

DATE:

October 23, 2016

TO:

The Honorable Tom Wolf
Governor
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

FROM:

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TIME PERIOD:

This report covers the period 0600 hours, October 22, 2016, through 0600 hours, October 23, 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: Level II partial activation

County EOC Activations: Lycoming and Sullivan Counties.

CAPABILITIES STATUS:

PA All-Hazards Type-3 Incident Management Team – Demobilized from Sullivan County

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 0555 hours – 1,256 customers
Telephone Outage Reports: None

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

OPEN:

MISSING HUNTER – Mifflin County, 10/23/16 – A search is being conducted for an 80 year old hunter missing in the area of 2181 Licking Creek Road in Bratton Township. A state police helicopter, DCNR and a blood hound are assisting with the search.

ADVERSE WEATHER – Statewide, 10/21/16 – Heavy rain over a short time resulted in flash flooding in numerous north central counties. Water rescues were performed with at least six boat teams from several counties. An unknown number of residents were evacuated from their homes. Over 50 residents from two personal care homes in Centre and Sullivan Counties were evacuated to area shelters. Several shelters have been established and the Red Cross is assisting evacuees. County CART Teams have opened several shelters to assist displaced residents with domestic animals. Sunoco is making repairs to several sections of pipeline that have been washed out in Lycoming County. Crews are working to contain and skim gasoline that has leaked. Centre and Bradford Counties' EOCs were activated but have since returned to normal operations. Lycoming County's EOC stood down for the evening and will reactivate at 0800. Sullivan County's EOC is activated. The Commonwealth Resource Coordination Center is at a Level II, partial activation. Two PA Fish & Boat Swift Water Rescue Teams were deployed. State Police have been requested to provide over flight assessments during daylight hours. The PA National Guard has deployed 50 personnel to assist with response and recovery operations in Lycoming County. A resource request from Sullivan County has been approved by the PA National Guard to deploy troops to access a three mile long by 1/2 mile wide area that is inaccessible by vehicles and make contact with those residents. Multiple rotary wing aircraft, including two from PA-HART, are on standby in the affected area. A Type III Incident Management Team (IMT) deployed to Sullivan County to assist with planning operations. **The IMT demobilized on 10/22/16 and returned to Harrisburg. The repairs to the pipeline continue – Sunoco did locate four additional areas of exposure. Engineers are determining how best to handle. Surface water samples have been sent to the DEP Lab.**

CLOSED:

ROAD CLOSURE – Dauphin County, 10/22/16 – Route 147 between Woodland and Mountain Road in Reed Township was closed for five and half hours due an accident involving a tractor trailer hauling milk that rolled over. ¼ to ½ of the 7000 gallon tank of milk spilled. Norfolk Southern had to stop all rail traffic in the area due to the accident.

ROAD CLOSURE - Susquehanna County, 10/22/16 – The northbound lanes of Interstate 81 were closed between the PA 547 - Harford (#217) and the PA 106 - Lenox (#211) exits due to a fatal accident involving a tractor trailer and a car. There were two juvenile fatalities and four patients transported to Geisinger Community Medical Center. The interstate was closed for just over six hours.

DISASTER DECLARATIONS:

10/21/16 – Lycoming County has issued a Declaration of Disaster as a result of the storms that dropped up to eight inches of rain in the region beginning on 10/20/16. Three municipalities have issued a Declaration of Disaster (Plunketts Creek, Eldred, and Fairfield Townships).

10/21/16 – Sullivan County has issued a Declaration of Disaster as a result of the storms that dropped up to eight inches of rain in the region beginning on 10/20/16.

10/21/16 – Centre County issued a Declaration of Disaster as a result of the storms that dropped up to eight inches of rain in the region beginning on 10/20/16.

9/20/16 - The U.S. Small Business Administration issued SBA disaster declarations (#14857 and #14858) for Fayette, Greene, Somerset, Westmoreland, and Washington counties for

damages during the flash flooding event on 8/28/16. The effective date is 9/20/16 and termination date for applications is 11/21/16. Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) application termination date is 6/20/17.

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. Declaration extended during September Borough meeting.

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 for Disaster Home Loans and Disaster Business Loans has passed. 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, 0425 hours, 10/23/16

Skies partially cleared overnight as drier air worked in from the Great Lakes. Northwest winds continued to be brisk with gusts to 20 to 25 mph in many areas. Pre-dawn temperatures ranged from the upper 30s in the north to the upper 40s southeast.

After partial clearing arrives, clouds will increase again today across northwestern Pennsylvania, while remaining partly to mostly sunny elsewhere. It will be milder, with highs ranging from the mid-50s across the northern mountains to the low 60s across the southeastern piedmont. A period of rain will impact northern areas tonight into Monday morning as a frontal system crosses the area. Cool air will be reinforced by this front and northwest winds will become brisk once again for Monday behind the front.

WATCHES AND WARNINGS:

NONE



TROPICAL WEATHER OUTLOOK:

