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GOVERNOR ANDREW M. CUOMO

**GOVERNOR CUOMO ANNOUNCES NYS EMERGENCY RESPONSE MOBILE
COMMAND CENTERS TO ASSIST FLOOD VICTIMS WITH BOTH ENVIRONMENTAL
PERMITTING AND INSURANCE CLAIMS ON LAKE ONTARIO**

*Department of Environmental Conservation Officials to Provide On-Site
Permitting and Assist Property Owners*

*Lake Ontario Flood Assistance Hotline Provides Latest Information and
Resources at [866-244-3839](tel:866-244-3839)*

More than 1 Million Sandbags Deployed to Affected Areas

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced that New York State will be deploying Emergency Response Mobile Command Centers with officials from the Department of Environmental Conservation, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services, and the Department of Financial Services. DEC officials will provide on-site permitting and work with property owners to address erosion, offer technical guidance and provide on-site emergency permitting to residents. This DEC assistance will augment the insurance help already being provided by the Department of Financial Services insurance help available to residents affected by the flooding.

"The state will continue to take aggressive action to mitigate damage from floodwaters and help impacted communities," **Governor Cuomo said.** "By deploying DEC officials to the state's Emergency Response Mobile Command Centers, we will continue to support residents in the affected communities by cutting red tape as they make necessary repairs and assisting with guidance throughout the insurance claims process."

Earlier this month, Governor Cuomo [declared](#) a State of Emergency in Cayuga, Jefferson, Monroe, Niagara, Orleans, Oswego, St. Lawrence, and Wayne counties in order to expedite repair to impacted structures and construction of shoreline stabilization projects. Additionally, at the Governor's direction, a coordinated Lake Ontario Rapid Response Team was sent to the region which includes experts from the State Department of Environmental Conservation, the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services, State Police and Office of General Services, along with city

and county agencies.

At the Mobile Command Centers, DEC staff will help answer questions on the [Storm Recovery General Permit](#), describe the specific types of repair and stabilization work authorized, and provide assistance in completing the application form. In certain instances, based on the available information provided by applicants, DEC will provide permits on-site or expedite further review and field visits necessary to issue permits. To obtain the required authorization under this General Permit, residents should come prepared by reading the General Permit and Application Instructions; determine whether or not the proposed work is within the scope of the General Permit; fill out the [Application for General Permit GP-0-17-006](#) and provide drawings, plans, photos (if available) and a location map.

As part of the Lake Ontario Rapid Response Team, DEC has also deployed a team of experienced coastal engineers to Lake Ontario to meet with property owners, conduct site visits and offer technical assistance. DEC's engineers stand ready to work with property owners so that protective structures can be repaired and homeowners can take appropriate actions expeditiously.

The Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services' Office of Emergency Management continues to coordinate with county and local partners in monitoring the rising levels of Lake Ontario and additional resources from state stockpiles have been shifted to locations in Monroe county in the event that conditions worsen. To date, more than 1 million sandbags have been deployed to affected communities to help mitigate flooding.

The NYS Emergency Response Mobile Command Centers will be at the below locations over the next five days. In addition, those who are not able to visit the Mobile Command Centers can call the Department's Disaster Hotline at [1-800-339-1759](tel:1-800-339-1759), Monday through Friday, 8 am to 8 p.m. for help with insurance-related issues.

Monday May 15

Oswego County – NYS Emergency Response Mobile Command Center
10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Town of Mexico
New York State DOT Maintenance Center
5846 Scenic Ave

Niagara County – NYS Emergency Response Mobile Command Center
10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Town of Newfane
Olcott Fire Company
1691 Lockport - Olcott Rd

Tuesday May 16

Jefferson County – NYS Emergency Response Mobile Command Center
10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Town of Lyme
Chaumont Volunteer Fire Department
11385 NY Route-12E

Wayne County – NYS Emergency Response Mobile Command Center
10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Village of Sodus Point
Sodus Point Beach Park
7958 Wickham Blvd

Wednesday May 17

St. Lawrence County – NYS Emergency Response Mobile Command Center
10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
City of Ogdensburg
100 Riverside Ave (The Dobisky Center)

Thursday, May 18

Orleans County - NYS Emergency Response Mobile Command Center
10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Town of Kent
County Marine Park
Point Breeze Road (Route 98)

Monroe County - NYS Emergency Response Mobile Command Center
10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Town of Hilton DPW Garage
198 Manitou Road, Hilton NY 14468

Friday, May 19

Cayuga County – NYS Emergency Response Mobile Command Center
10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Village of Fair Haven
Fair Haven Village Hall
14523 Cayuga St.

St. Lawrence County - NYS Emergency Response Mobile Command Center
10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
City of Ogdensburg
100 Riverside Ave (The Dobisky Center)

Saturday, May 20

Niagara County - NYS Emergency Response Mobile Command Center
10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Town of Newfane
Olcott Fire Company
1691 Lockport - Olcott Rd.

Oswego County – NYS Emergency Response Mobile Command Center
10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Town of Mexico
New York State DOT Maintenance Center
5846 Scenic Ave

Sunday, May 21

Wayne – NYS Emergency Response Mobile Command Center
10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Village of Sodus Point
Sodus Point Beach Park
7958 Wickham Blvd

Jefferson - NYS Emergency Response Mobile Command Center
10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Town of Lyme
Chaumont Volunteer Fire Department
11385 NY Route-12E

Currently, assets have been deployed to the following counties:

Cayuga County

- 75,000 Sandbags

Jefferson County

- 70,000 sandbags plus an additional 50,000 from the Army Corps of Engineers
- 1 Sandbagger
- 1 inmate crew from the Department of Corrections and Community Supervision to fill sandbags
- NYS Department of Transportation Loader and sand
- 20 National Guard members

Monroe County

- 2 sandbaggers

- 322,000 Sandbags
- Various pumps and hoses deployed
- 40 National Guard Members deployed

Niagara County

- 1 sandbagger
- 60,000 sandbags
- Various pumps and hoses
- 30 National Guard members
- NYS Department of Transportation front loaders and low boys and a Thruway authority excavator to assist with concrete block placement

Orleans County

- 90,000 sandbags

Oswego County

- 1 sandbagger
- 89,000 sandbags
- 20 National Guard Members
- State sandbagging operations continue at the Department of Transportation facility in Mapleview with NYS Department of Transportation personnel

St. Lawrence County

- 30,000 sandbags (includes 20,00 from the Army Corps of Engineers)

Wayne County

- 3 sandbaggers
- 235,000 sandbags
- 46 National Guard Members deployed
- Various pumps and hoses
- NYS establishing a Sandbag filling operation at NYSDOT facility in Wayne County; additionally National Guard members will be assisting with sandbag placement in the Village of Sodus Point and other areas as needed.

If you are unable to visit a mobile location, The Department of Environmental Conservation will continue to provide support to communities through expedited permitting, site inspections, and technical guidance at regional offices.

DEC Region 6:

St. Lawrence County

- 3 applications received
- 2 General Permits issued, one Individual Permit issued

Jefferson County

- 29 applications received
- 29 General Permits issued

DEC Region 7:

Oswego County

- 22 applications received
- 9 General Permits issued, 2 Individual Permits issued. Remaining applications under review.

Cayuga County

- 0 applications received

DEC Region 8:

Wayne County

- 27 applications received
- 5 General Permits Issued, 3 Individual Permits issued, 10 Emergency Authorizations issued. Remaining applications under review.

Monroe County

- 41 applications received
- 11 General Permits Issued, 4 Individual Permits issued, 6 Emergency Authorizations issued. Remaining applications under review.

Orleans County

- 32 applications received
- 2 General Permits Issued, 3 Individual Permits issued, 4 Emergency Authorizations issued. 2 Non Jurisdictional, Remaining applications under review.

DEC Region 9:

Niagara County

- 27 applications received

- 6 General permits issued, 8 Emergency Authorizations issued. Remaining applications under review.

Regional Permit Office contacts:

NYS DEC Region 6

(Jefferson and St. Lawrence counties)

Regional Permit Administrator

Dulles State Office Building

317 Washington Street

Watertown, NY 13601-3787

Phone: [315-785-2245](tel:315-785-2245)

Fax: [315-785-2242](tel:315-785-2242)

Email: dep.r6@dec.ny.gov

NYS DEC Region 7

(Cayuga and Oswego counties)

Regional Permit Administrator

615 Erie Blvd. West, Room 206

Syracuse, NY 13204-2400

Phone: [315-426-7444](tel:315-426-7444)

Fax: [315-426-7425](tel:315-426-7425)

Email: dep.r7@dec.ny.gov

NYS DEC Region 8

(Monroe, Orleans and Wayne counties)

Regional Permit Administrator

6274 East Avon – Lima Road

Avon, NY 14414-9519

Phone: [585-226-5400](tel:585-226-5400)

Fax: [585-226-2830](tel:585-226-2830)

Email: dep.r8@dec.ny.gov

NYS DEC Region 9

(Niagara County)

Regional Permit Administrator

270 Michigan Avenue

Buffalo, NY 14203-2915

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Fax: [716-851-7168](tel:716-851-7168)

Email: dep.r9@dec.ny.gov

All New Yorkers are encouraged to sign up for NY-Alert, the state's free, all hazards subscription-based alerting system. For more information and to register, please visit www.nyalert.gov. For information on flood safety visit the DHSES website at <http://www.dhSES.ny.gov/oem/safety-info/flood/>. For more information on the Storm

Recovery Permit, visit the DEC website. Details of the general permit and instructions for applicants can be found at: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/89343.html>.

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