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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

STATE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER
Daily Summary Report

DATE:
October 26, 2012

TO:
The Honorable Tom Corbett
Governor
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

FROM:
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TIME PERIOD:

This report covers the period 8:00 a.m., October 25, 2012 through 8:00 a.m., October 26, 2012.

STATUS REPORT: (as of 8:00 a.m.)

THREAT STATUS:

National Terrorism Advisory System:

There are no current alerts.

EOC STATUS:

State EOC Activation: None
County EOC Activations: None

CAPABILITIES STATUS:

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

INFRASTRUCTURE STATUS:

Major Road Closures: None
Telephone Outage Reports: None
Power Outage Reports: None

OPEN:

ADVERSE WEATHER (Hurricane Sandy) – Statewide, 10/26/12 - The SEOC is monitoring the projected path of Hurricane Sandy and the potential for severe weather to impact central and eastern Pennsylvania on Monday (10/29/12) and Tuesday. The current forecast calls for Hurricane Sandy to bring heavy rain and high winds to the region; significant flooding and widespread power outages are possible.

The National Weather Service weather products are being shared daily with the affected counties and all state agencies including: State Police, PennDOT, Public Utility Commission and National Guard. State agencies have been alerted to plan for EOC staffing if required by PEMA. Pennsylvania utility companies have been alerted of the weather forecast and have begun to relocate resources for recovery operations if needed. The National Guard has issued early warnings to their training troops. PEMA is also in contact with FEMA, advising them of the Commonwealth's preparedness and recovery planning. The SEOC remains at Operational Level IV – normal operations.

CLOSED:

None

DISASTER DECLARATIONS:

None

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.

WEATHER:

24-hour Projected Weather Statewide:

National Weather Service, 5:40 a.m., 10/26/12

A moist southeasterly flow off the Atlantic Ocean will keep much of central and eastern Pennsylvania blanketed by low clouds and some patchy drizzle early today. Farther to the west skies will remain generally clear.

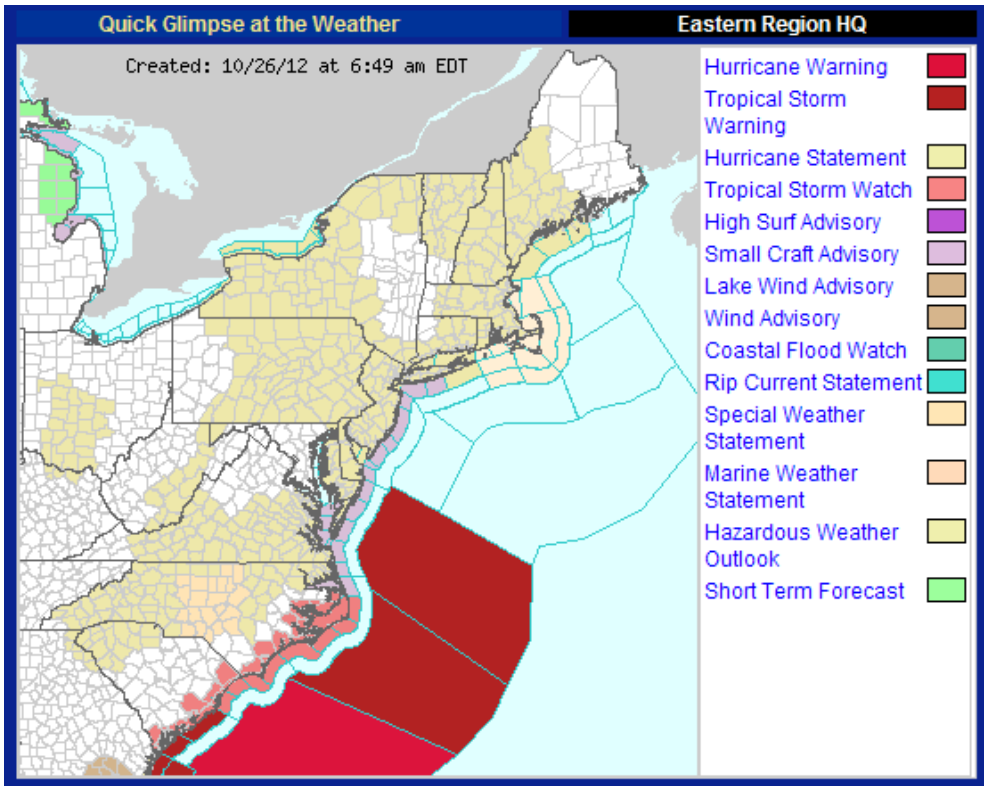
Plenty of sunshine is expected through the mid day hours to the west of a line from Bradford to Clearfield and Somerset while breaks of sunshine filter through the cloud deck across the eastern half of the state. A cold front pushing across western Lake Erie and western Ohio early this morning will slide into far northwestern Pennsylvania later today then nearly stall out tonight right through the day Saturday.

Showers this afternoon tonight and Saturday will be concentrated across northwestern Pennsylvania while most other areas of the state see little or no rainfall during this period from the anticipated patchy drizzle.

Lows tonight will vary from the mid 40s across the northwest to between 50 and 55 degrees elsewhere. High temperatures Saturday under mostly cloudy to cloudy skies will be around 50 across the northwest and in the upper 50s to mid 60s elsewhere.

WATCHES AND WARNINGS:

None



NOAA / SPACE WEATHER PREDICTION CENTER:

3-day Solar-Geo-Physical Forecast, 10:00 p.m., 10/25/12:

Solar Activity Forecast: Solar activity is expected to be low to moderate with a chance for M-class events for the next three days (26 - 28 Oct) with Region 1598 the most likely source.

Geophysical Activity Forecast: The geomagnetic field is expected to be quiet for the next three days (26 - 28 Oct).