NOAA/NWS Binghamton, NY
Wreck-It Exercise
Friday 10/2/2015 Briefing

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This Briefing applies to the NWS Binghamton Service Area only:

FOR CENTRAL NY

This area includes but is not limited to cities such as Syracuse, Utica, Ithaca, Elmira, Binghamton, and Oneonta.

FOR NORTHEAST PA

This area includes but is not limited to cities such as Towanda, Montrose, Scranton, and Wilkes-Barre.

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Summary

- A major winter storm will track across the Ohio Valley into Pennsylvania early next week.
- This storm has the potential to produce a major devastating ice storm across much of central NY and far northern PA.
  - As much as 1 to 2 inches of ice is possible.
- Precipitation is expected to begin sometime Monday evening and last through Tuesday.
- Precipitation ends Tuesday night, then high winds are possible by Wednesday with very cold temperatures pouring into the region.

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Potential Impacts

- Power outages could become widespread.
- Roads will not only become icy but could become blocked by downed trees and power lines.
- Strong winds and cold temperatures will exacerbate power outages and lead to many people without heat.
  - Increase incidences of CO poisoning?
  - More home fires?
- There is considerable uncertainty as to which areas will be impacted the most.

Timing: Precipitation begins Monday Evening and lasts through Tuesday.

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Temperatures

- Will fall to the upper 20s to lower 30s in central NY and far northern PA Monday evening and be steady or slowly falling through Tuesday.
- In the rest of northeast PA temperatures will remain in the 30s to lower 40s through Tuesday.
- Temperatures will fall area-wide to record lows in the lower to mid 20s Wednesday.

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Winds

- Easterly winds will remain below 10 mph until Tuesday night.
- Tuesday night and Wednesday winds will shift to the northwest and increase to 20 to 30 mph with gusts to 45 mph.
- Strongest winds will be Wednesday.

Forecast Uncertainty

- Ice amounts are based on the current forecast track of the low pressure center
- A more northerly track:
  - Would place central New York and northeast PA in the region of warmer air
    - Less ice would accumulate in central NY; more precipitation would fall as rain.
    - All rain would fall in northeast PA.
- A more southerly track:
  - Would mean snow and much less ice in central NY.
  - Major ice storm threat would shift south into northeast PA.

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Conference Call Schedule

- Monday 9:30 am

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