OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

DATE:  
June 13, 2023

TO:  
The Honorable Josh Shapiro  
Governor  
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

FROM:  
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TIME PERIOD:  
This report covers the period from 0600 hours, June 12, 2023, through 0600 hours, June 13, 2023.

STATUS REPORT: (as of 0600 hours)

THREAT STATUS:

**National Terrorism Advisory System:** The United States remains in a heightened threat environment. Lone offenders and small groups motivated by a range of ideological beliefs and personal grievances continue to pose a persistent and lethal threat to the Homeland. Both domestic violent extremists (DVEs) and those associated with foreign terrorist organizations continue to attempt to motivate supporters to conduct attacks in the Homeland, including through violent extremist messaging and online calls for violence. In the coming months, factors that could mobilize individuals to commit violence include their perceptions of the 2024 general election cycle and legislative or judicial decisions pertaining to sociopolitical issues. Likely targets of potential violence include US critical infrastructure, faith-based institutions, individuals, or events associated with the LGBTQIA+ community, schools, racial and ethnic minorities, and government facilities and personnel, including law enforcement.

Effective: 5/24/2023 1400 hours to 11/24/2023 1400 hours.

**Commonwealth Response Coordination Center (CRCC) Status:** Normal Operations

**County EOC Activations:** None

**Municipal EOC Activations:** Philadelphia OEM will reactivate at 0730 hour for I-95 closure

CAPABILITIES STATUS:

**PA All-Hazards Type-3 Incident Management/ Team – Mission Capable**

**PA-Task Force 1 (PA-TF1) – Mission Capable**
INFRASETRUCTURE STATUS:

Major Road Closures: Interstate 95 - Philadelphia
Power Outage Reports: As of 0540 hours, 2,600 customers
Telephone Outage Reports: None

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

OPEN:

ADVERSE WEATHER – Statewide, 6/12/13 - Adverse weather passing through the Commonwealth brought severe thunderstorms and road flooding to some areas. The National Weather service issued a Tornado Warning for York County and a Flash Flood Warning for Delaware County, both of which have expired. Road flooding occurred in Schuylkill County causing emergency units to assist seven motorists from two vehicles that were disabled by flood waters.

BOIL WATER ADVISORY – Philadelphia, 6/12/23 - A boil water advisory (BWA) was issued to approximately 18,000 service connections in the following zip codes of the City of Philadelphia (19151, 19131, 19139), due to a pump failure. The pump failure created a loss of pressure at a pumping station that serves parts of upper West Philadelphia City. The pump failure was corrected, and pressure was restored. The advisory will remain in place until two consecutive days of samples are negative for total coliform bacteria with compliant chlorine residuals. The advisory impacts a number of healthcare facilities and schools.

ROAD CLOSURE – Philadelphia County, 6/11/23 - Interstate 95 (I-95) closed in both directions between the Academy Road exit (#32) and the Cottman Avenue exit (#30) in Philadelphia City due to a gasoline tanker fire which occurred under the I-95 roadway in the area of Cottman Avenue and State Road. The fire caused the northbound roadway/bridge to collapse and the southbound roadway/bridge to sag. The tanker was hauling 8,500 gallons of 87 octane gasoline. All vehicles in the north and south bound queues were cleared, and no injuries were reported. No evacuations occurred in the area. Federal, state, and local agencies responded to assist. The initial vehicle fire was extinguished. Due to an undetermined quantity of gasoline that impacted underground utilities and sewer/storm drain system, there were explosions reported. Utility providers conducted inspections and tests of their infrastructure that may have been impacted. Potential water runoff from fire suppression was traced with Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PA DEP) and the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) assisting. Additionally, evaluating any potential impact to the Delaware River along with any other HAZMAT impacts began. A water main break occurred in the area due to the incident, and repairs were conducted. Lewis Environmental was contracted and placed booms in the Delaware River. Philadelphia Police worked on traffic control and detour routes. Southeast Pennsylvania Transit Authority (SEPTA) added additional railcars to trains and rerouted buses for commuter traffic. Port Authority Transit Corporation (PATCO)/Delaware River and Bay Authority (DRBA) lifted construction closures on the bridges due to increased volume. The National Transportation Safety Board will be sending a team to conduct a safety investigation of the incident. Water traffic was not impacted. The Philadelphia Office of Emergency Management (OEM) deactivated for the night at 2000 Sunday and will reactivate at 0730, 6/12/23. Southampton Road was closed overnight for underground gas line repair. The outside lanes of the Roosevelt Boulevard will need to be closed for work that is planned to happen today. The detour routes may change to accommodate recovery and repair operations. On 6/12/23, one victim was located in the cab of the truck and was pronounced dead. OEM activated at 0730 and deactivated at 1800; they will continue to do so for the foreseeable future. Governor Josh Shapiro issued a proclamation of disaster...
emergency for Philadelphia County in response to the fire and collapse of I-95. The Commonwealth Watch and Warning Center will continue to monitor progress as clean-up, repair, and investigations continue.

**BRUSH FIRE – Snyder County, 6/7/23** – A brush fire was discovered on 5/30/23 in the area of Furnace Trail and Shade Mountain Road in West Perry Township. On 6/3/23 DCNR conducted air drops on the 40-to-50-acre fire. The National Interagency Fire Center designated this fire as the Game Refuge Trail Fire on 6/6/23 and as of 1400 that day the fire had burned 162 acres and was 85% contained. Currently 30 DCNR personnel continue to fight hot spots and flare-ups.

**COMMERCIAL VEHICLE ROLLOVER - Cambria County, 6/5/23** – Emergency units responded to the area of Admiral Peary Highway (US-22) and Blue Spruce Road in Jackson Township for a reported commercial vehicle rollover with HAZMAT. US-22 was closed in both directions in the area of the incident. Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) responded to the scene. The county sent a CodeRed message to evacuate residents in a one-mile radius. Incident Command reported leaking chemicals with placards 3109 Organic Peroxide and 1903 Corrosive Class 3 Flammable. Substances produced a strong odor and onsite command zone moved back. The total number of types of chemicals is unknown due to leaking and not being able to get close enough to evaluate the truck. McCutchen was hired as the cleanup contractor and are working with local hazmat to evaluate the scene. Units contained the spill at the catch basin which is closer to County Line Road in between County Line and Blue Spruce Roads. Crews are still working to determine if a waterway is impacted and if materials traveled under US-22. Three homes were in the evacuation zone and a shelter was opened at Station 42 for those impacted. No one was reported to be using the shelter. As of the evening of 6/6/23, US-22 is open in both directions. A total of 11 different chemicals were onboard; nine totes of organic peroxide, two totes of ammonium compounds, and several five-gallon buckets of other chemicals have been removed. Clean-up and vehicle recovery are still underway.

**NRC# 1369077 – FUEL SPILL – Washington County, 6/4/23** – A contractor from Norfolk Southern spilled 500 gallons of diesel fuel onto the ground while refueling a locomotive at the Shire Oaks Rail Yard in Union Township. The fuel was contained to the area of the fuel truck and source was stopped. A small amount of fuel might have reached a catch basin 30 yards away. Absorbent booms and pads have been placed around the basin and area of release. The discharge area from the pond was scheduled to be boomed off Sunday morning. A cleanup contractor was hired. The basin and pond will be monitored until cleanup is complete. DEP will have appropriate program follow up unless onsite conditions change. On 6/4/24 the cleanup contractor vacuumed up 250 gallons of fuel, affected soil was excavated, and some fuel was found in the drainage pipes. Operations are ongoing.

**COMMERCIAL STRUCTURE FIRE - Berks County, 3/24/23** – A four-alarm fire with explosion occurred at the R.M. Palmer Candy Company in West Reading Borough. A level 2 Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) was declared, and Emergency Medical Services and MCI trailers were requested from Lebanon County. Due to significant structural damage and partial collapse, a grid search of the incident area was initiated. A resource request was made for a modified Type 4 Urban Search and Rescue team to include collapse engineers, canine search teams (live and cadaver), technical search, rescue specialists, and logistic and planning personnel. A three-mile temporary flight restriction was issued around the incident but was lifted at 2235 hours last evening. Norfolk Southern rail traffic was paused in the area due to debris on the railroad tracks. As of 0606 hours this morning, rail traffic has resumed with a five-mph restriction due to instability of buildings in the area. A shelter in place order was issued for residents along Franklin Street. The PA Department of Transportation (PennDOT)
TRAIN DERAILMENT - Columbiana County, Ohio, 2/3/23 - On 2/3/23 at 2130 hours, mutual aid crews from Beaver County responded to a train derailment near Taggart Street, East Palestine, Ohio. Approximately 53 railcars derailed and some of them caught fire. There were five cars of vinyl chloride within the wreckage. Around 2330 hours a call was received from an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 3 representative, and they advised there was no current impact to PA. EPA Region 5 and Ohio EPA set up air monitoring equipment and they also used handheld monitors, and nothing was detected. Members of the PA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Southwest Regional Office were also onsite monitoring through daylight and maintained a presence until there was no threat to PA. An IMAAC model showed a potential impact to residences in PA if harmful chemicals were released from any of the derailed cars. Beaver County EMA Coordinator reported that they followed Columbiana County, Ohio’s lead and a message was sent out to 16 registered users in the one-mile zone to shelter in place. Ohio later changed their message to an evacuation, but Beaver County remained as a shelter in place due to no residences being impacted. Shell Monaca was provided green foam to help extinguish the fires. Clean-up contractors from SPSI and Hepaco responded to the scene. Norfolk Southern reported a rail car was venting so it was decided that there would be no offensive fire attack. The shelter in place order remained in effect for Beaver County. Beaver County sent tankers from nine departments and an engine to assist in drafting from a lake in town once the railroad deemed it was safe. As of 2/5/23, Columbiana County, Ohio EMA recommended a one-mile evacuation around the incident due to one of the vinyl chloride rail cars showing a temperature increase. This included the 10 homes that were sheltering in place within Beaver County. Local police advised the residents of those homes and an additional 12 homes of the evacuation recommendation. On 2/6/23, all 22 homes in the PA evacuation zone were evacuated. Beaver County Animal Response Team (CART) requested assistance for trailers from Washington and Westmoreland Counties to assist with evacuation of farm animals from Kindred Spirits Rescue Farm. The recommended evacuation zone remained at one mile. PA-51 was closed to PA-168. The Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) ordered a partial activation of the Commonwealth Response Coordination Center (CRCC) at 1100 hours and Beaver County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) partially activated. A planned controlled detonation was performed to empty five rail cars into a trench to burn off the vinyl chloride. A local hospital reported three patients from the Chippewa area and one from East Palestine complaining of burning eyes and chest pains. Norfolk Southern established a Family Assistance Center for affected residents in New Waterford, Ohio; Beaver Valley Intermediate School remained open. On 2/7/23, the plume from the controlled detonation on 2/6/23 dissipated with no significant air detection identified by EPA Region 3 or PA DEP. Norfolk Southern conducted wrecking operations of damaged cars at the sight. A single hopper train was intentionally breached so that it could burn freely to help clear debris from the railway. All previously damaged train cars were removed from the track and replacement track installation occurred. Normal readings were reported by the Ohio Civil Support Team after monitoring the inside of three residences. The Ohio Department of Natural Resources reported approximately 1,800 fish killed within the streams and creeks that were affected. Two firefighters from Darlington Township, Beaver County had trouble breathing after washing their apparatus and one sought
medical attention. Air monitoring continued and there were no contaminants or concerns. The PEMA CRCC demobilized on 2/8/23 at 1600 hours. All roads that were closed in PA, including PA-51, were reopened. On 2/9/23, Darlington Township EMA completed door to door notifications advising residents that were evacuated of the availability of well testing and bottled water. Additionally, there are only 20 total homes in the evacuated area, not 22 which was previously reported. 19 of the notifications have been completed and they continued attempting to contact the remaining resident. The Beaver County EOC deactivated at 1200 hours on 2/10/23. A public inquiry line remains operational. On 2/14/23, the EPA identified three other chemicals that were part of the train. They continue to monitor the air and waterways for contamination. On 2/23/23, PEMA, in conjunction with the Departments of Health (DOH) and Environmental Protection, launched a website to provide information to Commonwealth residents about the derailment. On 2/28/23, the Pennsylvania Department of Health opened a Health Resource Center in Darlington Township, Beaver County for residents of Beaver and Lawrence counties who have health concerns following the Norfolk Southern train derailment. On 3/1/23, door-to-door surveys were conducted for 22 households within the 1-mile evacuation zone. Additional discussion led to a decision to do CDC outreach (door knocking) within the 2-mile radius in Pennsylvania, which will begin on 3/2/23. Approximately 450 healthcare providers participated in three webinars conducted on 2/28/23 and 3/1/23 for major medical providers in the Southwestern Region. Sample testing and review on Norfolk Southern soil sampling continues by Commonwealth agencies. The EPA Region 3 Director accompanied by staff, Pennsylvania Senator Casey, and Representative Deluzio toured the site on 3/2/23. On Monday, 3/6/23, Pennsylvanian Governor Shapiro announced that Norfolk Southern has agreed to pay Pennsylvania millions of dollars for the impacts of the train derailment. Norfolk Southern agreed to reimburse local fire departments to replace contaminated or damaged equipment used during the response to the derailment, to provide funds for a Community Relief Fund to be run by officials in Beaver and Lawrence counties, and to reimburse state agencies (DEP, DOH, and PEMA) for associated costs. Norfolk Southern will collect soil samples by March 9th with representatives from the EPA will be present. Removal of the train tracks closest of Pennsylvania began over the weekend and was completed 3/5/23. Excavation of the contaminated soil began, and odors are expected to be released into the air. Air monitoring will be increased during the process which is expected to take at least three to four days depending on the depth of the contaminants in the soil. The EPA requested Norfolk Southern to provide additional financial assistance to residents within one mile of the derailment site if they are impacted by the odors released during the excavation of the soil which the company has agreed too. Pennsylvania state agencies will support another East Palestine Community Resource Fair this Thursday at the East Palestine High School. Beaver County will coordinate a separate Community Resource Fair for Pennsylvania residents for next week which the state agencies will support. U.S. Senator Bob Casey completed a quick tour and talk at the Health Resource Center Monday morning. A Norfolk Southern contracted company has sampled 16 private wells in Pennsylvania. DEP has sampled 27 private wells in the area as of Monday with more sampling excepted 3/7/23. On 3/8/23 DHS coordinated a call with Beaver and Lawrence counties about the possibility of applying for a Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Emergency Response Grant (SERG) to provide funding for additional behavioral health services that may be required following this incident. DOH and PEMA also participated in the call. Excavation work at the site was temporarily stopped due to elevated readings and release of odor. The pit has currently been covered as Unified Command decides how to move forward. Beaver County will coordinate a separate Community Resource Fair, supported by appropriate state agencies, for Pennsylvania residents on March 16, 2023, from 1800-2000 hours at the Darlington Township Fire Department. The excavation of the soil at the south tracks of the derailment site is mostly complete. As of 3/13/23, Norfolk Southern is waiting on soil samples to come back from the elevated spots that were detected. Due to contaminants being detected during the initial excavation at two to four inches, additional
sampling was done at 12 to 15 inches to make sure all contaminated soil is removed. Soil excavation for the north track is still in the planning process. As of 3/16/23, the excavation of the soil at the south tracks of the derailment site is complete. If the results from the soil samples are within acceptable limits, it will take about a week to reinstall the tracks on the south side. The Health Resource Center (HRC) completed its final daily operational period at 1400, 3/16/23. The HRC will operate on Thursdays beginning 3/23/23. Excavation of the north track and removal of contaminated soil and water continues. OSHA has joined the on-site operations to provide support to the safety officer and ensure that the community and personnel are safe during operations. EPA Region 5 conducted an information session focused on air quality and air monitoring on 4/27/23. Activities are ongoing.

CLOSED:

ROAD CLOSURE – Adams County, 6/13/23 - US-15 north was closed at mile marker 15.8 in Straban Township due to a tractor trailer fire. The tractor trailer was carrying furniture. Foam was used to help extinguish the fire. There were three tractor trailers and no passenger vehicle in the trapped queue, and a detour was established. The road reopened after four and a half hours.

ROAD CLOSURE – Lebanon County, 6/12/23 – I-81 northbound was closed between mile markers 85 and 86.5 in East Hanover Township due to two separate jackknifed tractor-trailers. The trapped queue was released along the right side of the road, and a detour was established. Lebanon County HazMat was requested for spill control. One lane reopened after two hours, and the roadway completely reopened after three and a half hours.

BUILDING ALARM – Dauphin County, 6/12/23 – Emergency units responded to a fire alarm at the General Services Building at 1800 Herr Street in the City of Harrisburg. It was determined to be a false alarm. The building was briefly evacuated of an unknown number of employees while units investigated the alarm.

DISASTER DECLARATIONS:

6/12/13 - Governor Josh Shapiro issued a proclamation of disaster emergency for Philadelphia County in response to the I-95 fire and collapse on 6/11/23. The governor’s proclamation makes $7 million of state funds immediately available for the reconstruction of the roadway and authorizes the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency, the Department of Transportation, and the Pennsylvania State Police to use all available resources and personnel, as necessary. This proclamation will remain in place for 21 days, unless extended by the Legislature.

3/4/23 – Fayette County issued a disaster declaration due to adverse weather and storm damage throughout the area on 3/3-4/23.

3/4/23 – The City of Connellsville, Fayette County issued a disaster declaration due to adverse weather and storm damage throughout the area on 3/3-4/23.

3/4/23 – Menallen Township, Fayette County issued a disaster declaration due to adverse weather and storm damage throughout the area on 3/3-4/23.

12/15/22 – Carbon County issued a Disaster Declaration due to adverse weather that passed through the area on 12/14-15/22.
11/29/22 – Newell Borough in Fayette County issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency due to adverse weather that passed through the area on 11/27/22.

11/28/22 - Declarations of Disaster Emergency were issued for Dunlevy, Coal Center, Roscoe, Elco, Stockdale, and Allenport boroughs in Washington County due to adverse weather that passed through the area on 11/27/22.

9/12/22 – The Borough of Cranesville in Erie County issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency due to the borough’s refuse collector suddenly going out of business on 8/15/22 causing a public health emergency.

9/10/22 - Yoe Borough in York County issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency due to damages from flash flooding from a significant rainstorm on 8/5/22.

9/2/22 - West Taylor Township in Cambria County issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency due to damage caused by a severe storm on 8/21/22.

8/23/22 – East Taylor Township in Cambria County issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency due to damage caused by a severe storm on 8/21/22.

8/23/22 – Middle Taylor Township in Cambria County issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency due to damage caused by a severe storm on 8/21/22.

8/19/22 – The U.S. Small Business Administration issued SBA disaster declaration #17579 and 17580 / PA-00120 for flash flooding that occurred on 8/5/22. The primary county affected is Westmoreland, and the contiguous counties affected are Allegheny, Armstrong, Butler, Cambria, Fayette, Indiana, Somerset, and Washington. The application period for economic injury loan applications expired on 5/19/22.

6/28/22 – North Strabane Township in Washington County issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency due to a landslide that occurred on 4/17/22 within the Majestic Hills neighborhood.

5/11/22 – Bridgewater Borough in Beaver County issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency due to a landslide that occurred on 5/7/22 in the area of 1000 Sharon Road.

4/14/22 – Lower Makefield Township in Bucks County issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency due to a Ransomware cyber-attack affecting township government systems.

3/3/22 - West Mahoning Township in Indiana County issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency due to a structure fire involving the municipal building. The Declaration was extended on 3/17/22 and again on 5/18/22.

2/21/22 – Elected officials from Jenner Township in Somerset County signed a Declaration of Disaster Emergency for the response to the fuel oil spill on Quemahoning Creek.

1/30/22 - Pittsburgh Mayor Ed Gainey signed a Declaration of Disaster Emergency for the City of Pittsburgh in response to the Fern Hollow Bridge collapse.

1/29/22 - Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf signed a Proclamation of Disaster Emergency for Allegheny County in response to the collapse of Fern Hollow Bridge in Pittsburgh.

9/10/21 - The Honorable Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, requested a major disaster declaration from the President through the Federal Emergency
Management Agency to provide additional support for state, county and municipal governments, and individuals affected by the remnants of Hurricane IDA between 8/31/21 and 9/5/21. The declaration includes Individual Assistance to individuals and households in Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, Philadelphia, and York Counties, and assistance under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program in all areas of the Commonwealth. Public Assistance is under review. The President approved the declaration on 9/10/21 under Major Disaster Declaration FEMA-4618-DR. 9/24/21 – Amendment No. 1 designates Bedford and Northampton Counties for Individual Assistance. 10/8/21 – Amendment No. 2 designates Bucks, Chester, and Montgomery Counties for Public Assistance (already designated for Individual Assistance). 10/14/21 – Amendment No. 3 designates Bedford, Philadelphia, and York Counties for Public Assistance (already designated for Individual Assistance). Plus, Fulton, Huntingdon, Luzerne, and Schuylkill Counties for Public Assistance. 10/20/21 – Amendment No. 4 designates Delaware County for Public Assistance (already designated for Individual Assistance), and Dauphin County for Public Assistance.

8/31/21 - The Honorable Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, signed a statewide Proclamation of Disaster Emergency on 8/31/21 in response to severe weather event Hurricane Ida that impacted the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania causing widespread threats of serious flash and riverine flooding and other adverse impacts throughout the Commonwealth.

10/5/20 – The Honorable Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, requested that President Trump declare a major disaster for nine Pennsylvania counties in the wake of devastating flooding caused by Tropical Storm Isaias in August 2020. The request included Berks, Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Lehigh, Monroe, Montgomery, Northampton, and Philadelphia counties.

8/11/20 – A Disaster Declaration was issued for Philadelphia County for events and damages related to Tropical Storm Isaias.

8/4/20 – A Disaster Declaration was issued for Montgomery County for events and damages related to Tropical Storm Isaias.

3/30/20 - Governor Tom Wolf requested a major disaster declaration from the President through the Federal Emergency Management Agency to provide additional support for state, county and municipal governments and certain nonprofits, as well as individuals who are struggling during the COVID-19 outbreak. The request for a major disaster declaration will provide the same emergency protective measures available under the nationwide emergency proclamation; the following Individual Assistance programs: Disaster Unemployment Assistance, Crisis Counseling, Community Disaster Loans, and the Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Program; and Statewide Hazard Mitigation. The President approved the declaration on 3/30/20 under Major Disaster Declaration FEMA-4506-DR.

3/19/20 - A Disaster Declaration was issued for Elk, Mercer, Monroe, Snyder, Somerset, Sullivan, and Susquehanna Counties in response to the COVID – 19 outbreak.

3/18/20 - A Disaster Declaration was issued for Adams, Allegheny, Butler, Clearfield, Forest, Greene, Pike, and Schuylkill Counties in response to the COVID – 19 outbreak.

3/17/20 - A Disaster Declaration was issued for Cambria, Cameron, Clarion, Clinton, Crawford, Cumberland, Fulton, Juniata, Lancaster, Lawrence, Lebanon, Northumberland, Potter, Warren, and Washington Counties in response to the COVID – 19 outbreak.
3/16/20 - A Disaster Declaration was issued for Bedford, Beaver, Blair, Cameron, Carbon, Columbia, Erie, Franklin, Huntington, Indiana, Jefferson, Lackawanna, Lehigh, Lycoming, McKean, Perry, Tioga, Wayne, Wyoming, and York Counties in response to the COVID-19 outbreak.

3/15/20 – A Disaster Declaration was issued for Luzerne County in response to the COVID-19 outbreak.

3/14/20 – A Disaster Declaration was issued for Centre and Westmoreland Counties in response to the COVID-19 outbreak.

3/13/20 – An Emergency Declaration for Public Assistance Emergency Protective Measures was issued on March 13, 2020, for all Pennsylvania counties to cover eligible costs that are directly associated with the Emergency Protective Measures being taken to respond to and protect the residents of Pennsylvania from the COVID-19 virus. The designation is EM-3441.

3/13/20 – A Disaster Declaration was issued for Bradford, Bucks, Dauphin, Fayette, Northampton, and Union Counties in response to the COVID-19 outbreak.

3/12/20 – A Disaster Declaration was issued for Allegheny, Berks, Mifflin, and Montour Counties in response to the COVID-19 outbreak.

3/08/20 – A Disaster Declaration was issued for Montgomery County in response to the COVID-19 outbreak.

03/07/20 – A Disaster Declaration was issued for Delaware County in response to the COVID-19 outbreak.

01/18/19 – The Honorable Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania signed a statewide Proclamation of Disaster Emergency on 01/18/19 due to a severe winter event that is expected to impact the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, causing dangerous winter weather conditions including snow, ice accumulation, and flooding.

11/27/18 – A Major Disaster Declaration was declared on 11/27/18 for severe storms and flooding that occurred 8/10/18 – 8/15/18. Public Assistance (Cat A-G) was approved for Bradford, Columbia, Lackawanna, Lycoming, Montour, Northampton, Schuylkill, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Tioga, and Wyoming Counties. In addition, all areas in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania are eligible for assistance under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. The designation is FEMA-4408-DR.

1/10/18 – The Honorable Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania signed a statewide disaster declaration on 1/10/2018 for the on-going heroin/opioid epidemic. It will enhance state response and increase access to treatment. The declaration is the first-of-its-kind for a public health emergency in Pennsylvania. It will utilize a command center at the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency to track progress and enhance coordination of the health and public safety agencies. The declaration specifies 13 key initiatives that are the culmination of a collaboration between all state agencies, with focus on the departments of Health, Drug and Alcohol Programs, the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency, the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, and the Pennsylvania State Police. On 3/6/18, the governor amended this declaration to include the winter storm that began on 3/6/18.
12/2/16 – A Major Disaster Declaration for Public Assistance (Cat A-G) was declared 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.

CONTIGUOUS STATE EVENTS OF POTENTIAL INTEREST TO PENNSYLVANIA:

Delaware: Normal Operations
Maryland: Normal Operations
New Jersey: Enhanced Monitoring
New York: Normal Operations
Ohio: Normal Operations
West Virginia: Normal Operations

24-Hour Projected Weather Statewide:

National Weather Service, 0425 hours, 6/13/23

A weak area of high pressure over the region should supply fair weather to central and eastern Pennsylvania today. However, a slow-moving low-pressure system over the Great Lakes will likely spread showers and possible thunderstorms into the western part of the Commonwealth late in the day. Highs will range from the upper 60s over the northwest counties, to the upper 70s across the southeast Piedmont.

Showers will spread east across the Commonwealth tonight into early Wednesday, as the low-pressure system tracks across upstate New York. A few lingering showers or thunderstorms will remain possible into Wednesday afternoon. Lows tonight will be mainly in the 50s. Highs Wednesday will range from the low and mid-60s over the north central mountains, to the mid-70s across the southeast Piedmont.

WATCHES AND WARNINGS:

None
TROPICAL WEATHER OUTLOOK:
Tropical cyclone activity is not expected during the next 48 hours.