

DATE:

August 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, August 17, 2016, through 0600 hours, August 18, 2016.

STATUS REPORT: (as of 0600 hours)

THREAT STATUS:

National Terrorism Advisory System:

There are no current alerts.

CRCC STATUS:

Commonwealth Resource Coordination Center (CRCC) 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-TF1 has two members deployed with the Red IST to Louisiana)

PA-Task Force 2 (PA-TF2) - Search & Rescue - Mission Capable

INFRASTRUCTURE STATUS:

Major Road Closures:

I-81 SB is closed at MM 26 in Ryan Township, Schuylkill County

Power Outage Reports:

As of 0534 hours – 610 customers

Telephone Outage Reports:

724-663 and 484 exchanges experiencing delays or unable to call 911 in Donegal Township, Washington County.

2,044 Frontier customers without voice service in Plains Township, Luzerne County.

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

OPEN:

MANDATORY WATER RESTRICTIONS – Cameron County, 8/2/16 – Driftwood Borough instituted voluntary water restrictions back in July due to lack of rain and low flow conditions at their Nanny Run Reservoir. As of August 2, the borough is under mandatory water restrictions. The borough has applied to DEP for an emergency permit to use a well at the filter treatment plant to sustain the water system as needed. It is unknown how long it will take to process the permit or if DEP will give approval to use this well. The borough is working on getting a well pump with non-drinkable water for fire suppression if needed. The weekend rains have filled the reservoir and tank to maximum capacity. The Borough is continuing the water restrictions until long term forecasts look more favorable.

WATER MAIN BREAKS – Allegheny County, 8/16/16 - East Pittsburgh, Turtle Creek and North Braddock experienced water outages due to two water main breaks that impacted approximately 12,000 residents. Wilkesburg Penn Joint Water Authority isolated the breaks and water was diverted through a valve to backfill the water system. North Braddock's water was restored after seven hours and Turtle Creek's was restored after nine hours. East Pittsburgh's water supply is still being worked on. Estimated date of restoration is sometime today. Once restored, it will take a day or more for normal pressure to return.

SEVERE WEATHER – Pennsylvania Statewide, 8/16-17/16 – A series of storms brought thunderstorms, rains, localized flooding, and high winds that knocked down trees and power lines across the state. Over 23,000 customers lost power with approximately 610 customers still without power. Washington and Westmoreland Counties experienced heavy rains and high winds that caused localized flooding and additional power outages. Several residential basements were flooded. US 19 was closed for three hours due to flooding. An EF0 tornado was confirmed in Donora Borough, Washington County by the National Weather Service in Pittsburgh. The tornado continued briefly across the Monongahela River into Westmoreland County before dissipating. Damage was found along a one-mile track through Donora.

CLOSED:

ROAD CLOSURE – York County, 8/17/16 - Interstate 83 southbound was closed at mile marker 8 in Springfield Township due to a crash involving two tractor trailers. One tractor trailer overturned and the other jackknifed into it. The overturned tractor trailer was a car carrier. One vehicle on the trailer leaked fuel and one of the saddle tanks on the tractor trailer ruptured and leaked approximately 40 gallons of diesel fuel. An effective detour was established at Exit 10 Logansville. PennDOT and cleanup crews remained on scene for cleanup and vehicle removal for over seven hours.

FIRE ALARM ACTIVATION – Dauphin County, 8/17/16 – Yesterday morning a contractor struck a fire alarm pull station with a jackhammer in the State Records Center in Harrisburg City forcing employees to evacuate the building. Last evening, the fire alarm activated again due to a change in water pressure causing another evacuation.

DISASTER DECLARATIONS:

8/10/2016 – The Borough Council Members of Albion Borough issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency for the borough due to a drought/water emergency.

7/25/2016 – The Mayor of Dunmore Borough issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency for the borough due to severe weather.

7/19/2016 – The U.S. Small Business Administration issued a SBA disaster declaration for Fayette, Greene, Somerset, Washington and Westmoreland counties for damages during the

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flooding event on June 17, 2016. The effective date is 7/19/16 and termination date for applications is 9/19/16. Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) application termination date is 4/19/17.

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.

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, 0427 hours, 08/18/16:

Seasonably warm and humid weather will continue in Pennsylvania through the weekend. Isolated showers and thunderstorms will be possible Thursday through Saturday, with moderate to locally heavy rainfall expected on Sunday. A relatively cooler and dry weather pattern with a noticeable drop in humidity is almost certain from next Monday through Wednesday.

WATCHES AND WARNINGS:

None



TROPICAL WEATHER OUTLOOK:

