

DATE:

December 15, 2016

TO:

The Honorable Tom Wolf
Governor
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

FROM:

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TIME PERIOD:

This report covers the period 0600 hours, December 14, 2016, through 0600 hours, December 15, 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 0545 hours – 1,171 customers

Telephone Outage Reports: None

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

OPEN:

BOIL WATER ADVISORY – Perry County, 12/12/16 – A boil water advisory has been issued for Duncannon Borough, due to a clogged chlorine line. There are 2,900 connections affected which includes critical care faculties, restaurants and schools.

CREEK WALL COLLAPSE – Luzerne County, 12/9/16 – Approximately 50 feet of wall from the side of Solomon's Creek collapsed in the area of 76 Brooke Street in Wilkes Barre City. The incident is not life threatening. A site visit was requested of the Army Corps of Engineers to offer recommendations on mitigation and recovery.

ADVERSE WEATHER – Statewide, 10/21/16 – Heavy rain over a short time resulted in flash flooding in numerous north central counties. Preliminary estimates from Centre, Lycoming and Sullivan counties indicate damage in the range between \$10 and \$14 million. On November 17, the Governor of Pennsylvania 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. A Major Disaster Declaration for Public Assistance (Cat A-G) was received on December 2, 2016 for Bradford, Centre, Lycoming and Sullivan counties. In addition, all areas in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania are eligible for assistance under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. The Disaster Loan Outreach Centers (DLOC) in both Centre and Lycoming Counties have now closed.

CLOSED:

STRUCTURE FIRE - Montgomery County, 12/14/16 – Units responded to an apartment fire at 219 York Ave in Lansdale Borough. All four units of "H" building were evacuated and an undetermined number of residents had to be rescued from the building. One patient was flown by Jeffstat to the hospital due to severe burns. The Red Cross is assisting the displaced residents with housing.

DISASTER DECLARATIONS:

12/2/16 – A Major Disaster Declaration for Public Assistance (Cat A-G) was received on December 2, 2016 for Bradford, Centre, Lycoming and Sullivan counties. In addition, all areas in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania are eligible for assistance under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. The designation is FEMA-4292-DR.

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, 0400 hours, 12/15/16

The coldest air of the season thus far will grip Pennsylvania in a deep freeze today into Friday. The arctic blast will result in frigid temperatures, subzero wind chills and widespread lake-effect snows over the northwestern Pennsylvania snowbelt through Friday morning. Snow squalls with sudden white-out conditions will be possible at times.

Early morning temperatures were in the teens across the north and west, the lower 30s across the southeast, and in the 20s across the rest of the state. Temperatures during the day will show little change.

Lows tonight will range from the single digits across most of the area to the teens across the southeast.

The active winter weather pattern will take a brief pause during the day Friday with lake-effect snow winding down. High temperatures will still be well below normal, with most locations only being a few degrees warmer than today.

The bitter cold air will retreat this the weekend just in time for the next storm system to bring a mix of snow, ice and rain to the Commonwealth Friday night into Saturday.

WATCHES AND WARNINGS:

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A Lake Effect Snow Warning is in effect until 0700, 12/16/16 in Warren County.
A Lake Effect Snow Warning is in effect until 1000, 12/16/16 in Erie and Crawford Counties.

