

DATE:

August 19, 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 18, 2016, through 0600 hours, August 19, 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: None

Power Outage Reports: As of 0535 hours – 2,898 customers

Telephone Outage Reports: None

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

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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.

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:

HOTEL FIRE – Indiana County, 8/19/16 - A fire in the laundry room of the Park Inn Hotel in White Township created an evacuation of the entire hotel. The fire was put under control and ventilation operations completed. The guest were able to return to their rooms. The number of guests forced to evacuate is unknown.

ROAD CLOSURE - Schuylkill County, 8/18/16 - I-81 southbound was closed at mile marker 126 in Ryan Township, due to a multi vehicle accident. One fatality was reported. The detour was utilizing the Exit 131 and back on at Exit 124. The interstate was completely opened seven and half hours later.

PENNDOT EMPLOYEE MEDICAL EMERGENCY – Adams County, 8/18/16 – EMS was dispatched to the intersection of Carlisle Pike and Enterprise Drive in Oxford Township where a PennDot employee had collapsed and was in cardiac arrest. Another PennDot employee performed CPR. The patient was transported to Hanover Hospital where he succumbed to the emergency.

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. Service has been restored to all areas.

DISASTER DECLARATIONS:

8/18/16 – The Borough Council Members of Donora Borough issued a Declaration of Disaster for the borough, due to severe weather.

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 flooding event on June 17, 2016. The effective date is 7/19/16 and termination date for

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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, 0436 hours, 08/19/16:

River valley fog will dissipate this morning and leave mostly sunny skies across the entire Commonwealth. High pressure will reside overhead for the day and supply plenty of sunshine and seasonably warm temperatures. Only isolated afternoon and evening showers and thunderstorms are possible in the west. High temperatures today will range from near 80 in the Laurel Mountains to near 90 in Philadelphia.

Scattered showers are still possible in the west tonight, but it should remain dry in the central and east. Lows will be in the 60s for the most part. Only the far southeast will hold in the lower 70s.

A high pressure area will slide to the east producing a low chance for showers and thunderstorms on Saturday. Highs on Saturday will be in the 80s.

A cold front will pass through the state on Sunday and create widespread showers and thunderstorms. Much drier air will move in for the new week.

WATCHES AND WARNINGS:

None

