

DATE:

August 20, 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 19, 2016, through 0600 hours, August 20, 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 0530 hours – 993 customers

Telephone Outage Reports: None

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

OPEN:

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. Washington and

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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 Borough. The borough has issued a Declaration of Disaster.

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.

CLOSED:

ROAD CLOSURE – York County, 8/19/16 – A fatal accident involving a tractor trailer carrying wine and a passenger vehicle occurred on US 15 southbound at Hickory Road in Franklin Township. A small amount of diesel fuel impacted the North Branch of the Bermudian Creek. Booms were put into place to contain the fuel. The seven and half hour closure was supported by the Red Cross canteen services.

ROAD CLOSURE- Lehigh County, 8/19/16 – State Route 22 west was closed between Airport Road and Fullerton Avenue in Hanover Township due to a fatal motor vehicle accident. The county declared a Level 1 Mass Casualty Incident with nine injuries and one fatality. Northampton County provided assistance with emergency personnel and vehicles. The roadway was closed for approximately seven hours.

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 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:

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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, 0439 hours, 08/20/16:

The center of the high pressure area has moved to the east of the commonwealth.

Isolated showers and even a stray thunderstorm are expected over the northern and central mountains this morning. Valley fog is also possible. Much of the state will be sunny this morning. The sunshine will drive additional showers and thunderstorms this afternoon. Most of these will also remain in the mountains.

The wind will be coming from the south today. This will help to push the high temperatures back into the 80s once again. The highest elevations may stay just below 80 degrees and Philadelphia will get up to the 90 degree mark.

A cold front will near the state tonight and widespread showers will move in from the west later tonight. The cold front will cross the state from west to east during the daylight hours on Sunday. Expect widespread showers and thunderstorms on Sunday. Some of the storms could be strong in the east in the afternoon and evening.

Lows tonight will be in the mid-60s in the mountains to lower 70s in the southeast. Highs on Sunday will be kept in check by the rain and advance of the cool air. The temperature may not get out of the lower 70s on the highest elevations of the west and north. However, the southeastern Piedmont will get back into the mid and upper 80s.

Much drier air and cooler temperatures will move in for the first half of the new week.

WATCHES AND WARNINGS:

None



TROPICAL WEATHER OUTLOOK:

