

# *Watershed* MANAGEMENT



## Drought Information Center

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The past 24 hours brought only very localized and very widely scattered shower activity in several counties, with total precipitation less than 0.1 inch. An early July storm has now dropped out of the 180-day precipitation totals, so the six-month deficits realized a discernable increase.

Delaware River Basin stream flows are showing minor general improvement in the upper and middle basin areas. Lower basin flows are generally holding about even.

Flows throughout the Susquehanna Basin, including the West Branch are likewise holding about even, with minor variations both up and down from yesterday.

Flows in the Allegheny basin are marginally higher overall, while Monongahela Basin flows are marginally lower. Beaver River basin flows remain about even. The Ohio River at Sewickley dropped noticeably from 68,500 cubic feet per second to 11,700 cfs, as the tail end of the weekend's runoff apparently flowed by yesterday.

Ground water levels generally showed very minor improvement today, except in the middle and upper Susquehanna River Basin.

Precipitation is forecast for the next two days, ranging from about 0.6 to about 1.5 inches, concentrated more heavily in the northeastern counties.