

DATE:

November 22, 2016

TO:

The Honorable Tom Wolf
Governor
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

FROM:

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TIME PERIOD:

This report covers the period 0600 hours, November 21, 2016, through 0600 hours, November 22, 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 0520 hours – 543 customers
Telephone Outage Reports: 163 Frontier customers (Berks, Maiden creek Twp)

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

OPEN:

WILD FIRE – Fulton County, 11/21/16 – A 100 acre wildfire occurred on State Game Lands #53 in Licking Creek Township. There are no homes, roads or businesses affected by

the fire. A fire line was established to contain the fire. DCNR and PA Game Commission will return to the scene in the morning.

SINKHOLE – Lancaster County, 11/8/16 – A 20 foot sinkhole occurred at Pine Street and Park Avenue in Ephrata Borough. The sinkhole caused a water main and gas line break. The sinkhole has continued to expand forcing two nearby apartment buildings to be evacuated. Nineteen residents were initially displaced and were being assisted by the American Red Cross. Six residents from the apartments located on the 200 block of the W. Pine Street building have been allowed to return. The Park Avenue apartment must have its foundation inspected to determine if it is safe for residents to return home. The inspection will not be performed until after the utilities are stabilized sometime next week. The sinkhole is approximately 100' x 60' with a cavern at least 60' deep. A Declaration of Disaster has been issued by the borough effective 11/8/16. Construction work on the site is still in progress. Geophysical surveying results should be analyzed/completed by 11/21/16.

ADVERSE WEATHER – Statewide, 10/21/16 – Heavy rain over a short time resulted in flash flooding in numerous north central counties. The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) provided emergency permits and water test kits in affected municipalities. Lycoming County reached out to all of their municipalities to collect Disaster Declarations, DAP-19 forms and Equipment Usage Lists. Preliminary estimates from Centre, Lycoming and Sullivan counties indicate damage in the range between \$10 and \$14 million. PEMA supported a Multi-Agency Recovery Center in Centre County on November 3, 2016. Support included the following agencies: PA Department of Health, IRS, PEMA Hazard Mitigation, PA Department of Insurance, and DEP. As of 11/1/16, Sunoco Logistics continued work on the pipeline by beginning hydro testing on an area south of the damaged section. Water for the hydro testing is being brought in and removed by truck and is recycled in coordination with DEP regulations. Current water monitoring results confirmed safe drinking water supplies. Air quality tests detect no hazardous levels. As of 11/2/16, all county EOCs have stood down. On Tuesday, November 15, Small Business Administration PDAs will be conducted. The Governor of Pennsylvania has requested a Major Disaster Declaration for Public Assistance (Cat A-G) for four counties and Hazard Mitigation statewide due to severe storms and flooding that occurred.

CLOSED:

LARGE MULCH FIRE – Lancaster County, 11/21/16 – A large mulch fire occurred at a large facility located at 204 Soapstone Lane in Fulton Township. Nine fire stations from Cecil County, Maryland and surrounding counties assisted the local fire company. The fire lasted approximately four hours until it was extinguished.

RAIL INCIDENT – Perry County, 11/21/16 – A Norfolk Southern freight train was involved in an incident at mile post PT110 in Susquehanna Township, Dauphin County. The accident caused 2 of 50 train cars to derail. The two derailed cars were loaded with empty shipping containers, but the accident caused debris to fall down, temporarily closing the West Main Street underpass in the area of mile post 112 in Marysville Borough, Perry County. There was also a two gallon hydraulic fluid spill. The rail was completely closed for three hours. Clean up operations took place for an extended period of time.

RAILROAD INCIDENT – Lebanon County, 11/21/16 – A Norfolk Southern freight train fatally struck a pedestrian near mile post HP-86.4 in the city of Lebanon. The rail line was closed for a period of time, but did not impact any Bakken Crude shipments that use the line.

DISASTER DECLARATIONS:

11/8/16 – The council of the Borough of Ephrata, Lancaster County has issued a Declaration of Disaster that is effective immediately for damage caused by the street collapse at Pine and Park Streets.

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, 0535 hours, 11/22/16

Partly to mostly cloudy and windy conditions will persist through much of today as a large upper low, spinning over the mouth of the Saint Lawrence River, lifts slowly northeast across the Canadian maritimes.

High temperatures this afternoon will vary from the mid 30s across the northern mountains of the state, to the mid 40s in the southeast.

An area of high pressure will build east over the region tonight and Wednesday accompanied by fair skies and cold temperatures. Lows early Wednesday will be in the teens to low 20s over the north and mainly in the mid 20s elsewhere.

Weak low pressure will be lifting out of the Mississippi Valley and will likely track just north of Pennsylvania on Thursday. There will be a chance of rain showers over central and southern Pennsylvania Wednesday night and Thursday. Light mixed precipitation will be possible across the northern half of the state.

Another cold front will cross the commonwealth Friday night and Saturday, delivering another brief punch cold air and a gusty northwest wind.

WATCHES AND WARNINGS:

None



TROPICAL WEATHER OUTLOOK:

