

None



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.