



OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

**DATE:**

May 6, 2024

**TO:**

The Honorable Josh Shapiro  
Governor  
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

**FROM:**

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**TIME PERIOD:**

This report covers the period from 0600 hours, May 5, 2024, through 0600 hours, May 6, 2024.

**STATUS REPORT:** (as of 0600 hours)

**THREAT STATUS:**

**National Terrorism Advisory System:** There are no current advisories.

**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, 1,783 customers  
**Telephone Outage Reports:** None

**SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:**

## **OPEN:**

**APARTMENT FIRE – Philadelphia County, 5/5/24** – A second floor apartment fire occurred at the Terrace Apartments, a four-story 100+ unit building, located in the 4900 block of Spruce Street in the City of Philadelphia. Over 100 residents were evacuated from the structure. The American Red Cross and Salvation Army established a relief area at the Beulah Baptist Church for the displaced occupants. Two occupants of the apartment were removed, but it is unknown the extent of their injuries or if they were transported to the hospital. Property management determined the building was uninhabitable due to fire, smoke, and water damage. 29 displaced residents were transported by a bus from the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA) to a shelter established at the West Philadelphia High School. Spruce Street, between 48th and 52nd Streets, was closed. There were no reports of HAZMAT. In addition to the emergency response agencies, multiple agencies responded to the scene; currently, Philadelphia OEM, the American Red Cross, the Salvation Army, school police, facilities and emergency management are on location at the shelter.

**THREE ALARM STRUCTURE FIRE – Lehigh County, 4/30/24** - A three-alarm structure fire affected at least three row homes in the 700 block of North 7th Street in Allentown City. There were no reported injuries. It is unknown how many people were impacted. On 5/6/24, the incident was reopened because the American Red Cross provided the following update: The Red Cross continues to operate a shelter at the Allentown YMCA, 425 15th Street in the City of Allentown for persons displaced as a result of the fire. The current population at the shelter is 13 persons.

**ROAD CLOSURE DUE TO SUBSIDENCE – Cambria County, 4/25/24** - An engineer for West Taylor Township contacted the county EMA about subsidence of the roadway in the 100 block of Batzel Road. Emergency management staff responded and noted considerable subsidence of the roadway. This is reportedly an ongoing issue where the township lays down new asphalt as a temporary measure. Electrical service and a cable line are pulled tight between the nearby residence and a utility pole which seems to have shifted. There is also considerable twisting of the guardrail. Cement barriers will be requested to close the roadway. There are no residents that are currently affected by this closure. There will be a minor detour for emergency vehicles. Engineers are working with the township to develop a long-term repair plan.

**FIRST AMENDMENT ACTIVITIES – Philadelphia County, 4/25/24** - The Philadelphia Office of Emergency Management (OEM) had a partial activation of their emergency operations center (EOC) at 1200 hours to monitor potential first-amendment activity, and to coordinate public safety resources as needed. The EOC was deactivated at 2200 hours. OEM-Regional Integration Center (RIC) is currently monitoring the incident. The EOC was not reactivated. On 4/26/24, there was a group of approximately 100 people in a 10-12 tent encampment on the University of Pennsylvania (UPenn) campus. There have been various protests throughout the day that have remained peaceful and have not disrupted campus operations. OEM-RIC will be continuing to monitor the situation. On 4/27/24, the encampment has grown to 30 tents with about 100 to 150 people. 200 demonstrators and a group of 30 counter demonstrators gathered on the UPenn's campus on 4/28/24. Both demonstrations were peaceful. There were some reports that UPenn property was damaged. On 5/1/24,

approximately 100 demonstrators gathered in the area of 3417 Spruce Street on the UPenn campus. The demonstration was peaceful.

**EOC ACTIVATION – Luzerne County, 4/14/24** - A sinkhole/ground subsidence was reported to the rear of the Luzerne Lumber Company located at 445 Main Street in Luzerne Borough. Toby Creek, located behind the business, was flowing into the subsidence and filled the sinkhole allowing the creek to flow again. The Lumber Company Office is endangered. The Luzerne County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) responded and met with a representative from the PA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Bureau of Surface Mining and Reclamation. The Lumber Office will need to be evaluated due to the subsidence. Exit 6 and the "on ramp" to the North Cross Valley Expressway (PA-309) were closed temporarily due to the incident while PA-309 remains open. PA DEP Mine personnel were on scene assisting with mitigation. Luzerne County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was partially activated to support as needed but has deactivated. There were no injuries resulting from the incident. On 4/15/2024, water was pouring from a manhole near the 560 block Wyoming Ave, Kingston Borough. PA DEP responded along with their Office of Mining Operations. The PA DEP Northeastern Regional Office was contacted and confirmed the relation to the ground subsidence in Luzerne Borough. It was reported that water was flowing out of the manhole with an orange color and sulfur smell. There were no known utility disruptions with the secondary incident. The investigation is ongoing.

**ADVERSE WEATHER – Statewide, 4/11/24** - A round of widespread showers with moderate rain along with scattered thunderstorms moved into the Commonwealth during the evening and overnight, causing flooding of homes and roadways, water rescues, evacuations, and landslides. Tornado and flood watches, along with flood and flash flood warnings, were issued for numerous counties. All tornado and flood watches and flash flood warnings have expired. Several counties remain under flood warnings. Swift Water Rescue Teams were activated in Allegheny, Fayette, and Westmoreland Counties and assisted in water rescues and residential evacuations in multiple municipalities. Numerous federal, state, and local roadways were closed due to flooding. Landslides impacting residential structures and roadways were reported in Allegheny and Clarion Counties. Evacuation of residences occurred in Oakdale Borough and South Fayette Township, Allegheny County, South Buffalo Township, Armstrong County, Licking Township, Clarion County, Shenango Township, Lawrence County, and Canton Township, Washington County. Displaced residents are being sheltered in local fire departments, assisted by the American Red Cross, or found other accommodations. Water rescues of occupants from vehicles occurred in Allegheny, Clarion, Greene, and Washington Counties. Oakdale Borough in Allegheny County issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency. The Allegheny River at the C.W. Bill Young Lock and Dam is expected to rise above flood stage late this afternoon and reach its crest tomorrow morning, 4/13/24, impacting Allegheny County. The Ohio River at Pittsburgh in Allegheny County is expected to crest at 25.2 late tonight, impacting the Monongahela Parking Wharf and the 10th Street Bypass. I-376 westbound is currently closed between Exit 71A and Exit 70A due to flooding on the Monongahela River. The Delaware River in Philadelphia County has reached a moderate flood stage, impacting roadways along the river. In Beaver County, a landslide shut down Woodland Road in Harmony Township, which cut off access for 40-50 residents. Harmony Township is in the process of creating an access road for residents and emergency vehicles. There have been numerous reports of trees and wires down in the northwestern part of the Commonwealth. The following county Emergency Operations Centers (EOC) were activated: Allegheny, Armstrong, Clarion, and Westmoreland. All county EOCs have deactivated and

returned to normal operations. 4/17/24 – Armstrong County reported that the County Assessment team conducted damage assessment along Pine Tree Lane, as well as North and South Scenic Drives in South Buffalo Township. Seven residences were listed as affected, with no damages observed on the first floor living spaces of any of them. However, they did have water in crawl spaces that were pumped out. Certain residents are looking into the condition of their well water to make sure there is no contamination. 4/18/24, South Buffalo Township, Armstrong County issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency. As of 4/23/24, Hopewell Township officials in Beaver County submitted a proclamation of disaster as of 4/22/2024. Ongoing landslide in Hopewell Township are affecting sewer and storm lines. There are two houses located on South Trillium Drive that are reported to be in close proximity to the landslide.

**SCHOOL INCIDENT - Somerset County, 4/4/24** - Units were dispatched to North Star High School at 400 Ohio Street in Boswell Borough for an odor investigation on the second floor. EMS was initially sent for a syncopal episode. No unusual readings were found by fire personnel and all fire units cleared. EMS reported two more students with symptoms. The school was not evacuated. A total of seven students were transported to Somerset Hospital. Somerset Hospital reported several of the students had elevated Carboxyhemoglobin. The cause is usually caused by carbon monoxide (CO) being inhaled. Fire units were re-dispatched to recheck the building for CO. Fire personnel ran meters through the structure again. No readings were detected. Units later responded to the Somerset County Technology Center at 281 Technology Drive in Somerset Township for similar complaints from North Star High School students. EMS Command declared a mass casualty incident. A total of 93 students, all from North Star High School were having similar complaints from the earlier incident. UPMC Somerset and Conemaugh Hospitals were notified of the potential influx of patients. EMS Command reported that a total of 29 students were transported by EMS or bus and 10 students were transported to the hospital via POV from the technology center. PA DEP and EPA's Environmental Response Team responded. Air monitoring was conducted. The final number of students transported to local hospitals was 30 students, and 11 went by private vehicle. All students have been released from the hospital. On 4/6/24, the EPA Environmental Response Team concluded their chemical and environmental testing and investigation and demobilized. The cause of the illness has not been determined and remains under investigation. PA DOH shared a statement on 4/9/24 saying their epidemiology and toxicology staff are aiding in the investigation and carbon monoxide poisoning is an unlikely explanation for this event. 4/29/24 – As of this date, the police investigation into this incident continues.

**ADVERSE WEATHER – Statewide, 4/3/24** - Heavy rains and severe thunderstorms crossing the Commonwealth have caused widespread flooding. The National Weather Service issued numerous Flash Flood Warnings, Flood Warnings, and Flood Watches. Municipal declarations have been received from Red Stone Township, German Township, and Brownsville Borough in Fayette County; Nippenose Township in Lycoming County; Marianna Borough, Bentleyville Borough, Deemston Borough in Washington County, and Punxsutawney Borough in Jefferson County. Multiple roadways across the Commonwealth closed due to flooding, mudslides, and down trees and wires. Numerous water rescues were conducted from vehicles and residences. The excessive rainfall also caused alerts at the Lake Lynn Dam in Springhill Township, Fayette County, which reached Stage 1 alert status. The Joseph C. Bacon Dam and Ambridge Reservoir in Independence Township, Beaver County, had water flowing over the emergency spillway. Ambridge Water Authority officials believed that there was no concern unless additional rain was received. The Beaver County EOC was partially

activated to prepare for possible evacuations of the inundation area. Crews were monitoring the status throughout the night. The Quemahoning Dam in Somerset County was also under Unusual Event Conditions due to rising water levels. Employees have since discontinued 24-hour surveillance due to the dam being below flood stage. The Blue Marsh Dam in Lower Heidelberg Township, Berks County reported they increased the outflow of the Blue Marsh Lake from 929 CFS to 2000 CFS. This raised the Tulpehocken Creek at Red Bridge by 12-inches. The storms also caused many power outages across the Commonwealth. Lackawanna County reported that their Emergency Communications Center was without commercial power and was operating on generator power. Later, they reported that their generator was malfunctioning, and were operating on battery power with 3.5 hours remaining. Lackawanna County 9-1-1 contacted PPL to escalate getting power back to their center, and PEMA contacted the Public Utility Commission (PUC) for assistance. At 1545 hours, the generators were reportedly functional, and PPL had a crew on site. Commercial power has been restored at the center, and all systems are functional. There was no disruption in service throughout the incident. 4/4/24 – DeSales University Campus in Upper Saucon Township, Lehigh County was without electricity since the storm on 4/3. All classes and events were cancelled for 4/4 and resident students were sent home. Power was restored the afternoon of 4/4. The Sullivan County 911/EMA offices were on generator power for approximately 11 hours when commercial power was lost. All EOCs have demobilized, and all shelters have closed. 4/7/24, PA-403 is closed in both directions, between the intersections of Krings and Soap Hollow Roads in Conemaugh Township, Somerset County, and the intersection of Somerset Pike (PA-985) in Upper Yoder Township, Cambria County, due to the roadway being cracked and sinking. 4/11/24, the following municipalities in Greene County have issued Declarations of Disaster Emergency; Aleppo Township, Center Township, Jackson Township, Jefferson Township, Perry Township, Richhill Township, Wayne Township, and Washington Township.

**RAILROAD INCIDENT – Northampton County, 3/2/24** - Emergency units responded to a train derailment in the area on 2270 Riverside Road in Lower Saucon Township. Upon arrival, crews reported multiple cars derailed with two locomotives tankers on their side with two partially in the Lehigh River. One contained ethanol and the two others contained liquid propane gas (LPG). This is a Norfolk Southern (NS) freight-only line and rail traffic was stopped. The Lehigh County HAZMAT team monitored the air with no readings. A representative of the railroad responded and evaluated the scene. Northampton County EOC activated to an enhanced level to assist with resources. There were no shelter-in-place orders or evacuations. It was determined three trains were involved in the incident. Train #24X-01 was travelling eastbound on the tracks and was subsequently rear-ended by Train #268H which caused an unknown number of cars to derail. The third train, #19G-01, was travelling westbound and crashed into the derailed cars causing an unknown number of cars to derail. Personnel were still in the locomotives and rescue operations were conducted. Northampton County boats reported an unknown sheen on the river. NS Police secured the scene and NS HAZMAT responded. A "slow drip" diesel leak was reported coming from one of the engines that was leaking into the river. Additionally, approximately 20 cubic yards of plastic pellets spilled from Car #GPLX77419 onto the ballast. Until the NTSB arrives, no re-rail or cleanup operations can occur. NS requested PennDOT assistance with extended road closure. All Lehigh County units cleared the scene and Northampton County EOC went back to normal operations. DEP NERO responded to support operations. The derailed tank cars that were placarded for ethanol and LPG contain residual amounts and were not leaking. The locomotives leaked approximately 50 gallons of diesel fuel until the leak was plugged; booms were placed to contain any diesel fuel entering the river. Most of the containers were identified and were empty or contained non-hazardous materials. On 3/3/24 the locomotives were

pulled from the river. On 3/8/24, NS reported all fluids were removed from both engines that were still on site. The riverbank was replaced with riprap. The tank cars were still on site and awaiting removal. The ethanol tank car was scheduled for cleaning on Wednesday, 3/13/24. Lewis Environmental was on site over the weekend to check on booms still in place on the Lehigh River. The sheen was minimal, but still visible. Stone along the rail beds was replaced. NS followed up with county EMA on Monday, 3/11/24. As of 3/14/24, track repair, cleanup, and rail car recovery operations are ongoing. 3/20/24, Steam cleaning starts tomorrow. Engines and LP cars still on-site waiting removal. Off load for the plastic pellet car is set for Monday 3/25/24. As of 3/26/24, PA DEP was on sight and cleared Norfolk Southern to remove booms from the water which should happen later this week. The Ethanol car steam cleaning was completed with no issues. The PVC pellet car remains on site and the transfer of pellets will wait until the locomotives are removed for easier access. Still no time frame for car removal. On 4/5/24, NS reported to Northampton County EMA that all booms were pulled from the river, and there was no sheen noted. 4/18/24, NS reported the locomotives should be loaded on flat racks and the pellet car should be unloaded by the end of next week. 4/25/24, NS reported that they are in the process of prepping the locomotives for removal. 4/29/24 - Both locomotives and the Ethanol car have been removed from the site.

**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 11/23/23, 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. Due to heavy rains on 11/22/23, most of the absorbent booms washed away and were replaced. SPSI continues to change out the absorbents a few times each week. 3/22/24, contractors continue to monitor the site for contamination. 4/30/24 – The remediation contractor has finished. The EMA is awaiting DEP's final report.

**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 contaminants or concerns. The PEMA CRCC demobilized on 2/8/23 at 1600 hours. All roads that were closed in PA, including PA-51, were reopened. 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, Pennsylvania 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. As of 3/22/24, the EPA and PA DEP continue to monitor wells in the area.

#### **CLOSED:**

**VEHICLE ACCIDENT – Cumberland County, 5/5/24** – A tractor trailer transporting a 29,000-gallon propane tank struck the South Fayette Street (PA-696) railroad overpass, located near 309 South Fayette Street, in Shippensburg Township, closing the roadway in both directions. The tank was 30% full (approximately 8,700 gallons) and leaked an unknown amount of propane into the atmosphere. No fire or injuries were reported. A PA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) emergency responder was dispatched to the scene. The Cumberland County HAZMAT team responded and flared off the remaining product in the tank. Norfolk Southern paused rail traffic and conducted an inspection of the bridge. The roadway opened in about seven hours.

**MISSING PERSON – Northampton County, 5/5/24** – Emergency crews searched for a missing 61-year-old man, with diabetes, who was reported missing to the Hillsborough Township Police in New Jersey. He was last seen by hikers on the Appalachian Trail around 1700 hours on 5/5/24, near Blue Mountain Road in Lehigh Township, asking for directions. The male was located deceased in an unnamed area off of the Appalachian Trail.

#### **DISASTER DECLARATIONS:**

4/23/24 - Hopewell Township, Beaver County has issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency due to adverse weather.

4/18/24 - South Buffalo Township, Armstrong County has issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency due to adverse weather on 4/11/24 and 4/12/24.

4/11/24 - Canton Township, Washington County has issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency due to adverse weather.

4/11/24 - Oakdale Borough, Allegheny County has issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency due to adverse weather.

4/10/24 - Jefferson Township, Greene County has issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency due to adverse weather.

4/10/24 - Jackson Township, Greene County has issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency due to adverse weather.

4/10/24 - Perry Township, Greene County has issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency due to adverse weather.

4/10/24 - Wayne Township, Greene County has issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency due to adverse weather.

4/10/24 - Center Township, Greene County has issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency due to adverse weather.

4/9/24 - Aleppo Township, Greene County has issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency due to adverse weather.

4/8/24 - Washington Township, Greene County has issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency due to adverse weather.

4/8/24 - Richhill Township, Greene County has issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency due to adverse weather.

4/5/24 - Gilmore Township, Greene County has issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency due to adverse weather.

4/4/24 - Nippenose Township, Lycoming County has issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency due to adverse weather.

4/4/24 - Deemston Borough, Washington County has issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency due to adverse weather.

4/4/24 - Marianna Borough, Washington County has issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency due to adverse weather.

4/3/24 - Red Stone Township, Fayette County has issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency due to adverse weather.

4/3/24 - German Township, Fayette County has issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency due to adverse weather.

4/3/24 - Brownsville Borough, Fayette County has issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency due to adverse weather.

4/3/24 - Bentleyville Borough, Washington County has issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency due to adverse weather.

4/3/24 - Punxsutawney Borough, Jefferson County has issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency due to adverse weather.

2/13/24 - Millersburg Borough has issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency due to power outages affecting independent living facilities and apartments on 2/13/24.

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

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

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.

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.

08/18/23 – 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.

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.

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.

**CONTIGUOUS STATE EVENTS OF POTENTIAL INTEREST TO PENNSYLVANIA:**

Delaware:	Normal Operations
Maryland:	Partial Activation - Francis Scott Key Bridge Collapse
New Jersey:	Normal Operations
New York:	Normal Operations
Ohio:	Normal Operations
West Virginia:	State of Emergency - Weather

**24-Hour Projected Weather Statewide:**

**National Weather Service, 0449 hours, 5/6/24**

Areas of fog will blanket portions of Pennsylvania to start the day. The fog may be locally dense before it dissipates by mid to late morning. A few peeks of sunshine are expected through mostly cloudy skies this afternoon, especially in the north. Showers and a few thunderstorms are possible this afternoon and into this evening south of I-80. Today will be much warmer than the past couple days, with most areas warming into the lower to mid-70s.

Scattered showers and storms will remain possible across the southern tier of Pennsylvania tonight and then spread from west to east across the Commonwealth late Tuesday into Tuesday night as a warm front crosses the area. Lows tonight will range from the upper 40s across the north to near 60 degrees near the Maryland border. High temperatures on Tuesday will be in the 70s to near 80.

Another round of showers and thunderstorms is likely Wednesday night into Thursday as an area of low pressure moves out of the Ohio Valley. A cooling trend will set in late in the week and should last through Mother's Day weekend, along with lingering showers behind the late week storm system.

**WATCHES AND WARNINGS:**

None

