



OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

DATE:

January 15, 2017

TO:

The Honorable Tom Wolf
Governor
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

FROM:

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TIME PERIOD:

This report covers the period 0600 hours, January 14, 2017, through 0600 hours, January 15, 2017.

STATUS REPORT: (as of 0600 hours)

THREAT STATUS:

National Terrorism Advisory System:

There are no current alerts.

CRCC STATUS:

Commonwealth Resource Coordination Center (CRCC) Activation: None

County EOC Activations: None

CAPABILITIES STATUS:

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

PA-Task Force 1 (PA-TF1) – Urban Search & Rescue – Mission Capable

PA-Task Force 2 (PA-TF2) - Search & Rescue - Mission Capable

INFRASTRUCTURE STATUS:

Major Road Closures: None
Power Outage Reports: As of 0520 hours, 125 customers
Telephone Outage Reports: 263 - Sullivan

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

OPEN:

CREEK WALL COLLAPSE – Luzerne County, 12/09/16 – Approximately 50 feet of wall from the side of Solomon’s Creek collapsed in the area of 76 Brooke Street in Wilkes-Barre City. A site visit was conducted on 12/16 with the Army Corps of Engineers who offered technical assistance regarding needed repairs and how to get the flood risk management project into their Rehabilitation and Inspection Program. They also offered measures to take in the interim to reduce risk at the site. Governor Wolf has committed state funding to assist with the repairs. Emergency repairs to the collapsed section of the wall will begin next Tuesday (1/17/17). This is a temporary remedy to secure the site until the design and permit process is completed to permanently restore the creek walls. The project is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

ADVERSE WEATHER – Statewide, 10/21/16 – Heavy rain over a short time resulted in flash flooding in numerous north central counties. Preliminary estimates from Centre, Lycoming and Sullivan counties indicate damage in the range between \$10 and \$14 million. On November 17, the Governor of Pennsylvania requested a Major Disaster Declaration for Public Assistance (Cat A-G) for four counties and Hazard Mitigation statewide due to severe storms and flooding that occurred. On November 21, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) approved disaster assistance for Centre and Lycoming counties, as well as the contiguous counties of Blair, Bradford, Clearfield, Clinton, Columbia, Huntingdon, Mifflin, Montour, Northumberland, Potter, Sullivan, Tioga, and Union. A Major Disaster Declaration for Public Assistance (Cat A-G) was received on December 2, 2016 for Bradford, Centre, Lycoming and Sullivan counties. In addition, all areas in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania are eligible for assistance under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. The Disaster Loan Outreach Centers (DLOC) in both Centre and Lycoming Counties are now closed.

CLOSED:

TRAIN CAR DERAILMENT – Beaver County, 1/13/17 - Norfolk Southern Rail reported a four car train derailment at the Conway Yard (Mile Post EC-23) in Conway Borough. One ton of soybean was spilled onto the ballasts. There were no injuries, water sources affected, or major train traffic disruptions. Clean up and repairs are complete.

FLOODING – Erie County, 1/12/17 - Corry School District conducted an early dismissal of all grades due to flooding. Several roads in the district were impassible. The district brought in resources from other schools to assist with temporarily sheltering students. Students were transported to their homes or to other locations where they were picked up by their parents. All roads to the school are now open.

DISASTER DECLARATIONS:

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.

11/21/16 - The U.S. Small Business Administration issued SBA disaster declarations (#14987 and #14988) for Centre and Lycoming counties for damages during the severe flooding event on 10/21/16. In addition, contiguous counties of Blair, Bradford, Clearfield,

Clinton, Columbia, Huntingdon, Mifflin, Montour, Northumberland, Potter, Sullivan, Tioga, and Union counties are also eligible. The effective date is 11/18/16 and termination date for applications is 01/17/17. Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) application termination date is 8/18/17.

9/20/16 - The U.S. Small Business Administration issued SBA disaster declarations (#14857 and #14858) for Fayette, Greene, Somerset, Westmoreland, and Washington counties for damages during the flash flooding event on 8/28/16. The effective date is 9/20/16 and termination date for applications is 11/21/16. Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) application termination date is 6/20/17.

7/19/2016 – The U.S. Small Business Administration issued a SBA disaster declaration for Fayette, Greene, Somerset, Washington and Westmoreland counties for damages during the flooding event on June 17, 2016. The effective date is 7/19/16 and termination date for applications for Disaster Home Loans and Disaster Business Loans has passed. Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) application termination date is 4/19/17.

3/23/16 - The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency announced that federal disaster aid has been made available to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to supplement commonwealth and local recovery efforts in the area affected by the severe winter storm which occurred January 22-23, 2016. The designation is FEMA-4267-DR.

CONTIGUOUS STATE EVENTS OF POTENTIAL INTEREST TO PENNSYLVANIA:

Delaware:	No significant events at this time.
Maryland:	No significant events at this time.
New Jersey:	No significant events at this time.
New York:	No significant events at this time.
Ohio:	No significant events at this time.
West Virginia:	No significant events at this time.

24-hour Projected Weather Statewide:

National Weather Service, 0544 hours, 01/15/17

Clear to partly cloudy skies will cover much of the region this morning, before a veil of high clouds streams east into Pennsylvania and dims or even hides the sun at times this afternoon.

Temperatures to start the day will range from the mid and upper teens near the New York border, to around 30 degrees in the southern tier valleys.

Highs this afternoon will range from 30 to 35 degrees across the northern mountains to the upper 30s and low 40s in the south.

Plenty of high clouds will blanket the state tonight. Low temperatures at daybreak Monday will vary from the mid and upper teens across the north to the mid-20s near the Mason-Dixon Line.

A gradual lowering and thickening of the cloud deck will occur during the day Monday, with possibly a few light showers drifting into the Laurel Highlands region late in the afternoon.

The high temperature Monday will be mainly in the upper 30s to lower 40s throughout much of Central Pennsylvania and in the mid-40s over the southeast and southwest corners of the state.

WATCHES AND WARNINGS:

A flood warning is in effect in Warren County until 0100, 01/16/17.

