

DATE:

August 21, 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 20, 2016, through 0600 hours, August 21, 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:

Interstate 81 North at mile marker 197.5 (Lackawanna County, Scott Township)
US-202 between Chesterbrook Boulevard Exit and Valley Forge Road (Chester County, Tredyffrin Township)

Power Outage Reports:

As of 0540 hours – 206 customers

Telephone Outage Reports:

210 Frontier Communications customers in the Laceyville, Wyoming area are reporting phone outages

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 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.

ROAD CLOSURE – Lackawanna County, 8/21/16 – A three vehicle accident with entrapment and ejection has closed Interstate 81 northbound at mile marker 197.5 in Scott Township. There is no trapped queue or back log. The roadway is closed from exit #197, PA-632, to exit #199, PA-524. The roadway is closed for accident investigation and cleanup.

ROAD CLOSURE – Chester County, 8/21/16 – A multi-vehicle accident has closed US-202 in both directions between the Chesterbrook Boulevard and Valley Forge Road exits in Tredyffrin Township. One fatality has been reported. The roadway is closed for accident investigation and cleanup.

CLOSED:

TRAIN INCIDENT – Beaver County, 8/21/16 – Two people were fatally struck by an Amtrak passenger train on the Norfolk Southern line near Brier Road in Ambridge Borough. The main line was closed approximately two hours to extract the bodies.

FIRE AT WELL PAD – Greene County, 8/20/16 – A fire occurred at the Vantage Energy Shumaker Well Site on Rush Run Road in Center Township. The fire was extinguished and local fire departed the scene. An emergency response team from the well site was monitoring conditions. There were no injuries or hazardous materials release reported.

DISASTER DECLARATIONS:

8/17/16 – 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

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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, 0500 hours, 08/21/16:

Mostly cloudy skies covered the state this morning with temperatures mainly in the upper 60s to lower 70s. Scattered showers and thunderstorms are already developing across western PA. They will become more widespread throughout the day, as a cold front crosses the commonwealth from the west.

Skies will begin to clear later today across western Pennsylvania, with high temperatures ranging from the low 70s in the northwest mountains and the Laurel Highlands to the upper 80s in the immediate Philadelphia area.

The early part of next week will feature sunshine, cooler temperatures, and lower humidity as high pressure builds overhead.

WATCHES AND WARNINGS:

None



TROPICAL WEATHER OUTLOOK:

