



# MEETING NOTES

<b>Meeting</b>	Westmoreland County Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) Update Draft Review Meeting		
<b>Date</b>	May 28, 2020	<b>Time</b>	9:00 – 9:55 a.m.
<b>Location</b>	Webinar		
<b>Attendees</b>	Tanya Polinsky, Westmoreland County Department of Public Safety (WCDPS)		
	Andrew R zodkiewicz, All-Hazards Planner, WCDPS		
	Christopher Tantlinger, Hazard Mitigation Officer, WCDPS		
	Anthony Kovacic, Emergency Management Coordinator, Hempfield Township		
	Bob Nedzesky, City Engineer, City of Monessen; Chief Engineer, WEC Engineers		
	Tony Subbio, Tetra Tech, Inc. (Tetra Tech)		

## Discussion Points

The sections below summarize each discussion point addressed during the meeting.

### Welcome

Mr. Tantlinger welcomed attendees and described the purpose of the meeting. He stated that Mr. R zodkiewicz is reviewing the draft HMP in detail. This is the third iteration of the county's HMP. Mr. Tantlinger stated that the HMP has improved with each iteration, and that this version is very detailed and provides useful information.

Mr. R zodkiewicz thanked the WCPDS staff, municipal emergency management coordinators, and general public for participating in the planning process.

### Review the Planning Process

Mr. Subbio reviewed the project timeline. He described the meetings that were conducted and the 90 organizations that participated in the planning process.

### Review the Document

Mr. Subbio gave a brief summary of each section of the updated HMP, as described below:

- Section 1: Introduction provides the background, purpose, and scope of the HMP.
- Section 2: County Profile discusses the nature of Westmoreland County, its communities, and its environment. It also discusses the limitations of data used in developing the HMP.
- Section 3: Planning Process summarizes the process by which the HMP was updated. It identifies the municipalities and stakeholders that participated in the planning process.
- Section 4: Risk Assessment includes the hazard profiles and vulnerability summary.
- Section 5: Capability Assessment describes the plans, regulations, staff, and resources available to implement hazard mitigation throughout the County. Mr. Subbio described the capabilities that were analyzed.
- Section 6: Mitigation Strategy includes the goals, objectives, and mitigation actions identified in the planning process. Mr. Subbio described the process used to develop mitigation actions, including using



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information gathered from the Westmoreland County Conservation District's stormwater problem mapping application. Mr. Tantlinger stated that the action plan shows the need for each municipality to identify a Hazard Mitigation Officer.

- Section 7: Plan Maintenance describes how the HMP will be maintained over 5 years after adoption, including the annual review process. It describes procedures for non-participating municipalities to follow to be able to adopt the HMP if they so desire in the future.
- Section 8: Plan Adoption includes template resolutions for each participating jurisdiction to adopt the HMP.
- The appendices include documentation of the planning process. Appendix I lists the critical facilities analyzed in the risk assessment; this appendix is not available to the public for security reasons.

## Next Steps

Mr. Subbio reviewed the following next steps in the HMP update process with attendees:

- Tetra Tech will put the finishing touches on the draft HMP by June 5, 2020.
- Tetra Tech will submit the HMP to Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) for review on or about June 10, 2020.
- After PEMA completes its review, Tetra Tech will make any required changes and submit the plan to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for formal review; submission is estimated to be in early July 2020.

With no further questions, Mr. Tantlinger thanked attendees for their time and participation. The meeting concluded at 9:55 a.m.



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### Agenda


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- Review the Planning Process
- Review the Document
- Next Steps
- Questions



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### Welcome


- Christopher Tantlinger, Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator, Westmoreland County Department of Public Safety
- Tony Subbio, Project Manager, Tetra Tech, Inc.



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### Review the Planning Process


- Planning Team Kickoff Meeting
  - February 28, 2019
- Risk Assessment Update
  - February 11 – September 30, 2019
- Mitigation Strategy Update
  - February 28, 2019 – March 5, 2020
- Develop the HMP Document
  - February 28, 2019 – March 11, 2020
- Public Review Period
  - April 17 – May 27, 2020



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### Review the Planning Process


- Citizen Planning Workshop: 02/19/19
- Planning Team Kickoff Meeting: 02/28/19
- Hazard Mitigation Working Group Meetings:
  - 03/11/19    ○ 09/09/19    ○ 11/18/19    ○ 01/13/20
  - 04/08/19    ○ 10/21/19    ○ 12/16/19    ○ 02/10/20
- Emergency Management Coordinator Trainings:
  - 03/27/19    ○ 07/24/19
- Elected Officials Seminar: 05/22/19
- Risk Assessment Review Meeting: 09/30/19
- Mitigation Strategy Workshop: 10/30/19
- Stakeholder Meetings: November 2019



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### Review the Planning Process

Westmoreland County Agencies			
Department of Public Safety	Municipal Authority	Public Works	Sheriff's Office
Behavioral Health/Developmental Services	Planning and Development	Sanitary Landfill	Transit
Conservation District	Prison		
39 of 65 Municipalities			
Schools and School Districts			
Central Westmoreland Career and Technology Center	Eastern Westmoreland Career and Technology Center	Greensburg-Salem School District	Norwin School District
Emergency Response Organizations			
Crabtree Volunteer Fire Department	Mount Pleasant Fire	University of Pittsburgh Police	Westmoreland County Animal Response Team
Forbes Road Volunteer Fire Department	PennWEST	Westmoreland County Trench/Rescue	



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Industry			
Exelon/Mital Movers, LLC	SNP Imaging/Summa America Corporation	Ferrell Gas	Quadant EPP USA, Inc.
Asphalt/Mittal Movers	Dominion Energy	Fyrstone Building Products	WEC Engineers
Chestnut Ridge Team	Enterprise Products	Galvul Performance Products	West Penn Power
Cleveland/Price, Inc.	Exela Health	General Carbide	Westinghouse Wabtec MIB
Community Organizations			
Mountain Watershed Association	Protect Penn-Trafford (Protect PT)	Westmoreland Community Action	Westmoreland Marcellus Citizens Group
Regional Organizations			
Southeastern Pennsylvania Commission		The Hospital and Healthsystem Association of Pennsylvania (HAP)	
Neighboring Counties			
Allegheny County Department of Emergency Services		Somerset County Department of Emergency Services	
Commonwealth Agencies			
Pennsylvania Department of Health	Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency	Pennsylvania House of Representatives	Pennsylvania State Police - Greensburg
Pennsylvania Department of Transportation			
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers			



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## Review the Document

- Section 1: Introduction
  - Background
  - Purpose
  - Scope
- Section 2: County Profile
  - Geography and Environment
  - Community Facts
  - Population and Demographics
  - Land Use and Development
  - Data Sources and Limitations



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## Review the Document

- Section 3: Planning Process
  - Update Process and Participation Summary
  - The Planning Team
  - Meetings and Documentation
  - Public and Stakeholder Participation
  - Multi-Jurisdictional Planning



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## Review the Document

- Section 4: Risk Assessment
  - Update Process Summary
  - Hazard Identification
  - Hazard Profiles
  - Hazard Vulnerability Summary

Hazard Profile	Category	Risk Assessment Summary					Total Risk
		Identified	Assessed	Control	Residual	Transfer	
HAZARD	Earthquake	4	1	1	2	0	8
	Blowdown	4	1	1	2	0	8
	Power Outage	4	1	1	2	0	8
	Transportation	4	1	1	2	0	8
	Chemical	4	1	1	2	0	8
	Fire	4	1	1	2	0	8
	Aviation	4	1	1	2	0	8
	Crime	4	1	1	2	0	8
	Adverse	4	1	1	2	0	8
	Corrosion	4	1	1	2	0	8
THREAT	Chemical	2	1	1	0	0	4
	Fire	2	1	1	0	0	4
	Power Outage	2	1	1	0	0	4
	Transportation	2	1	1	0	0	4
	Blowdown	2	1	1	0	0	4
	Earthquake	2	1	1	0	0	4
	Aviation	2	1	1	0	0	4
	Crime	2	1	1	0	0	4
	Adverse	2	1	1	0	0	4
	Corrosion	2	1	1	0	0	4
LOSS	Power Outage	1	1	0	0	0	2
	Transportation	1	1	0	0	0	2
	Blowdown	1	1	0	0	0	2
	Earthquake	1	1	0	0	0	2
	Aviation	1	1	0	0	0	2
	Crime	1	1	0	0	0	2
	Adverse	1	1	0	0	0	2
	Corrosion	1	1	0	0	0	2
	Fire	1	1	0	0	0	2
	Chemical	1	1	0	0	0	2



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## Review the Document

- Section 5: Capability Assessment
  - Comprehensive Planning
  - Emergency Management
  - Participation in the NFIP
  - Community Rating System (CRS)
  - Administrative and Technical Capability
  - Political Capability
  - Financial Capability
  - Education and Outreach
  - Self-Assessment
  - Plan Integration



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## Review the Document

- Section 6: Mitigation Strategy
  - Update Process Summary
  - Mitigation Goals and Objectives
  - Identification and Analysis of Mitigation Techniques
  - Mitigation Action Plan

Item	Description	Priority	Responsible Party	Start Date	End Date	Status	Notes
Mitigation 6.1	Review and update the County Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) to include the findings of the risk assessment.	High	County Emergency Management Agency	Q3 2018	Q3 2019	In Progress	
Mitigation 6.2	Conduct a community-wide awareness campaign regarding the risks of blowdown and power outages.	Medium	County Emergency Management Agency	Q4 2018	Q4 2019	Planned	
Mitigation 6.3	Investigate the feasibility of installing backup power systems for critical county facilities.	Medium	County Emergency Management Agency	Q1 2019	Q1 2020	Planned	

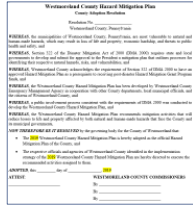


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## Review the Document

- Section 7: Plan Maintenance Procedures
  - Monitoring, Evaluating, and Updating the Plan
    - Information Requests
    - Worksheets
    - Annual Review Meeting
  - Continued Public Involvement
- Section 8: Plan Adoption



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## Review the Document

- Appendices
  - Authorities and References
  - Local Plan Review Crosswalk
  - Meeting Documentation
  - Municipal Participation Documentation
  - Public and Stakeholder Participation
  - Adoption Resolutions
  - Blank Mitigation Action Worksheet
  - Completed Mitigation Action Worksheets
  - Critical Facilities (not publicly available)



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## Next Steps

- Finishing touches
  - May 28 – June 5, 2020
- Submission to PEMA
  - On or about June 10, 2020
- Submission to FEMA Region III
  - On or about July 1, 2020



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## Questions?

Thank you for your time!



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