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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

DATE:
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TO:
The Honorable Josh Shapiro
Governor
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

FROM:
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TIME PERIOD:
This report covers the period from 0600 hours, November 13, 2023, through 0600 hours, November 14, 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: None
Power Outage Reports: As of 0530 hours, 30 customers
Telephone Outage Reports: None

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

OPEN:

MISSING ENDANGERED PERSON ADVISORY (MEPA) – Warren County, NJ, 11/7/23 – A MEPA was issued for a 67-year-old white female described as five feet four inches tall, 95 pounds, with very long black hair and gray/green eyes. She was last seen in the area of Appian Way near Sullivan Trail, Forks Township, and Northampton County on 11-06-23 at approximately 2100 hours. Police believe this person may be at special risk of harm or injury or may be confused.

WILDFIRE – McKean County, 11/7/23 - A twenty-acre forest fire occurred on 11/6/23 in the Sugar Bay Area of the Allegheny National Forest in Corydon Township. McKean and Warren Counties, along with Allegheny National Forest firefighters, battled the blaze until they were recalled due to darkness and inclement weather. Units returned to the area on 11/7/23 and found the fire had grown to approximately 75 acres. Access to the fire is limited with firefighters being transported into the area by boat. The National Interagency Fire Center (NIFC) has named the incident as the Sugar Bay Incident. The fire was 90% contained as of 11/8/23. Units will be monitoring for the next two days from the boat launch nearby. They will evaluate and update the status on Monday. The area suffered from gypsy moth defoliation, the trees that are burning are down trees. Standing Timber is not burning.

COMMERCIAL STRUCTURE FIRE – Berks County, 10/31/23 – A PA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Emergency Responder was dispatched to 600 South 9th Street, City of Reading. They confirmed approximately 100 55-gallon drums of various chemicals, mostly unknown, are at the location. They noted there is evidence of past release, but none of recent or ongoing release. DEP will follow-up with property owner for cleanup. 11/1/23 - PA DEP has forwarded this incident along to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to take over the site. EPA will be working with their contractors to assess the site and remove the materials. On 11/2/23, the Reading Fire Department (RFD) was dispatched to the scene for a report of a fire. Upon arrival, RFD reported heavy fire on the third floor and requested a second alarm. Per NRC report # 1383327, the fire is causing a release of Hydrogen Peroxide, Formaldehyde, Citric Acid, and other unknown chemicals from drums at the abandoned chemical distribution facility. Berks County sent out a Shelter in Place Order through the media from Laurel Street to Rockland Street and 5th Street to 13th Street. This area contains one hospital, 14 schools and has a population estimated at 59,649 per GIS. The Shelter in Place Order was lifted in just over an hour and a half and residents were instructed to avoid the area due to firefighting operations. PA DEP reported, the EPA and PA DEP evaluated the site from the exterior of the building. Run-off has impacted both storm and sanitary sewer systems. The sewage treatment plant was notified as well as the Pottstown drinking water intake. Run-off was observed to be discolored and foamy. After discussing further actions with Reading Fire, the building has been deemed too unstable to enter at this time. They will be bringing in heavy machinery to tear down sections of the building. This will take several hours. PA DEP and EPA will meet back at the site at 0800 on 11/3/23. It's anticipated that at that time an assessment of the interior will be able to be completed. In the early morning hours of 11/3/23, part of the building collapsed due to the fire, so no one can evaluate the chemicals in the basement until the structure is deemed stable. The EPA is

sending a mobile lab to analyze the chemicals when it is safe to do so. In addition, they are sending a Criminal Enforcement section to investigate the matter. PA DEP South Central Emergency Response is going to be onsite while there is a threat to the waterway or surrounding community. AS of 11/7/23, PA DEP continues to monitor the outfall to the Schuylkill River, with booms in place to catch additional materials. The US EPA estimates up to 150 containers, including drums, totes, and buckets, in the building with unknown contents. They expect the cleanup operation to run for several weeks while container contents are identified and sorted prior to disposal.

EAST DUNKARD WATER AUTHORITY TREATMENT PLANT FAILURE – Greene County, 10/28/2023 - East Dunkard Water Authority, 2790 South Eighty-Eight Road, Dunkard Township, has experienced a failure at their water treatment facility and stopped producing water as of Sunday, October 22, 2023. The Authority services 1,650 customers in Dunkard, Greene, and portions of Monongahela, Cumberland, Perry, & Whiteley Townships in Greene County, PA. The Authority has been working to restart the facility but have been unable to do so. The Authority has placed water tanks throughout the Dunkard Township area for residents to obtain five gallons of water per day/per residence. Bottled drinking water is also being supplied. The Authority's water system failure is impacting basic sanitation needs, fire protection, and some livestock water supplies. Greene County EMA has coordinated with the treatment facility and developed a plan to start restoring water to the system. There is an established connection to the Southwestern PA Water Authority that can be utilized to start supplying water to the East Dunkard system. The East Dunkard Water Authority is requesting an emergency permit from DEP to open this connection. 10/28/23 - The connection from Southwestern PA Water Authority is working and filling the #2 tank. The #1 tank is being filled by East Dunkard's plant. The tanks are filling slowly because customers are using almost as much water as they are producing at this time. The issue has stabilized, and meetings will be conduct sometime next week.

FAIRCHANCE BOROUGH DAM ISSUES - Fayette County, 9/21/23 - On Wednesday September 13, 2023, the Fayette County Department of Emergency Management was notified of an issue dealing with two dams that are owned by the Borough of Fairchance and are in the adjacent Georges Township. These dams received a notice of violations from the PA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Bureau of Dam Safety. Efforts are underway to correct these violations. The Borough of Fairchance submitted a Declaration of Disaster Emergency to expedite the process of making the necessary corrections. Fayette County will continue to monitor the progress on rectifying the situation with both systems. A Fayette County DEM dewatering pump was deployed to the borough to assist with drawdown attempts. On 10/4/23, Fayette County DEM reported that the Askon Hollow Dam was drained, and they were able to make repairs on the valve assembly. As of 10/13/23, both dams have been drained down and mitigation solutions are being researched. As of 10/30/23, all county-owned resources have been returned to the county. The project is moving into mitigation and the municipal engineers are working on the mitigation funding identification, project scope of work, and all necessary elements moving forward.

MANDATORY WATER RESTRICTIONS – York County, 9/15/23 - The York Water Company implemented mandatory water use restrictions beginning on 9/15/2023 due to drought conditions in their watershed. Last week, the York Water Company began pumping 12 million gallons daily from the Susquehanna River; however, reservoir levels continue to drop. This affects 200,000 customers in 54 municipalities in York, Adams, and Franklin Counties.

PHONE OUTAGE – Monroe County, 9/12/23 - Due to a suspected lightning strike during storms on 9/11/23, a power outage occurred at the Monroe County Courthouse in Hamilton

Township. After the initial inspection on 9/11/23, it was determined that the issue was not related to service from PPL and was within the three-phase system within the courthouse. On 9/12/23, it was determined that the transformer servicing the courthouse sustained significant damage and a temporary transformer will be installed. Due to phone issues in Monroe County, the following locations were affected. The County Courthouse, County Jail, Coroner's Office, County OEM, and partially the County 911. County 911 operated on their backups. As of Tuesday evening, network access to the Snydersville Complex (Monroe County Public Safety Center, Monroe County Correctional Facility, and Monroe County Coroner's Office) was restored. The courthouse was closed on 9/13/23 and a truck-mounted generator and temporary transformer were installed. On 9/14/23, power was restored to parts of the courthouse.

ADVERSE WEATHER – Statewide, 9/7/23 - A slow-moving cold front moved across the Commonwealth from west to east spawning severe thunderstorms with heavy rain and strong winds. Severe Thunderstorm Watches/Warnings were issued and have all expired. Luzerne, Monroe, and Wyoming counties activated their Emergency Operations Centers (EOCs) to enhanced operations. A downed tree and power lines triggered a fire that damaged fiber-optic cables between Bloomsburg and Philadelphia causing partial or complete loss of 911 systems to more than a dozen counties. Repairs to the fiber-optic cables are delayed due to the downed tree and power lines blocking access. Several counties issued Emergency Alert System (EAS) messages advising residents to report to their local fire or emergency medical services (EMS) stations to report emergencies, others were able to have their calls transferred to other counties. Monroe and Susquehanna Counties 911 Centers reported they have returned to normal operations. Monroe and Luzerne County EOCs have deactivated, and Wyoming County remains at enhanced operations. Power outages peaked at over 84,000. On 9/8/23, the fiber-optic cable was repaired, and service was restored to the affected 911 systems. On 9/9/23, a slow-moving frontal boundary remained over Pennsylvania resulting in severe thunderstorms and heavy downpours during the afternoon and evening hours. The Luzerne County EOC and several municipalities activated in response to flooding. A State of Emergency was declared in Dallas Borough and Dallas Township. Lackawanna County reported significant flooding in the Abington area especially in the area of Northern Boulevard (US-11). One fatality occurred when an individual was swept under a vehicle by flash flooding. A car was on a bridge on Falls Road in Newton Township, Lackawanna County when the bridge collapsed. Three of the occupants of the car were transported as trauma patients to a local hospital where their condition is unknown. While fire crews were checking flooded residences on Merrifield Avenue this morning, they received high natural gas readings at a residence. Approximately 60 residents within 330 feet of the residence were also evacuated to the shelter at the high school. Disaster Declarations were issued in Falls and Exeter Townships, Wyoming County due to flooding. Multiple water rescues were reported in Lackawanna, Luzerne, and Wyoming Counties. Lackawanna County reports that all the gas leaks on Merrifield Avenue have been secured by the gas company. Overfield Township in Wyoming County issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency. PA-438 was closed due to flooding from the intersection of PA-407 to the intersection of Colvin Road in Benton Township, Lackawanna County. Lackawanna County reports the shelter set up at West Scranton High School is still open. There are about 60 persons from the Merrifield Avenue area in Scranton City still there. Lackawanna County issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency. Flash Flood Warnings for Bucks, Montgomery, and Philadelphia Counties expired at 2100 hours on 9/10/23. Wyoming County issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency for the 9/9/23 Flash Flooding Event. The following municipalities in Wyoming County have also issued Declarations of Disaster Emergency: Factoryville Borough, Northmoreland Township, Exeter Township, Overfield Township, and Falls Township. Township Road and Oak Drive in Falls Township is closed for emergency bridge work near the intersection of PA-307. Emergency Repairs are underway by Falls Township. Fire Police and EMS have been notified of the situation. A Multi-Agency

Resource Center (MARC) was held from 9/21/23 – 9/23/23 in the auxiliary building of the Chinchilla Hose Company in South Abington Township, Lackawanna County for victims of the severe weather that occurred on 9/9/23. All county EOCs and shelters have closed. Recovery operations are on-going.

TRAIN VS TRACTOR TRAILER – Somerset County, 8/23/23 - A CSX freight train (L10023) struck a tri-axle truck hauling a trailered bulldozer at Cottage Lane and Carpenters Park Road in Paint Township (Windber). The locomotive had a 2,000-gallon fuel tank that was nearly full when the collision occurred. The tank was slit down the side releasing fuel oil down the right of way and eventually into the Stonycreek River. Two injured CSX employees were transported to local hospitals for treatment. PA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and PA Fish and Boat Commission (FBC) responded. No fish kills were reported. CSX submitted NRC # 1377002. The leak at the tank was stopped and the river was boomed. Fuel was transferred out of the locomotive tank until they ran out of drums. Downstream notifications were made to Cambria County, including two nurseries. The PA FBC notified recreational groups that use the river. The road remains closed in the area. SPSI is the cleanup contractor, and on 8/24/23, they added hard boom around the soft boomed area below the locomotive, replaced the absorbents twice, and placed a second hard boom across the river at the bridge. As of 8/30/23, after rains overnight the right of way for mitigation efforts held. SPSI is scheduled to vacuum the collection area on 9/1/23; and remove the hard and absorbent boom from across the river. This will reopen the river for recreation. A semi-circle will remain with additional hard booms and buoys to create a buffer zone for the recreational vessels navigating nearby. Local recreational clubs and Cambria County were notified to allow nurseries to pull water from Stonycreek River. The roadway remains closed but that is because of another scheduled project that is occurring in the area. On 9/8/23, a 15-day report is being prepared by CSX to submit to PA DEP. Excavating the track ballast may compromise the integrity of the stream bank and track ballast and would close the track for an extended period. SPSI is looking at other options to facilitate the collection of fuel. PA DEP recommended discussions with their Clean Water Program as it would directly relate to the absorbent and collection booms that are being deployed at this time. The track remains closed. As of 9/21/23 - the terrain is not conducive to an interceptor trench and excavation is not considered an alternative. ARCADIS/SPSI looking to potentially flushing the soil with water. As of 11/3/2023, SPSI had been periodically replacing out the absorbents in the Stonycreek River during the month of October. SPSI was waiting on rain to flush the fuel to the absorbents however there was little rain in the last month to achieve this goal. On 11/2-3/23, SPSI utilized a vacuum to remove 4" of the contaminated rock/soil along the track and ballast. They will replace all of it with new rock. SPSI is also planning to flush the embankment on their own to the absorbents. The PFBC and DEP were both on-site during this recent remediation operation.

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. 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. On 2/6/23, all 20 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 the evacuation of farm animals from Kindred Spirits Rescue Farm. The recommended evacuation zone remained at one mile. 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. 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. 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. 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. 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 continued 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 began 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 continued 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 collected soil samples with representatives from the EPA 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 were expected to be released into the air. Air monitoring was 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 supported another East Palestine Community

Resource Fair this Thursday at the East Palestine High School. Beaver County coordinated a separate Community Resource Fair for Pennsylvania residents for the following week which the state agencies supported. U.S. Senator Bob Casey completed a quick tour and talk at the Health Resource Center Monday morning. A Norfolk Southern contracted company sampled 16 private wells in Pennsylvania. DEP sampled 27 private wells in the area as of Monday with more sampling expected 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 excavation of the soil at the south tracks of the derailment site was mostly complete. As of 3/13/23, Norfolk Southern was 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 was still in the planning process. As of 3/16/23, the excavation of the soil at the south tracks of the derailment site was completed. The Health Resource Center (HRC) completed its final daily operational period at 1400, 3/16/23. The HRC moved to operations on Thursdays beginning 3/23/23. Excavation of the north track and removal of contaminated soil and water continued. OSHA 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 was complete, and the roadway was opened for traffic on 6/28/23. Contamination underneath the north and south tracks was removed, and both tracks are fully operational. As of 7/11/23, surface and ground water sampling plans for the remainder of the cleanup have been approved by EPA. In addition, gravel was laid on the turnaround on East Martin Street in preparation for asphalt to help control erosion and dust. A site storm water inspection was conducted, and additional storm water controls were put into place to improve the existing storm water management plan. EPA hosted a site progress information session on 7/20/23 at the First United Presbyterian Church in East Palestine. Activities are ongoing. As of 7/31/23, Norfolk Southern offered help with indoor cleaning for homes and business for those within the one-to-two-mile Ohio-Pennsylvania evacuation zone.

CLOSED:

ROAD CLOSURE – York County, 11/14/23 - Police responded for reports of nails and screws on the roadway of US Route 30 westbound in Springettsbury Township. The westbound lanes were closed for clean-up. PennDOT and local fire police were on scene. There was no trapped queue and traffic was detoured off at the Hallam Exit. The roadway reopened after three hours.

MASS CASUALTY INCIDENT / ROAD CLOSURE – Chester County, 11/13/23 - A vehicle struck a tractor trailer during a police pursuit on Route 100 between Route 113 and Worthington Drive in Uwchlan Township, Chester County. This has been declared a Mass Casualty Incident by the County and five individuals were transported to Paoli Hospital. Fire police are closing Route 100 in both directions between Route 113 and Worthington Drive. This is not limited access but is a PA 511 Route in this area. No HAZMAT was reported. One northbound lane opened after four hours. All lanes reopened after six hours.

SCHOOL VAN CRASH – Westmoreland County, 11/13/23 - A two vehicle accident involving a school van from Frazier School District from Fayette County occurred at 6602

Route 819 in East Huntingdon Township, Westmoreland County. EMS on scene reported three student patients transported to Frick Hospital. The driver was extricated and transported to Forbes Hospital**.**

2023 PENNSYLVANIA GENERAL ELECTION – Statewide, 11/7/23 - The Pennsylvania General Election was conducted on Tuesday, November 7, 2023. Polls opened at 0700 hours and closed at 2000 hours with the exception of Radnor Ward 2, Precincts 1 and 3, in Radnor Township, Delaware County, which were open until 2100 hours by court order due to the polling place being moved to the Radnor Elementary School. The Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency Commonwealth Response Coordination Center (CRCC) activated at 0630 hours to a limited-partial status with some agency representatives to maintain situational awareness for incidents and events that might have had the potential to affect elections operations, impede access to polling stations, impact collection counting, or affect a Commonwealth citizen's right to vote. Several counties activated at various levels to monitor incidents within their jurisdictions during the day. The CRCC deactivated at 2200 hours on 11/7/23. Incident is closed.

BOMB THREATS – Statewide, 10/13/23 - Numerous synagogues across the Commonwealth received anonymous bomb threats by email. Police investigated a threat at the Congregation Beth El located at 249 Arch Street Sunbury City, Northumberland County. A two-block radius around the synagogue was evacuated to the Shikellamy High School auditorium. Police found all of the threats to be unfounded. Harrisburg City Police in Dauphin County found a suspicious package at the Alexander Grass Campus for Jewish Life, 2986 N. 2nd Street; the bomb squad determined the package contained bags of sand. Incident closed.

MISSING ENDANGERED PERSON ADVISORY (MEPA) – Wayne County, 9/3/23 - A MEPA was issued for a 68-year-old, white male, last seen in the area of Cherrywood Drive in Sterling Township at approximately 1100 hours on 09/03/23. He is described as five feet ten inches tall, 150 pounds, white hair, and brown eyes. He was wearing glasses, a white t-shirt with a yellow/orange circle and a Corvette on the front, navy blue shorts and navy-blue New Balance sneakers. Police believe this person may be at special risk of harm or injury or may be confused. On 9/5/23, the Civil Air Patrol (CAP), the Northeast Regional Task Force Incident Support Team, and multiple counties assisted with the search by providing resources and personnel. The search was suspended for the night and was scheduled to resume on the morning of Wednesday, 9/6/23, at 0800 hours. All search details were suspended due to incoming adverse weather. It is unknown if further searches will be conducted. The Air Force Rescue Coordination Center (AFRCC) has closed out the mission for CAP. Incident closed.

DISASTER DECLARATIONS:

9/25/23 – Blawnox Borough, Allegheny County has issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency due to a water main break and damages to Freeport Road.

9/23/23 – Oxford Borough, Chester County has issued a Continuation of the Declaration of Disaster Emergency due to the multi-building structure fire on 9/13/23.

9/19/23 – Fairchance Borough, Fayette County issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency due to a dam issue that has caused or threatens to cause injury, damage, and suffering to the persons and property of Fairchance Borough on or about 9/19/23.

9/14/23 – Northmoreland Township, Wyoming County issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency due to flooding on 9/9/23.

9/14/23 – Factoryville Borough, Wyoming County issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency due to flooding on 9/9/23.

9/14/23 – Oxford Borough, Chester County has issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency due to the multi-building structure fire on 9/13/23.

09/13/23 – Wyoming County has issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency due to the Flash Flooding event that occurred on 9/9/23.

9/13/23 – Clifford Township, Susquehanna County issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency due to adverse weather on 8/18/23.

9/11/23 – Mehoopany Township, Wyoming County, issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency due to flooding on 8/18/23.

9/10/23 – Overfield Township, Wyoming County issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency due to flooding on 9/9/23.

9/10/23 – Lackawanna County has issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency due to the severe thunderstorms and flooding of 9/9/23 through 9/10/23.

9/9/23 – Exeter Township, Wyoming County, issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency due to flooding on 9/9/23.

9/9/23 – Falls Township, Wyoming County, issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency due to flooding on 9/9/23.

09/06/23 – Wyoming County has issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency due to the Flash Flooding event that occurred on 8/18/23.

08/24/23 – Forest Lake Township, Susquehanna County, issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency due to adverse weather on 8/18/23.

08/23/23 – New Milford Township, Susquehanna County, issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency due to adverse weather on 8/18/23.

08/23/23 – Harford Township, Susquehanna County, issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency due to adverse weather on 8/18/23.

08/23/23 – Susquehanna Depot Borough, Susquehanna County, issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency due to adverse weather on 8/18/23.

08/19/23 - Forkston Township, Wyoming County has issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency due to adverse weather on 8/18/23.

08/18/23 – Rush Township, Susquehanna County, issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency due to adverse weather on 8/18/23.

08/18/23 – Susquehanna County issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency due to adverse weather on 8/18/23.

8/14/23 – Plum Borough, Allegheny County, issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency due to a house explosion on 8/13/23.

8/9/23 – Concord Township, Delaware County, issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency due to adverse weather on 8/7/23.

8/8/23 – Chadds Ford Township, Delaware County, issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency due to adverse weather on 8/7/23. It was renewed for another seven days on 8/14/23.

8/8/23 – York County issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency due to adverse weather on 8/7/23.

7/24/23 – Forks Township, Northampton County, issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency due to flooding on 7/16/23.

7/17/23 - Washington Township, Northampton County issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency due to flooding on 7/16/23.

7/17/23 – Bucks County issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency for adverse weather on 7/16/23.

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 Caln 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.

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.

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.

3/13/20 – 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.

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.

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, 0501 hours, 11/14/23

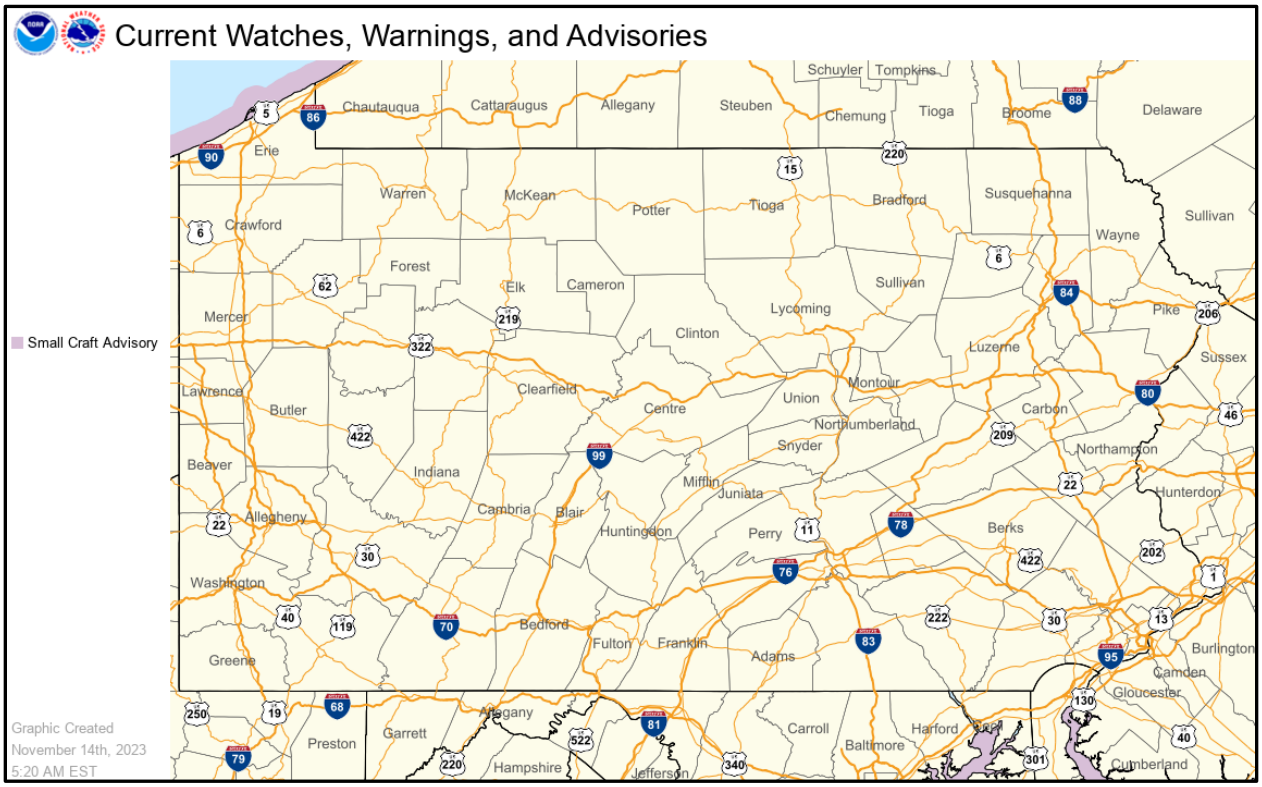
Morning clouds across the north this morning will give way to a mostly sunny afternoon. Northwest winds will be breezy once again. High temperatures will be in the 40s and 50s.

Clear skies and light winds will lead to rapid cooling overnight, with low temperatures in the 20s for most of the Commonwealth. Patchy fog is possible in the Susquehanna Valley and widespread frost is expected Wednesday morning.

Conditions will remain dry as warmer weather moves in for the Wednesday through Friday period, with highs climbing into the mid-50s to lower 60s. Rain showers are likely ahead of a cold front Friday and Friday night. Gusty winds on Friday will precede a cooler weekend with scattered lake effect rain/snow on Sunday.

WATCHES AND WARNINGS:

None



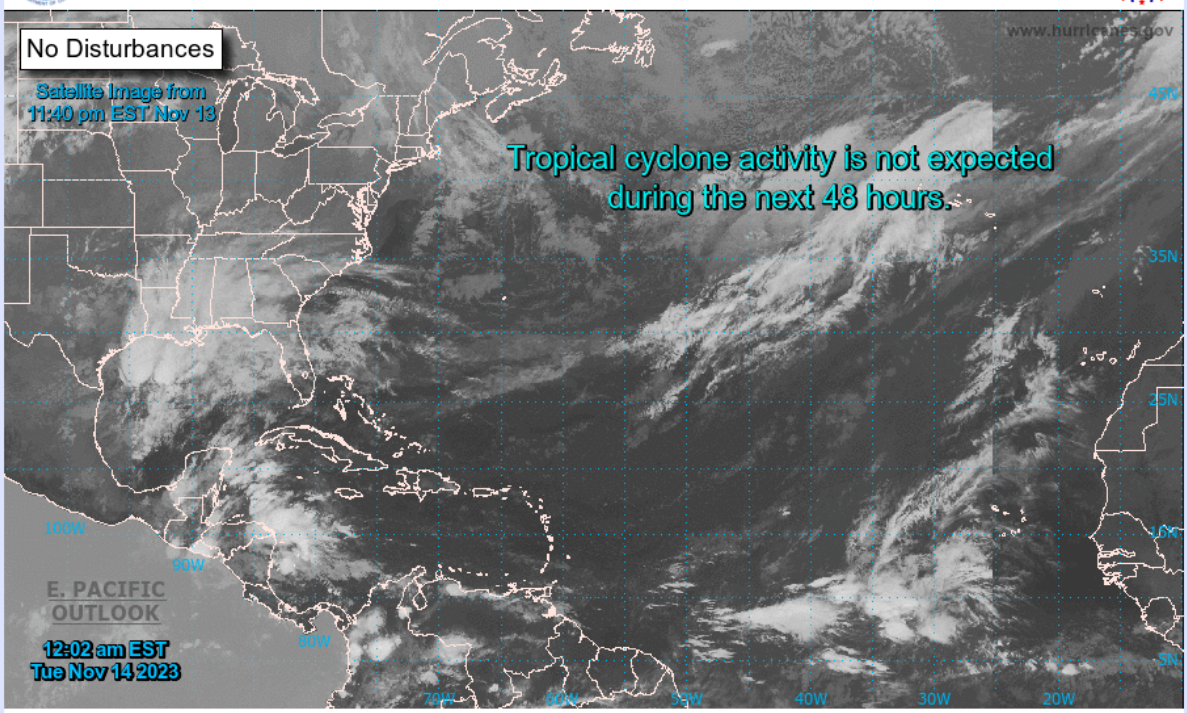
TROPICAL WEATHER OUTLOOK:

Central Pacific	Eastern Pacific	Atlantic

Disturbances: None

Two-Day Graphical Tropical Weather Outlook

National Hurricane Center Miami, Florida



Current Disturbances and Two-Day Cyclone Formation Chance: < 40% 40-60% > 60%

Tropical or Sub-Tropical Cyclone: Depression Storm Hurricane

Post-Tropical Cyclone or Remnants

View 7-Day Graphical Tropical Weather Outlook