



OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

DATE:

May 29, 2024

TO:

The Honorable Josh Shapiro
Governor
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

FROM:

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Director, PA Emergency Management Agency

TIME PERIOD:

This report covers the period from 0600 hours, May 28, 2024, through 0600 hours, May 29, 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 0550 hours, 2,252 customers

Telephone Outage Reports:

171 Frontier customers in Towanda Borough, Bradford County

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

OPEN:

ADVERSE WEATHER STATEWIDE - PA STATEWIDE, 5/27/24 - Severe storms crossed the Commonwealth on Sunday, 5/26/24, and Monday, 5/27/24, which downed trees and utility lines and damaged some roofs. Tornado warnings for Schuylkill and Lancaster counties were issued Monday evening and expired at 2100 hours. A probable tornado touched down in Mahanoy City, Schuylkill County; however, it has not been confirmed by the National Weather Service. Downed trees and utility lines, along with some roof damage, were reported in the Mahanoy City Borough and Mahanoy Township areas. Mahanoy City Borough and Mahanoy Township both have verbally issued Declaration of Disaster Emergencies. A damage assessment will be conducted in the morning on 5/28/24. An American Red Cross shelter trailer was brought to the Mahanoy City Fire Company. It is unknown how many residents took advantage of the shelter. Severe roof damage, window damage, and water damage were reported at the Mahanoy Area School Complex. The Mahanoy Area School District was closed on 5/28/24. On 5/28/24, the National Weather Service in State College confirmed an EF1 tornado with maximum estimated wind speeds of 90 mph occurred in Mahanoy City during the evening of 5/27/24. The tornado uprooted trees, lofted roof shingles and pieces of wooden debris, and damaged siding on several homes. Several windows at the Mahanoy Area Elementary School were also damaged. The county reported that the shelter at the fire company closed this morning. Seven residents sheltered there until their power was restored sometime around midnight last evening. No injuries were reported in the borough.

911 OUTAGE - PA WESTERN AREA - 5/27/24 - Comtech identified an issue that impacted 911 services for multiple counties in the western area of the Commonwealth. The counties impacted are: Clarion, Erie, Jefferson, and Warren. Comtech routed all Northern Tier Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) to their administrative lines, and testing showed calls were routing correctly. 911 services were restored through B-side nodes for all impacted northern tier counties. Comtech found that the A-side nodes were receiving errors from the CHE vendor that stopped calls from failing to the B-side. Traffic was forced to the B-side, and PSAPs were tested and verified with successful tests. On 5/28/24, Comtech reported that service was restored to all impacted counties on 5/27/24. A malfunction analysis is being completed by Comtech and its mission critical partners.

ADVERSE WEATHER - PA STATEWIDE, 5/25/24 - Two thunderstorm systems crossed the Commonwealth on 5/25/24. Severe Thunderstorm and Flash Flood Warnings were issued for multiple counties. Tornado Warnings were issued for Beaver, Washington, and Allegheny counties. All have expired. Wellspan Hospital in Waynesboro Borough, Franklin County, lost power to its emergency room for approximately 90 minutes. It was placed on divert during the outage. Power outages peaked at 7,506. On 5/26/24, the National Weather Service confirmed an EF0 tornado occurred on 5/25/24 near Raccoon State Park in Beaver County. This tornado created a small path of damage along Pleasant Hill Road.

CHEMICAL FIRE - Greene County, 5/20/24 - Emergency units responded to a chemical fire at the Consol Energy Enlow Fork Mining facility located at 322 Enon Church Road, Richhill Township. A 100x100, three-story building was fully involved and contained an unknown amount of diesel fuel and an unknown "frother". Multiple mutual aid companies responded, including non-AFFF foam units from Washington and Greene counties. Emergency responders from the PA Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) Southwest Regional Office's (SWRO) Emergency Response Team were on scene. Greene County requested that PA DEP conduct air monitoring on PA-18 from the village of Nineveh to PA-231. PA DEP contacted the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for dust tracks and AreaRAE monitoring, which the EPA is providing. All county emergency crews have cleared the scene. Air monitoring operations continue.

FIRST AMENDMENT ACTIVITY – Philadelphia County, 5/18/24 - The Drexel University Police and Philadelphia Police Department (PPD) are monitoring first amendment activity on the university's Korman Center Academic Quadrangle located in the 3200 block of Market Street in the City of Philadelphia. Approximately 75 protestors established a tent encampment. The police surrounded the encampment with barricades, and they let people out, but no one in. Another 40 protestors were outside the barricaded area. Drexel University activated their Emergency Operations Center (EOC), and a campus lockdown was issued. The protest was peaceful, and the protestors have settled into the encampment for the night. There is still an active police presence, and Drexel University EOC remains activated. 5/19/24 – There were two additional marches in the city. A union march near City Hall and a march for Palestine Health Care Workers near Jefferson Hospital. No issues were reported at either. 5/23/24, after prior notice was given to protestors, Drexel University Police and PPD began clearing the encampment this morning. There were no reported injuries or arrests during the operation.

ANI / ALI 911 DATA ISSUES – Cumberland County, 5/6/24 – The Cumberland County 911 Center was having intermittent issues with not receiving ANI and ALI information on some calls over the past week. The root cause appeared to be a recent router firmware update, and technicians are working to resolve the issue. No other Pennsylvania counties are affected. A meeting was held on 5/14/24 with VESTA and Brightspeed. There were some improvements to the system, however the issue was not fully resolved.

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.

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. 5/28/24, scrapping operations continue. Once completed, NS will take a magnet to the area to clean up all the loose fragments. Two LP cars were removed and placed in the Round Street rail yard in Bethlehem, Lehigh County. Flaring operations will start this afternoon and are scheduled through Thursday, 5/30/24.

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, 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. As of 3/22/24, the EPA and PA DEP continue to monitor wells in the area.

CLOSED:

SEARCH AND RESCUE – Northampton County, 5/28/24 - A search was conducted for a family of four, two adults and two children, after they reported they were lost in Columcille Megalith Park, located near the 2100 block of Fox Gap Road in Mount Bethel Township. Search units were able to identify the family's location by pinging the caller's phone. The family was located safe and escorted from the woods.

GAS LEAK/EVACUATION – Northampton County, 5/28/24 - A carbon monoxide leak was reported by Weis Supermarket located in the 2400 block of Schoenersville Road in Bethlehem City, prompting the evacuation of an unknown number of employees and customers. The leak was located in the supermarket's compressor room and was secured by repair crews. No injuries were reported.

SCHOOL STRUCTURE FIRE – Monroe County, 5/28/24 - A structure fire occurred at the East Stroudsburg University Innovations Center, located in the 500 block of Independence Road in Smithfield Township. An unknown number of staff and students were evacuated. Several roads were closed in the area of the incident. The fire was extinguished, and the building was turned over to university personnel. No injuries were reported.

ELECTRICAL FIRE IN SCHOOL – Westmoreland County, 5/28/24 - An electrical fire was reported in the cafeteria of West Hempfield Middle School in Hempfield Township, prompting the evacuation of an unknown number of staff and students. Light smoke was reported in the building. The fire was extinguished, and the school was allowed to be reoccupied. No injuries were reported.

COMMERCIAL STRUCTURE FIRE – Northampton County, 5/28/24 - A commercial structure fire occurred at the Perkins Restaurant located in the 3900 block of Nazareth Pike (PA-191) in Bethlehem Township. The fire started in a pile of mulch and worked its way up the wall to the roof line. An unknown number of employees and customers were evacuated.

The fire was extinguished, and the building was ventilated. Personnel from the PA Department of Agriculture responded to the scene. No injuries were reported.

SUSPICIOUS PACKAGE – Adams County, 5/28/24 - A suspicious package was reported by a Gettysburg National Military Park Ranger at the Gettysburg National Military Park Museum and Visitor Center located in the 1100 block of Baltimore Pike in Cumberland Township. All staff and visitors were evacuated from the area. The package was described as a brown paper bag that was sealed with writing on it. The PA State Police bomb squad responded to the scene. The package was found to contain fireworks. Police conducted a search of a nearby wooded area for a suspect that was identified on security camera footage. The suspect was not located, and the museum and visitor center were allowed to be reoccupied.

DISASTER DECLARATIONS:

5/11/24 - Union Township, Washington County has issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency due to adverse weather.

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:	Enhanced Watch - Severe Weather

24-Hour Projected Weather Statewide:

National Weather Service, 0540 hours, 5/29/24

Showers and thunderstorms will maneuver from Ohio and West Virginia across Pennsylvania today before eventually exiting to the northeast over New Jersey and Long Island, New York, by later tonight. A few heavier cells could produce locally heavy downpours with maximum rainfall amounts of up to 1.5 inches.

A stretch of cooler than average temperatures will close out the month of May. Highs today will range from the lower 60s in the northern tier mountains to the mid-70s around Philadelphia.

High pressure from Canada will build into the region and provide an extended break in the rain for most of the Commonwealth from Thursday through Saturday. A couple of relatively chilly nights lie ahead, with some frost possible in the northern tier cold spots Thursday night into early Friday morning.

The bout of autumn-like temperatures won't last long, with a nice warmup coming over the weekend into early next week to begin the month of June.

WATCHES AND WARNINGS:

None



Current Watches, Warnings, and Advisories



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TROPICAL WEATHER OUTLOOK:

