DATE: February 11, 2017

TO: The Honorable Tom Wolf
Governor
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

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TIME PERIOD:
This report covers the period 0600 hours, February 10, 2017, through 0600 hours, February 11, 2017.

STATUS REPORT: (as of 0600 hours)

THREAT STATUS:

National Terrorism Advisory System:
There are no current alerts.

CRCC STATUS: None

Commonwealth Resource Coordination Center (CRCC) Activation: None

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

INFRASTRUCTURE STATUS:

Major Road Closures: I-80 EB at MM 83 in Pine Creek Township, Jefferson Co.
Power Outage Reports: As of 0511 hours, 33 customers
Telephone Outage Reports: None
SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

OPEN:

ROAD CLOSURE – Jefferson County, 2/11/17 - Interstate 80 eastbound is closed near Mile Marker 83 in Pine Township, due to an accident involving two tractor trailers. The one trailer was hauling eighty, 55 gallon drums of Magnesium Sulfate. Two of the containers were on the roadway with no exposure or damage to the drums. Approximately 100 gallons of diesel fuel spilled onto the roadway. All eastbound traffic is being detoured off the interstate at Exit 81 (Hazen). A ¼ mile long trapped queue was initially reported, but all vehicles have since been removed. Eagle Towing and Recovery was requested to the scene for recovery and removal of the hazardous materials. Clean-up of the scene and removal of the tractor trailers is ongoing.

MISSING PERSON – Berks County, 2/10/16 - A search will be conducted Saturday, February 11th for a missing 26 year old male in the city of Reading, Berks County. The missing person was last seen on Tuesday, February 7th. The following agencies will be assisting the Reading Police Department; NESAR, Pocono SAR, PACSAR and other teams are responding with K-9s and resources to assist in the search.

LANDFILL COLLAPSE – Elk County, 2/8/17 – A collapse of a cell occurred at the Greentree Landfill in Fox Township. Several pieces of heavy equipment and five workers were trapped. Four of the workers escaped with minor injuries. DEP was on scene conducting air quality monitoring. The ground was very unstable, making rescue efforts difficult. A plan was developed to start stabilizing the debris field which aided in the search for the missing individual and machinery. The body of the remaining worker was found yesterday afternoon. All Public Safety resources have left the incident but are available for recall if the need occurs.

SEPTA EQUIPMENT ISSUE – Philadelphia County, 2/6/17 – During normal maintenance checks, SEPTA discovered support-beam cracks on some SEPTA Market-Frankford Line rail cars. The cracks were in a body bolster (a main load carrying structural beam). Starting Monday, SEPTA had a temporary shortage of rail cars during peak travel times. All trains in service and expected to be operated were inspected. Trains operated with longer headways which resulted in delays and crowded conditions. Supplemental bus service is being provided during the AM Peak of 0600-1000 hours and PM Peak of 1500-1900 hours. SEPTA has personnel at each station to help manage the crowding conditions. Lines are functioning with minor service disruption to customers. A and B lines are occasionally supplementing track service. The ETA for repairs is still unknown.

ROAD CLOSURE – Bucks County, 1/20/17 – Interstate 276 East is closed at Exit 358 East due to bridge painters finding a bridge truss beam had snapped in half near Wood Avenue in Bristol Township. Plan X was established and New Jersey closed the westbound side of the bridge. The PA Turnpike requested a Wireless Emergency Alert to be sent out through the Integrated Public Alert System regarding the closure and detour. A conference call was held on Sunday between the PA Turnpike, bridge engineers and consultants to discuss the next steps. Bridge Engineering advised that the bridge closing will be extended to three weeks. PSP will assist Turnpike Maintenance with traffic control at the Delaware Valley Interchange throughout the duration of the closure. The detour for the bridge closing is US 1 North, to I-95 North, to I-295 South, to I-195 East, to Exit 6-reentering the NJ Turnpike. Eight temporary support towers are to be built to support the bridge. These towers will support the entire weight of the impacted section of the bridge to allow for a repair splice to be installed on the damaged truss and tested. Other parts of the bridge will
also be tested, since so much weight shifted. If the repair is unsuccessful, the bridge may need a partial reconstruction or replacement. If the repair splice is successful, the current best case scenario is the bridge being reopened in early April.

CLOSED:

OVERTURNED GASOLINE TANKER WITH SPILL – Bucks County, 2/9/17 – A vehicle accident involving an overturned tractor trailer tanker occurred at the intersection of PA 611 and Freedom Way in Warrington Township. Five minor injuries were reported. The capacity of the tanker trunk was 8700 gallons and was free flowing, impacting a storm drain. There were 50 homes with 100 people evacuated to the Tamanend Middle School. There was a shelter in place order given to all homes within a one mile radius of the incident. The shelter was closed a little over four hours later and the shelter in place was also lifted. The saddle tanks were off loaded and the tractor trailer tanker was up righted and removed. 100 gallons were recovered from the tractor trailer with the other 8600 gallons spilled. Vacuum trucks were utilized to create a vacuum inside the drainage system to reclaim the product spilled. A large retention pond was near the incident, which was believed to have captured the majority of the product. State agencies on scene were DEP, Fish and Boat and PennDOT. County Hazmat, foam teams and numerous other county assets also responded. PA 611 South opened after eight hours; northbound was closed for almost 19 hours.

AMMONIA LEAK – Northampton County, 2/11/17 – An Anhydrous Ammonia leak of an unknown quantity occurred at the Fresh Pet plant (a SARA facility) in Hanover Township. The leak was contained to the engine room and was caused by a gasket failure on the compressor. 37 employees working in the building were evacuated safely. The area was ventilated and all units cleared the scene.

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.
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, 0452 hours, 02/11/17

A warm front is trying to push northward across the state this morning. Cold air trapped in the valleys of the central and eastern parts of the Commonwealth are, for the moment, holding temperatures below freezing. In contrast, the temperature has risen to the mid and upper 40s in far southwestern PA overnight.

The temperatures should continue to rise under a mostly cloudy sky today, but only slightly in the central and northeastern valleys. Highs will range from the upper 30s in the northeast to the 50s in southern Pennsylvania.

Rain will develop over western Pennsylvania this evening, before overspreading the remainder of the Commonwealth tonight and continuing into Sunday. Sleet or freezing rain is possible across northeastern Pennsylvania where temperatures may fall back below freezing tonight and during the day on Sunday. Highs on Sunday will be between freezing in the northeast and the upper 50s in the far southwest.

Colder air will start to move into the northwest during the mid-day on Sunday and spread to the south and east. This will turn the rain to snow in the northwest on Sunday afternoon. A second, stronger push of colder air will follow on Sunday night. Expect widespread snow showers and a few heavier squalls Sunday night, with accumulations generally light, except in the snow belt of the northwest. The snow belt may see more than 6 inches of snow between noon Sunday and noon Monday.

WATCHES AND WARNINGS:

Winter Storm Watches have been issued until 4:00 p.m., 2/13/17, for Crawford, Erie, and Warren counties.