

DATE:

November 25, 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 24, 2016, through 0600 hours, November 25, 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 – 413 customers
Telephone Outage Reports: None

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

OPEN:

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 are complete and have been presented to the borough. The Borough is requested Right of Entry permissions to the private landowner to mitigate the existing void. Residents should be able to return to their homes next week if the mitigation work is completed.

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. 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. On November 21, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) approved disaster assistance for Centre and Lycoming counties, as well as the contiguous counties of Blair, Bradford, Clearfield, Clinton, Columbia, Huntingdon, Mifflin, Montour, Northumberland, Potter, Sullivan, Tioga, and Union.

CLOSED:

ROAD CLOSURE – Franklin County, 11/24/16 - An accident involving a tanker truck closed I-81 NB and SB in Greene Township. The truck burst into flames when it overturned and was fully engulfed. The road was closed between Exit 20 (State Route 997) and Exit 17 (Walker Road). The intensity of the fire and the uncertainty over what it was carrying delayed the attack on the fire. Foam units arrived from Cumberland County and Hagerstown Airport. The county EMA responded. PennDOT maintenance was also on scene. It was determined the tanker truck was carrying hydrogen peroxide. There is nothing distinguishable left of the truck. There is one confirmed fatality and no other vehicles were involved. A detour was established for tractor trailers onto US 11 and for passenger vehicles on PA 997. The trapped queue was removed. I-81 NB was re-opened after four hours. The accident cleanup was completed. I-81 SB remained closed for eleven hours and was re-opened after cleanup and accident reconstruction was completed.

FATAL MULTI VEHICLE CRASH – Allegheny County, 11/24/16 – The East McKeesport Police were in pursuit of a vehicle occupied by a wanted male in North Versailles Township. The vehicle crashed at the intersection of SR 48 and SR 30. It hit two other vehicles. There were three reported fatalities and several other injuries. Live wires were down at the intersection. A Mass Casualty Incident was initiated for multiple patients. North Versailles Township PD has taken over the accident investigation. SR 48 and SR 30 were closed for over six hours. The roads are now re-opened.

DISASTER DECLARATIONS:

11/21/16 - The U.S. Small Business Administration issued SBA disaster declarations (#14987 and #14988) for Centre and Lycoming counties for damages during the severe flooding event on 10/21/16. In addition, contiguous counties of Blair, Bradford, Clearfield, Clinton, Columbia, Huntingdon, Mifflin, Montour, Northumberland, Potter, Sullivan, Tioga, and Union counties are also eligible. The effective date is 11/18/16 and termination date for applications is 01/17/17. Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) application termination date is 8/18/17.

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.

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.

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, 0456 hours, 11/25/16

Much of the Commonwealth will remain cloudy into the weekend. Some drizzle and fog may linger over ridge tops of the Alleghenies due to a light west wind and little drying. Scattered showers are possible along the lakeshore and just inland. Temperatures will only rise about 10 degrees in most places due to the influence of the cloud cover. But, temperatures this morning are very mild for this time of year. So, despite the minimal rise in temperature, the highs will run between the lower 40s and lower 50s, close to or just above normal for the day.

A weak cold front will cross the state late today and tonight. The persistent cloud cover will keep it mild again tonight. A little clearing may take place in the southeast. Scattered showers over the northwest will spread eastward, and as the temperatures drop, the rain will turn to snow in the mountains. Accumulations will be minor, and held to just the northwestern mountains. Lows tonight will be in the lower 30s in the Alleghenies and Laurels to almost 40 degrees in the lower Delaware Valley.

A gusty northwest wind on Saturday will bring snow showers off the lake and could make an additional light accumulation in the northwest mountains. However, it should become mild enough elsewhere to keep any light precipitation as a mix of rain and snow or just plain rain. The southeastern half of the state will remain dry. Highs on Saturday will be in the upper 30s in the mountains to near 50 in Philadelphia.

WATCHES AND WARNINGS:

None



TROPICAL WEATHER OUTLOOK:

