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PENNSYLVANIA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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Chairwoman Baker, Chairman Solobay, Chairman Tomlinson, Chairwoman Boscola and Members of the Committee, I am Tim Baughman, Deputy Director for Operations for the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA). Thank you for the opportunity to testify regarding the recent floods and the power outage and water treatment issues that occurred as a result of Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee.

I serve as PEMA's Deputy Director for Operations and it is my responsibility to oversee PEMA's emergency operations for the entire Commonwealth. PEMA is a small agency with a very large mission. We currently have approximately 160 employees and have three Area Offices (Eastern, Central and Western). PEMA has a unique role to play in coordinating the resources of state agencies in times of disaster or emergency. PEMA's prime responsibility is to support county emergency managers and their organizations.