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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

STATE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER
Daily Summary Report

DATE:
October 28, 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 27, 2012 through 8:00 a.m., October 28, 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: Level III – Enhanced Staffing - 8:00 a.m., 10/27/12
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, 10/28/12 – The SEOC continues to monitor the track of Hurricane Sandy as it moves northward along the East Coast of the United States. The category 1 hurricane is forecast to bring heavy rains, strong winds and a significant storm surge to the Mid-Atlantic States and southern New England on Monday (10/29/12) and Tuesday.

The sharing of emergency management readiness planning and the National Weather Service forecasts continues among all PEMA partners to include: FEMA, PA State agencies, PA counties and the PA National Guard via daily conference calls. PEMA is also coordinating an operational planning meeting today at PEMA Headquarters with multiple state agencies. FEMA Region III has deployed various resources to the state to enhance response and recovery efforts in the Commonwealth as needed. In addition, two advance teams from the State of Louisiana have been approved through the Emergency Mutual Aid Compact (EMAC), to assist the state in generating for assistance from other EMAC states.

The SEOC remains at Operational Level III, as of 8 a.m., 10/28/12.

CLOSED:

None

DISASTER DECLARATIONS:

Pennsylvania – Signed by Governor Corbett, 10/26/12

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, 5:30 a.m., 10/28/12

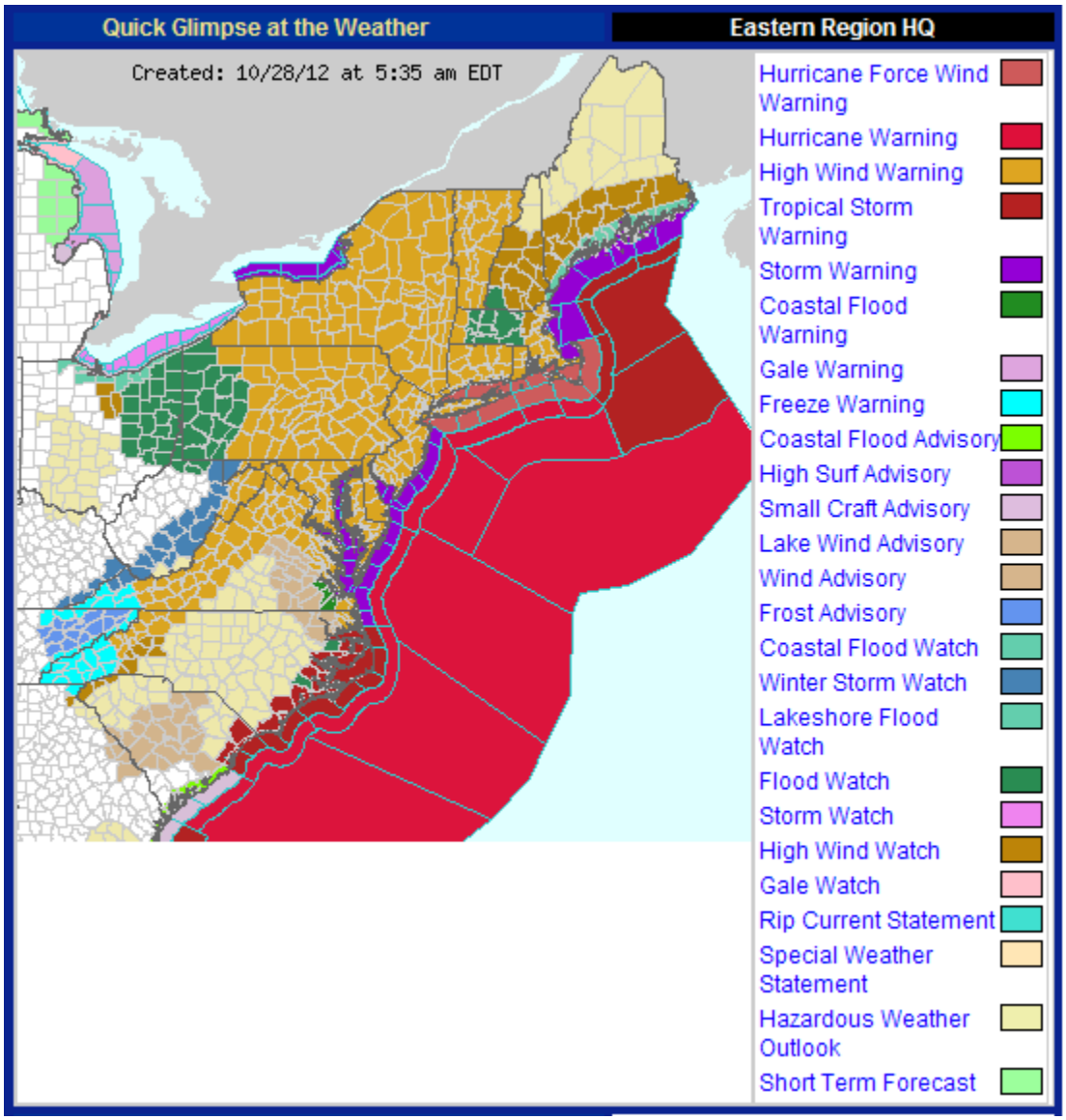
Rainfall will gradually expand across the Commonwealth today between a stalled out frontal boundary situated over western Pennsylvania and well in advance of Hurricane Sandy centered east of the Carolinas.

The rain will become heavy at times from east to west across the state tonight right into early Tuesday. Colder air pushing into the region will cause the rain to mix with or change to snow across the Laurel Highlands of the southwest. In addition, central Pennsylvania residents will experience strong wind gusts Monday through the first half of Tuesday. Downed trees and power outages appear highly likely. The heavy rain will generate significant rises on rivers and streams by mid week.

The high temperature this afternoon will vary from the mid 40s in the northwest to the upper 50s in the southeastern piedmont.

WATCHES AND WARNINGS:

A series of National Weather Service flood watches, coastal flood watches and high winds watches and warnings have been posted across Pennsylvania in advance of Hurricane Sandy. See map below for details:



NOAA / SPACE WEATHER PREDICTION CENTER:

3-day Solar-Geo-Physical Forecast, 10:00 p.m., 10/27/12:

Solar Activity Forecast: Solar activity is expected to be low with a slight chance for isolated M-class flares for the next three days (28-30 October).

Geophysical Activity Forecast: The geomagnetic field is expected to remain quiet for the next three days (28-30 October).