



Pennsylvania
Emergency Management Agency

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

DATE:

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TO:

The Honorable Josh Shapiro
Governor, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

FROM:

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TIME PERIOD:

This report covers the period from 0600 hours, March 31, through 0600 hours, April 1, 2026.

STATUS REPORT: (as of 0600 hours)

THREAT STATUS:

National Terrorism Advisory System:

None

Commonwealth Response Coordination Center (CRCC) Status:

Normal Operations

Commonwealth Watch and Warning Center (CWWC) 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 0545 hours, 3,843 customers

Telephone Outage Reports:

None

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

OPEN:

ADVERSE WEATHER – Statewide, 3/31/26 – A line of strong to severe thunderstorms moved across the Commonwealth during the evening and overnight hours, producing damaging winds and heavy rainfall. Widespread Severe Thunderstorm Warnings were issued across western Pennsylvania, along with Flash Flood Warnings for Lawrence and Mercer Counties, which later transitioned to Flood Warnings, and a brief Tornado Warning for Allegheny and Westmoreland Counties. No damage was reported from the Tornado Warning, but high winds caused trees and power lines to fall, blocking several roadways in the western portion of the state. Power outages peaked at approximately 20,000 customers statewide, with over 17,000 outages reported in Erie County. During the early morning hours, the Flood Warning was extended to include Beaver, Butler, and Washington Counties.

MISSING ENDANGERED PERSON ADVISORY (MEPA) – Philadelphia County, 3/31/26 – 3/31/26 – A MEPA was issued by the Pennsylvania State Police, on behalf of the Philadelphia Police Department, who is searching for an 81-year-old male, five feet seven inches tall, 140 pounds, with white hair and brown eyes, last seen wearing black pants, a black and white flannel shirt, with a black jacket. He was last seen near Friendship Street in the City of Philadelphia on 3/31/26 at approximately 1030 hours. Police believe this person may be at special risk of harm or injury or may be confused.

MISSING ENDANGERED PERSON ADVISORY (MEPA) – Carbon County, 3/30/26 – A MEPA was issued by the Pennsylvania State Police, on behalf of the Nesquehoning Borough Police Department, who is searching for a 17-year-old female last seen near Stock Street in Nesquehoning Borough at 0200 hours on 3/28/26. She is described five feet two inches tall, approximately 130 pounds, with blue hair and blue eyes, and wearing all black clothing. Police believe this person may be at special risk of harm or injury or may be confused.

ADVERSE WEATHER – Statewide, 3/26/26 - Adverse weather impacted the Commonwealth beginning in the evening of 3/25/26 and lasting into the early hours of 3/26/26. Tornado Warnings were issued for Mercer and Lawrence Counties, a Flash Flood Warning was issued for Allegheny County, and Flood Warnings were issued for several counties in the western region of PA. They have all since expired. A speed restriction was implemented on a portion of I-81, but it has since been lifted. There were numerous reports of road closures due to flooding and trees/wires down, mostly in the western and central counties. Statewide power outages peaked at 19,370 and have since declined. As of 3/28/26, a Flood Advisory is still in effect until 2000 hours for the Ohio River at Pittsburgh. In Westmoreland County, PA-381 was closed in Ligonier Township, and PA-982 was closed in Derry Township due to flooding. They have since reopened. Loyalhanna Dam, in Loyalhanna Township, reached the early notification stage (942.85 ft.) for the flood prone areas, which are rural with few residences. As of 3/29/26, the Loyalhanna Dam's water level is at 944 feet and rising. The level is expected to reach 945 feet by 0800 hours today, impacting an area of PA-981 in Derry Township. Warning notifications to this area were completed on 3/28/26.

CLARKS SUMMIT STATE HOSPITAL WATER ISSUE - Lackawanna County, 3/26/26 - During construction and maintenance work on 3/25/26, the water supply to Clarks Summit State Hospital, located at 1451 Hillside Drive in Newton Township, was interrupted for several hours. Water service has been restored to part of the campus. The PA Department of Human Services (DHS) has provided totes for water to be moved from buildings with water to those without. Buckets are being used for toilet flushing, and other contingencies are in place. Full

repairs of the campus water supply are expected to take a week. A resource request was submitted for six hand washing stations, and they were delivered to the site and are operational. There have been no patient relocations or transfers.

MISSING ENDANGERED PERSON ADVISORY (MEPA) – Allegheny County, 3/25/26 –

A MEPA was issued by the Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) on behalf of the Bellevue Borough Police Department, for a 41-year-old male last seen near Balph Avenue in Bellevue Borough at approximately 1315 hours on 3/20/26. He is described as six feet and one inch tall and 220 pounds; with gray hair and green eyes; and wearing grey sweatpants, a black jacket, and grey sneakers. Police believe this person may be at special risk of harm or injury or may be confused.

FIRE POLICE LINE OF DUTY DEATH (LODD) – Bucks County, 3/10/26 –

A fire police officer with the Richlandtown Fire Company suffered a medical emergency while responding to a traffic accident in Richland Township on 3/9/26. He was transported to a local hospital in cardiac arrest and died on 3/11/26. A visitation will be held on Saturday, May 9, 2026, from 1000 hours until the time of service at 1100 hours at the Trinity Lutheran Church, located at 102 North Hellertown Avenue, Quakertown.

MANDATORY WATER CONSERVATION – Northumberland County, 2/12/26 –

A Mandatory Water Conservation Notice was issued by the Aqua PA Roaring Creek Division due to dry weather conditions. The system uses surface water sources and provides service to the following areas: Coal Township, Ralpho Township, Zerbe Township, and Mount Carmel Township in Northumberland County; Conyngham Township, and Centralia Borough in Columbia County; Butler Township, Gordon Borough, and Girardville Borough in Schuylkill County. The notice affects approximately 26,000 service connections.

BOIL WATER ADVISORY (BWA) – Butler County, 12/23/25 –

A Boil Water Advisory has been issued for Quality Life Services – Sarver, a nursing home located at 126 Iron Bridge Road in Winfield Township. The facility obtained a bulk water hauling permit and will be receiving water from a chloramine treated source. The BWA will remain in place for as long as they are hauling water into the facility.

SINKHOLE – Fayette County, 12/17/25 –

The 200 block of Lynn Road in Brownsville Township is closed indefinitely due to the discovery of a 20-foot by 30-foot sinkhole. There are no impacts to utilities, and the residences are still accessible. On 12/18/25, Brownsville Township issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency for this incident. As of 3/31/26, PennDOT completed core drilling and estimated the subsidence is over 40 feet deep. The township is working with state and local officials to secure funding for repairs.

MISSING ENDANGERED PERSON ADVISORY (MEPA) - Centre County, 8/27/25 –

A MEPA was issued by the Pennsylvania State Police (PSP), Rockview Station, who is searching for a 48-year-old white male, five feet five inches tall, weighing 160 pounds, with brown hair and blue eyes. He is operating a 2016 Subaru Outback, navy blue in color, bearing a Pennsylvania registration. He was last seen near Nilson Road, Benner Township, on 08/20/25 at 1200 hours. Police believe this person may be at special risk of harm or injury or may be confused.

MISSING PERSON – Clearfield County, 7/4/25 –

The Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) are searching for a 72-year-old male who has been missing from his residence on Anderson Creek Road in Union Township since 7/1/25. Local fire and a search and rescue team assisted. Clearfield County contacted PEMA operations to request a cell phone ping through the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center (AFRCC). The latest ping result was on 7/1/25. Search

teams were able to locate the missing person's vehicle. The cell phone was not inside. The search was called off for the night and resumed in the morning. On 7/5/25, crews returned to the scene and expanded the search area. An underwater drone was used in the creek with negative results. PSP Aviation joined the search with no success. As of 7/6/25, search efforts concluded for the day and will resume 7/7/25. On 7/7/25, PSP turned the search over to the PA Game Commission. As of 7/21/25, the PA Game Commission reported that this individual is still missing. The case remains open, but there are no active searches being conducted.

MISSING ENDANGERED PERSON ADVISORY (MEPA) – Dauphin County, 8/10/24 - A MEPA was issued by the Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) who are searching for a 76-year-old male who was last seen near Pheasant Road in West Hanover Township on 08/10/24 at 0810 hours. He was wearing a yellow shirt, black shorts, and white sneakers. Police believe this person may be at special risk of harm or injury or may be confused. On 8/16/24, PSP updated the clothing description of the missing individual as wearing a white shirt, black shorts, and navy-blue shoes with white soles.

CLOSED:

EVACUATION – Northampton County, 3/31/26 – A fire alarm was received at Vero of Bethlehem, a 140-bed personal care home, located at 4700 Bath Pike in Hanover Township. Staff and police checked the source of the alarm and reported a light haze in the med room. An unknown number of residents and staff were evacuated to the parking lot while fire crews investigated. No smoke or flames were detected, and dust was the suspected cause of the alarm. All residents were able to reoccupy the structure.

GAS LEAK – Dauphin County, 3/31/26 – An odor of natural gas prompted the evacuation of an unknown number of students and staff from the Central Dauphin East High School, located at 626 Rutherford Road in Lower Paxton Township. Students were sheltered at the Central Dauphin Middle School while crews searched for the source, which was found to be a faulty boiler. The gas was secured, and students were brought back to the high school about an hour later.

DISASTER DECLARATIONS:

2/22/26 – The U.S. Small Business Administration issued SBA disaster declaration #20028 due to the fire at the Hotel Hampton and surrounding properties in the City of Easton, Northampton County. The following Pennsylvania areas have been determined to be adversely affected by the disaster: the county of Northampton and the contiguous counties of Bucks, Carbon, Lehigh, and Monroe. This also includes the contiguous New Jersey county of Warren. The Physical Loan Damage Application deadline date is 5/4/2026 and the Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application deadline date expires on 12/4/26.

11/8/24 - A Federal Register Notice (FRN) designated the following counties for Public Assistance under Tropical Storm Debby: Cambria, Cameron, Clearfield, Elk, Indiana, Lycoming, Potter, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Tioga, Wayne, and Wyoming. Union County was added to the FRN on 11/14/24.

9/11/24 - A Major Disaster Declaration was declared on 9/11/24 to supplement recovery operations in areas affected by Tropical Storm Debby on August 9-10. Individual Assistance was approved for Lycoming, Potter, Tioga, and Union Counties. The designation is FEMA-4815-DR.

8/9/24 - Governor Josh Shapiro issued a Proclamation of Disaster Emergency for Adams, Bedford, Berks, Bradford, Carbon, Chester, Cumberland, Dauphin, Fulton, Lackawanna, Luzerne, Lycoming, Monroe, Pike, Potter, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Tioga, Union, Wayne, and Wyoming Counties, due to the impacts of the remnants of Tropical Storm Debby, which caused dangerous conditions, including flash and riverine flooding across the named counties. Lycoming County issued a county Declaration of Disaster due to adverse weather. The following municipalities in Lycoming County have issued Declarations of Disaster: Anthony Township, Gamble Township, Hepburn Township, Lewis Township, Lycoming Township, McIntyre Township, Mifflin Township, Nippenose Township, Old Lycoming Township, Pine Township, Salladasburg Borough, South Williamsport Borough, and Woodward Township. The following municipalities in Susquehanna County have issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency due to adverse weather: Choconut Township, Liberty Township, Middletown Township, and Susquehanna Depot Borough. Clymer Borough and Green Township in Indiana County have issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency due to adverse weather. Penbrook Borough and Reed Township in Dauphin County have issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency due to adverse weather.

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). In addition, 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.

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: Normal Operations
New Jersey: Normal Operations
New York: Normal Operations
Ohio: Normal Operations
West Virginia: Normal Operations

24-Hour Projected Weather Statewide:

National Weather Service, 0512 hours, 4/1/26

Periods of rain are expected to continue across the Commonwealth today through tonight, with a few isolated strong to marginally severe thunderstorms possible this afternoon in southern Pennsylvania. A sharp temperature gradient of 30 to 40 degrees is forecast from northwest to southeast across the state, with highs ranging from the lower 40s along the Lake Erie shoreline to around 80 degrees in the Philadelphia metropolitan area. Intermittent rain showers and a few thunderstorms are expected to persist through late week, with noticeably cooler conditions arriving Thursday across the eastern half of the state. Significant temperature swings are forecast to continue through Easter weekend and into the first full week of April. In addition, a cold front is expected to move across Pennsylvania on Easter Sunday, likely bringing a band of showers and thunderstorms.

WATCHES AND WARNINGS:

A Flood Warning is in effect until 1100 hours on 4/1/26 for Beaver, Butler, Lawrence, Mercer, and Washington Counties.

