DATE:  
July 8, 2023

TO:  
The Honorable Josh Shapiro  
Governor  
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

FROM:  
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Director, PA Emergency Management Agency

TIME PERIOD:  
This report covers the period from 0600 hours, July 7, 2023, through 0600 hours, July 8, 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:** None

CAPABILITIES STATUS:

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

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

**Major Road Closures:** I-78 west at mile marker 44, Lehigh County

**Power Outage Reports:** As of 0530 hours, 2,027 customers

**Telephone Outage Reports:** None

**SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:**

**OPEN:**

**VEHICLE ACCIDENT – Lehigh County, 7/8/23** - I-78 west is closed at mile marker 44.0 in Weisenburg Township, due to an overturned box truck carrying household items. The accident happened in a non-active construction zone. There is one injury. No hazardous materials were released. There is a trapped queue of one mile that is being released past the scene. There is a backlog of three-quarters of a mile.

**PRISONER ESCAPE - Warren County, 7/7/23** - Police are searching for a prisoner that escaped from the Warren County Jail in Warren City. The subject is a white male last seen at 2320 hours on 7/6/23 wearing orange and white striped jail issue pants, a white t-shirt, and a blue denim jacket with white lettering on the back – “Warren County Jail.” The subject is believed to be connected to a May homicide in Jamestown, New York and the kidnapping of a Warren couple shortly thereafter.

**BUILDING EXPLOSION – Lancaster County, 7/5/23** – An explosion and fire occurred at the Rapho Township Annex located at 971 North Colebrook Road in Rapho Township when a propane gas heater fell severing the fuel line. The administration building, several maintenance buildings, and some adjacent properties were damaged. There were no injuries or evacuations. Propane leaks were reported from two 1,000-pound tanks but were secured. A 1,000-gallon diesel tank was also there but no leaks were reported. Construction equipment that was on site leaked fluids onto the ground. Lancaster County partially activated their Emergency Operations Center for just under eight and half hours and has since stood down. Municipal operations were moved to a county 911 trailer due to the damage to the administration building. Operations are in the process of being transferred to a temporary workspace at the Mastersonville Volunteer Fire Company in Manheim Township. North Colebrook Road between Hossler and Breneman Roads will be closed for the rest of the week. Rapho Township declared a Disaster Emergency on 7/5/23. At least 10 surrounding structures were damaged in the explosion including several homes. A shelter was opened but has since closed. Several displaced residents were assisted by the American Red Cross.

**ADVERSE WEATHER - Statewide, 7/2/23** – A slow-moving low-pressure system approached from the lower Great Lakes spawning severe thunderstorms with strong winds, possible tornados, and heavy rain causing road closures, power outages, and downed trees/wires across the Commonwealth. Multiple flash flood, tornado, and severe thunderstorm watches and warnings were issued. All watches and warnings were allowed to expire. Perry County reported a swath of damage on a north-south line between the villages of Seven Stars in Juniata County to Nekoda in Perry County. US-11/15, PA-17, and PA-235 were closed in Perry County due to downed trees/wires. The Union County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) activated due to a possible tornado causing damage to multiple barns and a fireworks store in Lewis and Kelly Townships respectively. US-15 was closed in Kelly Township for downed trees/wires. Union County’s EOC has since deactivated. Northumberland County reported that they had a possible tornado touchdown near Milton Borough. There were unknown damages to some buildings and trees/wires down. The National Weather Service (NWS) believes it is the same system that touched down in Union County. They will be
conducting a site visit today 7/3/23, starting in Union County and then moving on to Northumberland County. A possible tornado was reported in Dickson City Borough, Lackawanna County. Emergency Management Agency (EMA) units responded and documented the damage at the scene. It was reported as minor with mostly trees/wires down and missing shingles from roofs. There were no injuries reported and no power outages. The information was shared with NWS who will follow up on 7/3/23 to investigate the matter. CBS News Philadelphia reported a possible tornado, with multiple funnel clouds, touched down in New London Township, Chester County around 1945 hours the evening of 7/2/23. The County 911 Center received no damage calls. NWS will not conduct a site visit due to the lack of damage evidence. Dauphin County reported numerous trees and wires down in Upper Dauphin County. PPL also showed 677 customers without power in that area, but all have been restored except for one customer. No additional reports of damage have been reported. All storm-related road closures are open. Power outages were currently at 5,059 and continued to decline. NWS State College confirmed an EF1 tornado in West Buffalo Township and an EF1 in Lewis Township, Union County. An EF0 tornado was confirmed in the Millersburg area in Dauphin County. NWS Binghamton confirmed an EF0 tornado outside Dickson City Borough, Lackawanna County.

**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) was requested to assist with traffic control at the exits of US-422 to Penn Avenue and at the intersection of Penn and 4th Avenues. The county Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was at an enhanced level. They stood down at 0130 hours this morning. On 3/25/23, five apartments at Penn Avenue and 2nd Street were deemed uninhabitable. The American Red Cross is assisting the residents and reported there is no need for a shelter. Search efforts have been completed. PATF-1 has demobilized and departed for home base. Both eastbound and westbound lanes of Penn Avenue and the off ramps from US-422 eastbound and westbound reopened. On 3/28/23, the National Transportation Safety Board opened an investigation into the explosion and fire. On 6/28/23, the Small Business Administration issued a notice of an Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) declaration.

**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 contaminates 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. EPA Region 5 conducted an information session focused on surface water on Thursday, May 11, at the Way Station and First United Presbyterian Church in East Palestine. As of 6/27/23, excavation underneath Pleasant Drive is complete, and the roadway will be opened for traffic on 6/28/23. Contamination underneath the north and south tracks was removed, and both tracks are fully operational. Activities are ongoing.

Closed:

MISSING ENDANGEROSED PERSON ADVISORY (MEPA) – Allegheny County, 7/7/23 – A MEPA was issued for a one-year-old black female, 30 inches tall, 25 pounds, with brown hair and brown eyes. She was last seen with a 27-year-old black male, five feet four inches tall, 160 pounds, with black hair and brown eyes. Both were last seen in the area of Keeport...
Drive in the Borough of Baldwin at approximately 1800 hours on 7/6/23. The child was found safe.

**GAS LINE STRUCK – Somerset County, 7/7/23** - A contractor digging a trench struck a main gas line at the intersection of South Center Avenue and East Patriot Street in Somerset Borough across from UPMC Somerset Hospital. There was a large release of gas and a shelter in place order was issued for the immediate vicinity. Fire personnel in the hospital reported an odor of gas on the fourth floor, and the facility shut down their air handlers. There was no evacuation of the hospital, but the emergency room entrance was closed for approximately 20 minutes. Columbia Gas shut down the gas line. Fire personnel continued to monitor the air inside of the hospital. The hospital reactivated their air handlers after 30 minutes and resumed normal operations.

**ROAD CLOSURE – Monroe County, 7/7/23** - PA-33 north was closed at mile marker 20.5 in Hamilton Township due to a crash involving an overturned camper and a box truck. There was a second accident at mile marker 19.1 involving a tractor trailer and a SUV in an inactive work zone, and a third accident at mile marker 13.1. One injury was reported. The trapped queue was released after two hours. A detour was established with a one and three-quarter mile backlog. The road reopened after three hours.

**POWER OUTAGE – Fayette County, 7/7/23** - A passenger vehicle struck a pole at 241 S. Mount Vernon Street in Uniontown City causing a power outage in the area. Uniontown Hospital located at 500 W. Berkeley Street reported that they were operating on generator power and had no unmet needs. Commercial power was restored to the hospital after three and a half hours, and to the affected area after seven and a half hours.

**TRAIN DERAILMENT – McKean County, 7/4/23** – A Buffalo and Pittsburgh Railroad train had three to four coal cars derail at the Center Street crossing in Mount Jewett Borough. The cars remained upright, and no hazardous materials release was reported. The cars were rerailed and the crossing damage repaired on 7/7/23.

**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 with hazardous materials that rolled over. 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 was unknown due to product leaking and not being able to get close enough to evaluate the truck. McCutchen was hired as the cleanup contractor and worked with the local hazmat team to evaluate the scene. Units contained the spill at the catch basin between County Line and Blue Spruce Roads. Crews worked to determine if a waterway was impacted and if the 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 have used the shelter. By the evening of 6/6/23, US-22 had reopened 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 continued. On 6/13/23, the county reported that most of the contaminated soil has been removed. Several trees and stumps that were affected by the incident needed to be ground out and removed. McCutchen's flush of the culvert pipe produced good downstream results. Mitigation moved into the final phase of cleanup. On 6/23/23, the
county reported that the trees and stumps had been removed and landscaping work was in progress. Restoration of the area was completed on 7/7/23.

**DISASTER DECLARATIONS:**

7/5/23 - Rapho Township, Lancaster County issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency on 7/5/23 due to an explosion at the Rapho Township Municipal Complex.

6/28/23 - U.S. Small Business Administration issued a notice of an Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) declaration, #17973 for the R.M. Palmer Company Factory Explosion that occurred on 3/24/23. The primary county affected is Berks, and the contiguous counties affected are Chester, Lancaster, Lebanon, Lehigh, Montgomery, and Schuylkill. The loan application deadline date is 3/28/24.

6/16/23 – West Cain Township, Chester County issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency due to adverse weather and storm damage throughout the township on 6/16/23.

6/12/23 - 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 5/19/23.

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 ongoing 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:** Normal Operations
- **New York:** Normal Operations
- **Ohio:** Normal Operations
- **West Virginia:** Normal Operations

**24-Hour Projected Weather Statewide:**
National Weather Service, 0552 hours, 7/8/23

A ridge of high pressure and deep layer of dry air in the low to mid-levels will slide east across Pennsylvania today, bringing sunshine dimmed by high clouds at times, light wind, near to slightly above normal temperatures and lower relative humidity than recent days.

High temperatures this afternoon will range from the upper 70s across the northern mountains and the Laurel Highlands to the upper 80s across the southeastern Piedmont.

Increasing moisture ahead of a slow-moving cold front approaching from the Ohio Valley and along a stalled-out boundary over southeastern Pennsylvania will bring several rounds of showers and thunderstorms late tonight and Sunday, lasting into Sunday night. Some of the storms will contain briefly very heavy rain and strong gusty winds.

Locations that receive two or more thunderstorms tracking over the same area could experience excessive rainfall amounts of over two inches in an hour, leading to flooding of some low-lying areas and small streams.

**WATCHES AND WARNINGS:**

None

**TROPICAL WEATHER OUTLOOK:**
Tropical cyclone activity is not expected during the next 48 hours.