

DATE:

October 26, 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 25, 2016, through 0600 hours, October 26, 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-Task Force 2 (PA-TF2) - Search & Rescue - Mission Capable

INFRASTRUCTURE STATUS:

Major Road Closures: None

Power Outage Reports: As of 0530 hours – 1,124 customers

Telephone Outage Reports: None

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

OPEN:

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 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. As of 10/23/16, the pipeline has been capped at both ends – repairs will continue on Monday (10/24/16). The CRCC has returned to normal operations; the County EOCs will be staffed during normal business hours while damage assessments are being conducted. PEMA staff will be conducting damage assessments in the affected areas starting 10/24/16.

CLOSED:

STRUCTURE FIRE – Beaver County, 10/25/16 – A fire occurred in a bathroom on the second floor of Beaver Valley Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in South Beaver Township. Approximately 60 residents were temporarily evacuated until the fire was put out.

ROAD CLOSURE – Lancaster County, 10/25/16 – A fatal crash between a pickup truck and a tractor trailer closed US Route 30 in both directions from East Brook Road to Cherry Lane in East Lampeter Township. The roadway was closed approximately five and a half hours for clean-up and accident reconstruction.

ROAD CLOSURE – Montgomery County, 10/25/16 – A vehicle accident involving four tractor trailers closed Interstate 476 northbound at mile marker 30.6 in Towamencin Township. The roadway was closed for nine and a half hours for accident cleanup.

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. Eight municipalities have issued a Declaration of Disaster (Montoursville Borough, Plunketts Creek, Eldred, Cascade, Gamble, Hepburn, McIntyre 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.

10/20/16 – The Supervisors of Dunbar Township of Fayette County issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency for the township, due to the results 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, 0445 hours, 10/26/16

The day will begin with mainly clear skies, calm winds, and cold temperatures. Overnight lows will range from the upper 20s to the low 30s across the Commonwealth.

Clouds will be on the increase from west to east today, as a weak low pressure system approaches from the Midwest. High temperatures will range from the low to mid-40s across the northern mountains to the low 50s across the lower elevations of southern Pennsylvania. As the front approaches Wednesday night, a chilly rain is expected into Thursday. Low temperatures tonight will be a little warmer, ranging from the low 30s across the New York border to upper 30s throughout the southern half of Pennsylvania and even mid to upper 40s possible through the southwest corner of the state.

WATCHES AND WARNINGS:

A freeze warning has been issued for the following counties until October 26 at 0900 hours; Adams, Berks, Bucks, Chester, Clinton, Columbia, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Fulton, Huntingdon, Juniata, Lancaster, Lebanon, Lehigh, Lycoming, Mifflin, Montgomery, Montour, Northumberland, Northampton, Perry, Schuylkill, Snyder, Union and York.



TROPICAL WEATHER OUTLOOK:

