

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Tuesday, May 20, 2025

8:30 a.m. ET



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National Current Ops / Monitoring

New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Ops

- Severe Thunderstorms – Southern Plains to Mid-Atlantic

Hazard Monitoring

- Severe Weather – Mid-South to the Ohio Valley
- Excessive Rainfall – Mississippi Valley to the Appalachians
- Excessive Heat – south Texas
- Tropical Activity:
 - Eastern Pacific:
 - Disturbance 1 (Low: 20%)

Disaster Declaration Activity

- Request: Major Disaster Declaration – MI
- Request: Emergency Declaration – MO

Event Monitoring

- No new significant events

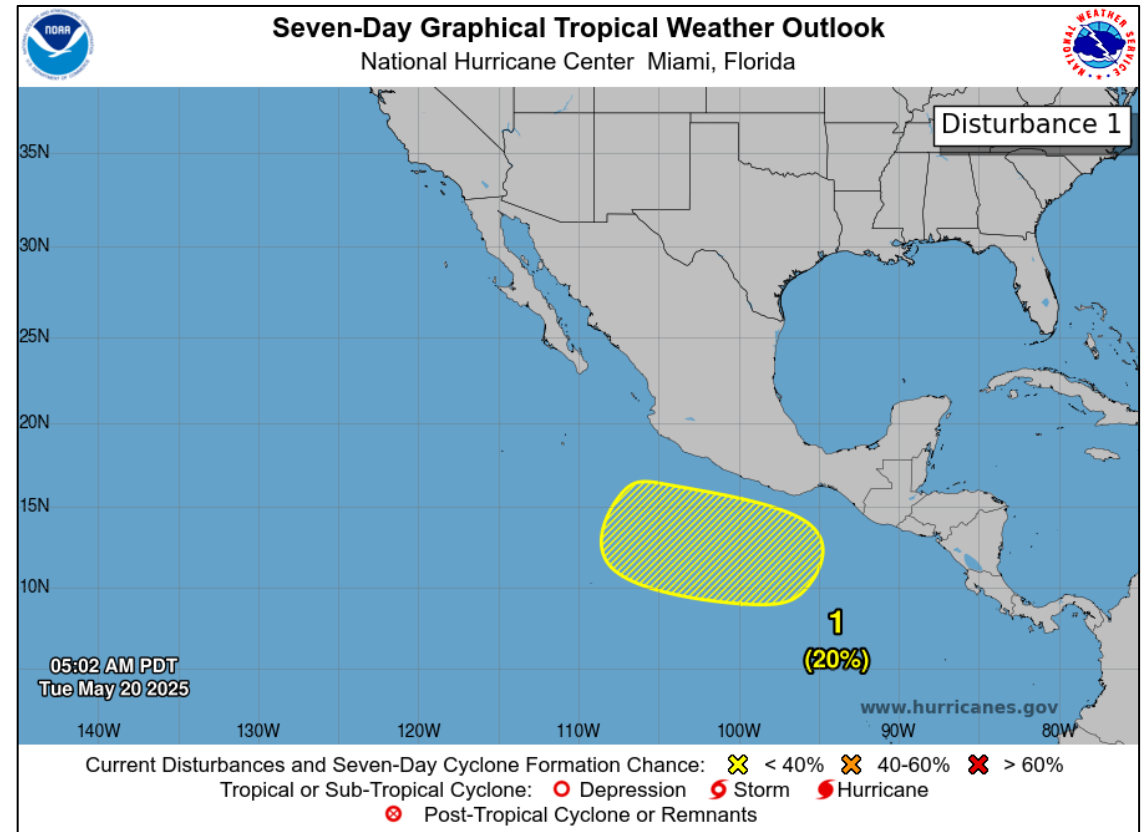


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Disturbance 1 – Eastern Pacific

Disturbance 1 (As of 8:00 a.m. ET)

- Located several hundred miles S of the southern coast of Mexico
- Moving WNW at 10-15 mph
- 48 hour: Low (near 0%); 7-day: Low (20%)



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Severe Thunderstorms – Southern Plains to Mid-Atlantic

Situation and Analysis: A severe weather outbreak has been ongoing in the central U.S. The Storm Prediction Center reports a significant number of severe weather events. Since May 16, confirmed reports include 80 (+19) tornadoes, 878 (+182) wind events (12 (+4) exceeding 75 mph), and 448 (+133) hail events (104 (+23) with hail larger than 2 inches). (SPC Filtered Storm Reports, as of 5:15 a.m. ET). Damage to residences and a water treatment plant have been reported in Region VI. The Storm Prediction Center (SPC) maintains an Enhanced Risk of severe weather across portions of the Mid-South to the Ohio Valley. (SPC, as of 2:00 a.m. ET)

Lifeline Impacts:

Safety & Security: Damage to homes reported in OK and AR.

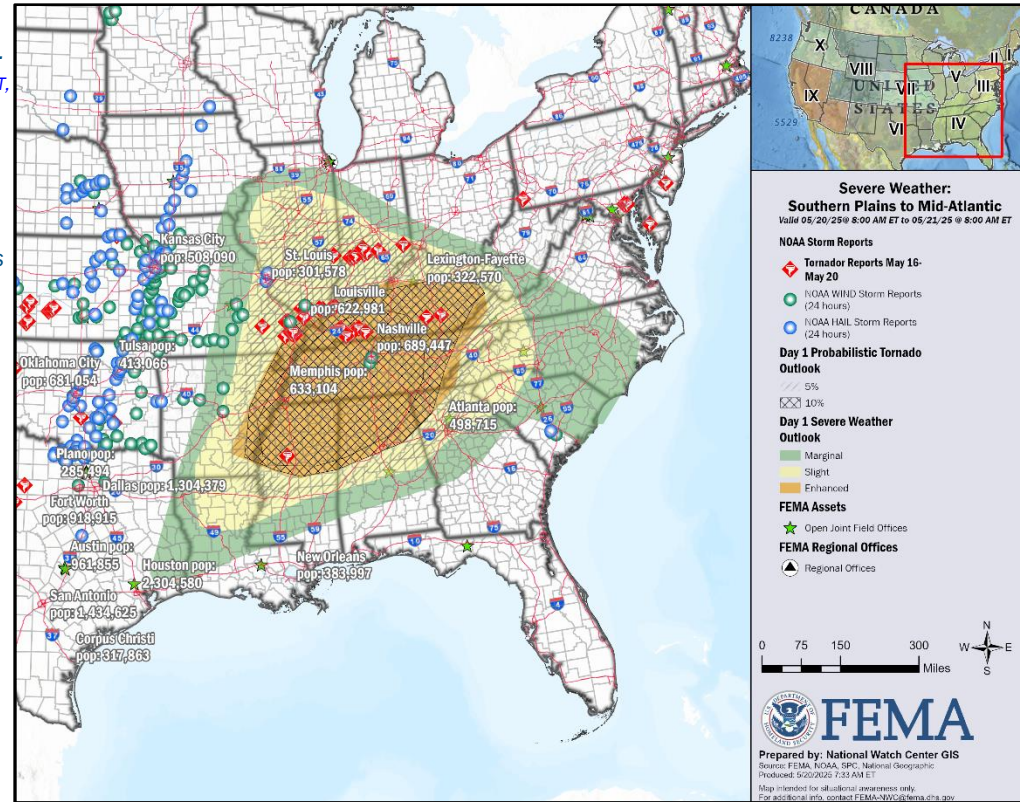
- Region VI: (RVI SPOTREPs, as of 9:23 p.m. ET, May 19 and 2:21 a.m. ET, May 20)
 - OK: State reports at least 10 homes destroyed near Pittsburg, OK (pop. 180)
 - AR: State reports an unknown number of homes damaged near Greenland, AR (pop. 1k)

Energy: Power outages are still being reported; restoration is ongoing. (Eagle-I, as of 6:45 a.m. ET, May 20)

- Region VI: 55k (+38k) (<1%) customers without power
 - AR: 21k customers without power (1%)
 - OK: 25k customers without power (1%)
- Region VII: 65k (+29k) (1%) customers without power
 - MO: 46k customers without power (2%)
 - KS: 9k customers without power (<1%)

Food, Hydration, Shelter: Multiple shelters open across the affected regions. (ARC Midnight Shelter as of 6:48 a.m. ET, May 20)

- Region IV:
 - KY: 2 shelter open / 26 (+10) occupants
- Region V:
 - IL: 1 (-1) shelters open / 2 (-2) occupants
 - IN: 2 (-2) shelters open / 0 (-7) occupants
 - WI: 1 shelter open / 30 occupants
- Region VII:
 - MO: 3 shelters open / 139 (+41) occupants



Health & Medical: Multiple storm-related fatalities and injuries reported.

Region IV: (RIV RWC, as of 1:30 a.m. ET)

- KY 19 (+1) fatalities / 96 injuries

Region V: (RV SPOTREP, as of 2:17 a.m. ET)

- IN: 1 fatality / 3 injuries from a tornado on May 16

Region VII: (RVII RWC, as of 1:30 a.m. ET)

- MO: 7 fatalities / 30 injuries

Water Systems: Impacts reported in KY and AR.

Region IV:

- KY:
 - Approximately 185 customers are without water; 9,500 customers are under a boil water advisory (KY Gov statement, as of 4:30 p.m. ET May 19)

Region VI:

- AR: (RVI SPOTREP, as of 2:21 a.m. ET)
 - South Sheridan Water Association Treatment Plant in Sheridan, AR (pop. 5k) was damaged from a lightning strike on May 18, affecting water delivery for 3k residents; AR National Guard is providing water to affected residents.
 - Two (2) water systems are under a boil advisory

Transportation: KY: London airport requested assistance clearing debris from runways, ramps, and taxiways; airport remains at limited operations. (RIV RWC Update, as of 2:47 a.m. ET, May 19)



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State / Local Response:

Region IV:

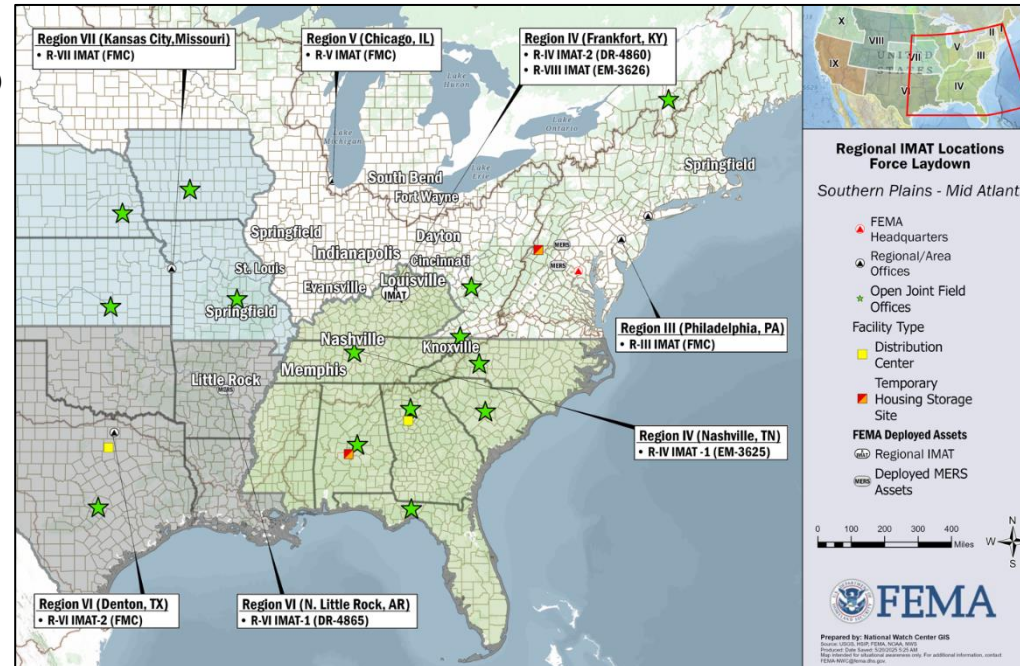
- AL, NC, and TN SEOCs are Monitoring (Severe Weather)
- FL: SEOC at Partial Activation (Previous Incident)
- KY SEOC is at Partial Activation (Severe Weather)

Region VI:

- OK SEOCs is at **Partial Activation** (Severe Weather)
- TX SEOC is Monitoring (Wildfires)
- AR SEOC is at Partial Activation (Severe Weather)**

Region VII:

- MO SEOC is at Partial Activation (Severe Weather)
 - State requested Individual Assistance Preliminary Damage Assessments (PDAs) for 7 counties
 - Governor requested Emergency Declaration for Storms starting on May 16 and continuing



FEMA / Federal Response:

Region IV:

- Regional Watch is at Enhanced (Severe Weather); RRCC is Rostered
- R-IMAT-1 is deployed to TN (FEMA-3625-EM-TN)
- R-IMAT-2 is deployed to KY (FEMA-4860-DR-KY)

Region V:

- Regional Watch is at Monitoring; RRCC is Rostered
- R-IMAT is available

Region VI:

- Regional Watch is Monitoring; RRCC is Rostered
- Regional IMAT-1 is deployed to AR (FEMA-4865-DR-AR)
- Regional IMAT-2 is available

Region VII:

- Regional Watch is Monitoring; RRCC is Rostered
- R-IMAT is available

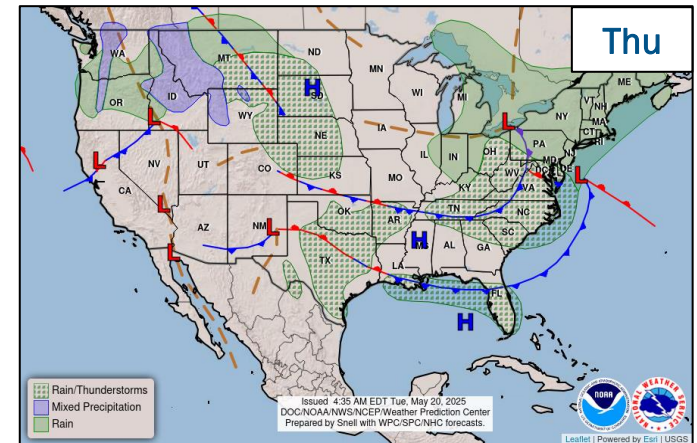
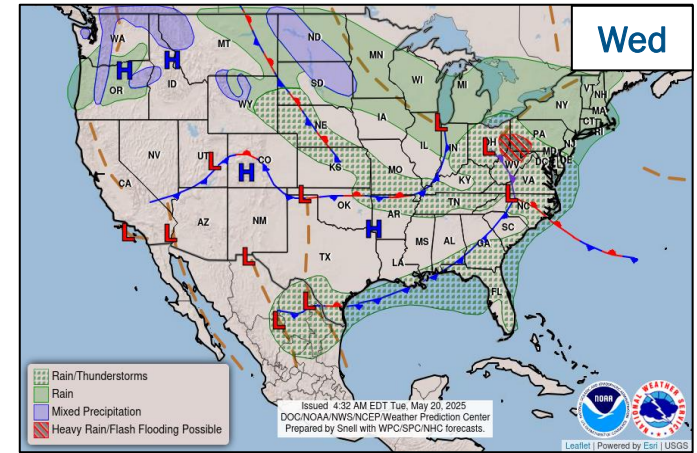
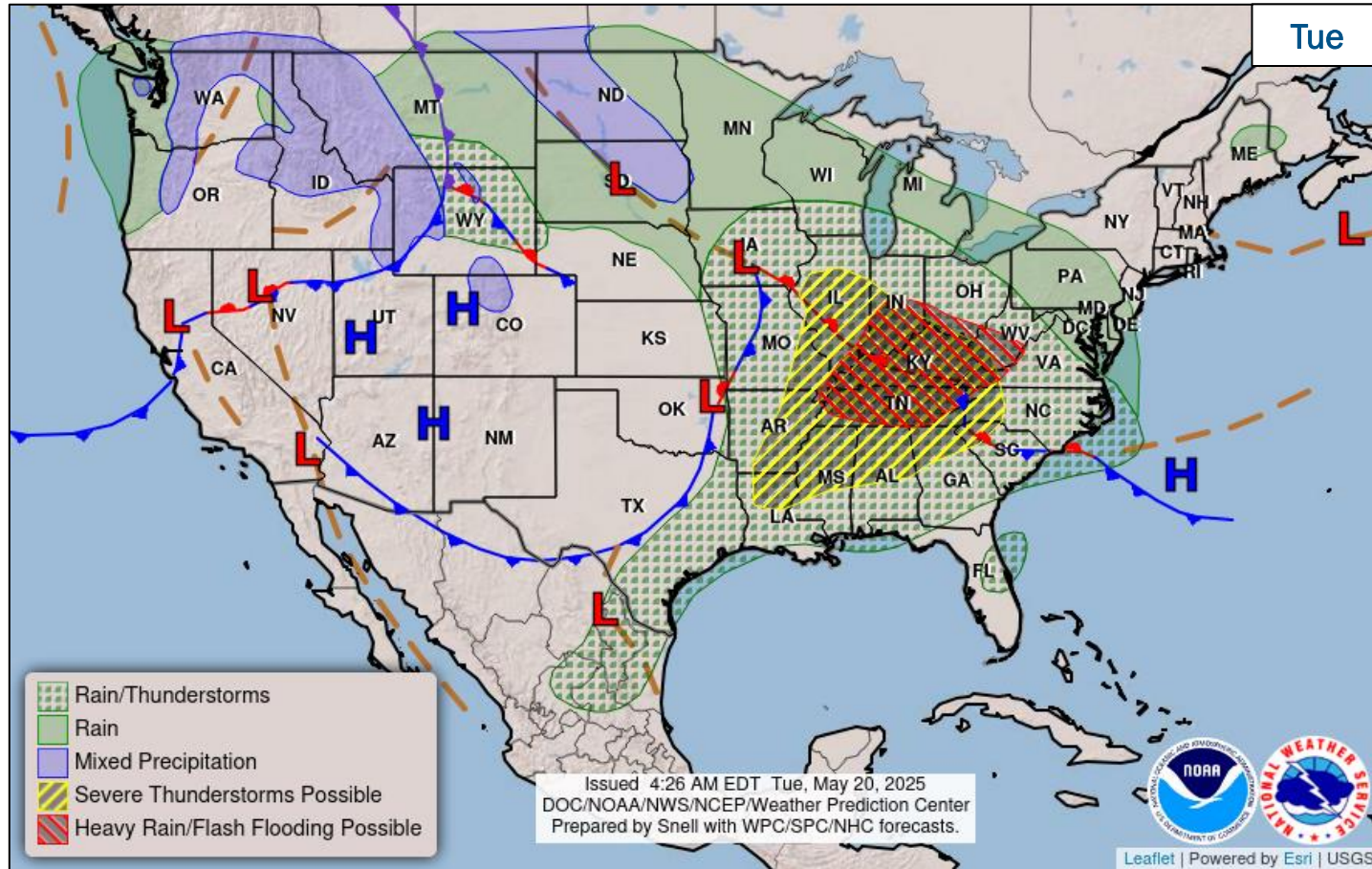
HQ: NWC is Monitoring; NRCC activated to **Level II (EH25)**

NWC will continue to monitor the situation in coordination with FEMA Regions IV, V, VI, and VII, with continued reporting twice daily in the FEMA National Situation Report (5:00 p.m. / 3:00 a.m. ET) and the FEMA Daily Operations Briefing (8:30 a.m. ET).



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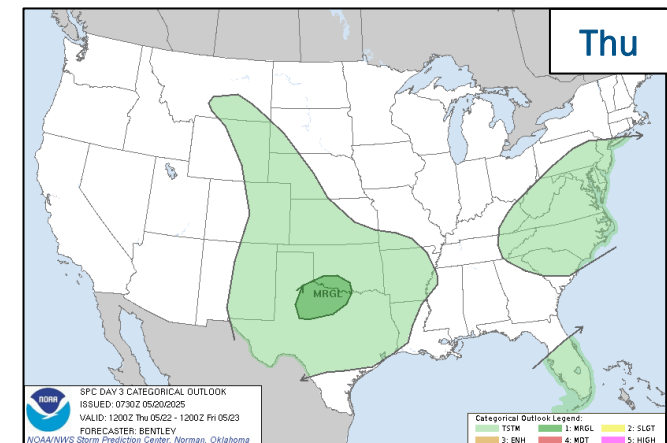
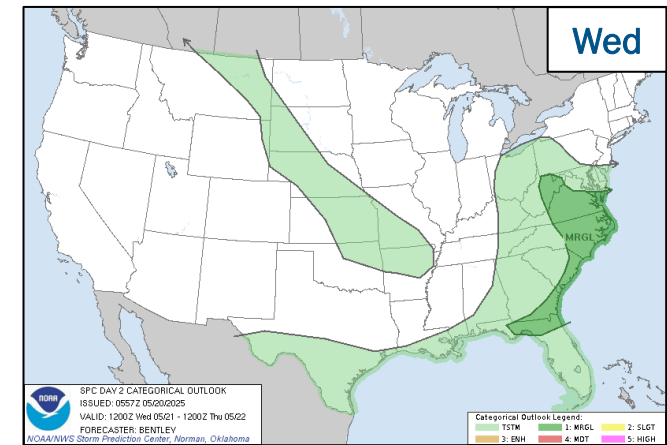
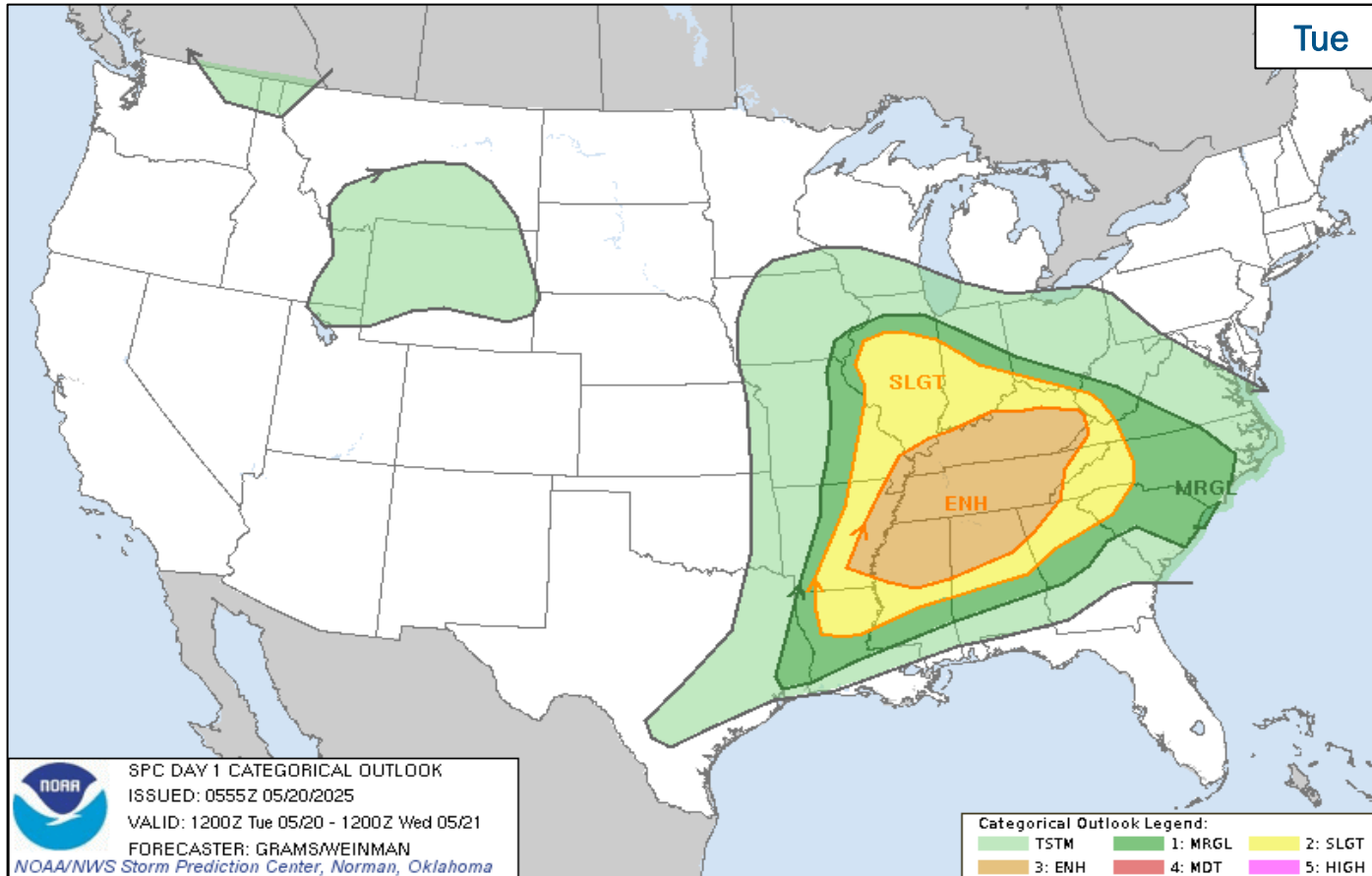
National Weather Forecast



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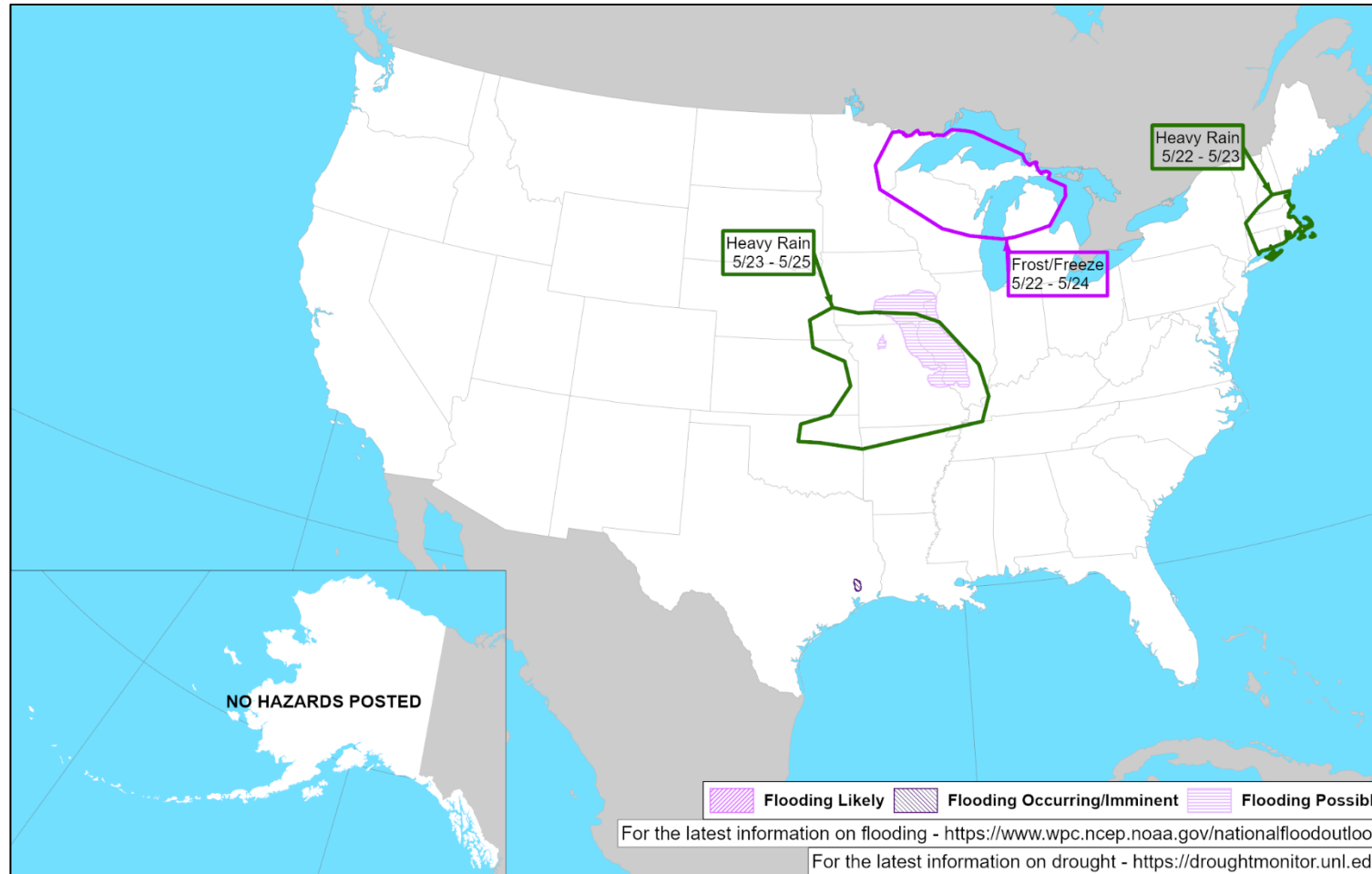
Severe Weather Outlook



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Hazards Outlook – May 22-26



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Wildfire Summary

Fire Name (County, ST)	FMAG #	Acres Burned	Percent Contained	Evacuations	Structures (Homes / Other)			Fatalities / Injuries
					Threatened	Damaged	Destroyed	
Greer (Apache, AZ)	5584-FM-AZ	20,833	39% (+39)	M: LIFTED	H: 200	H: 0	H: 7	0 / 1
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 0	O: 0	

(Evacuations: M = Mandatory / V = Voluntary; Structures: H = Homes and Mixed Commercial/Residential / O = Non-residential Commercial/Other Minor Structures)



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FEMA Common Operating Picture

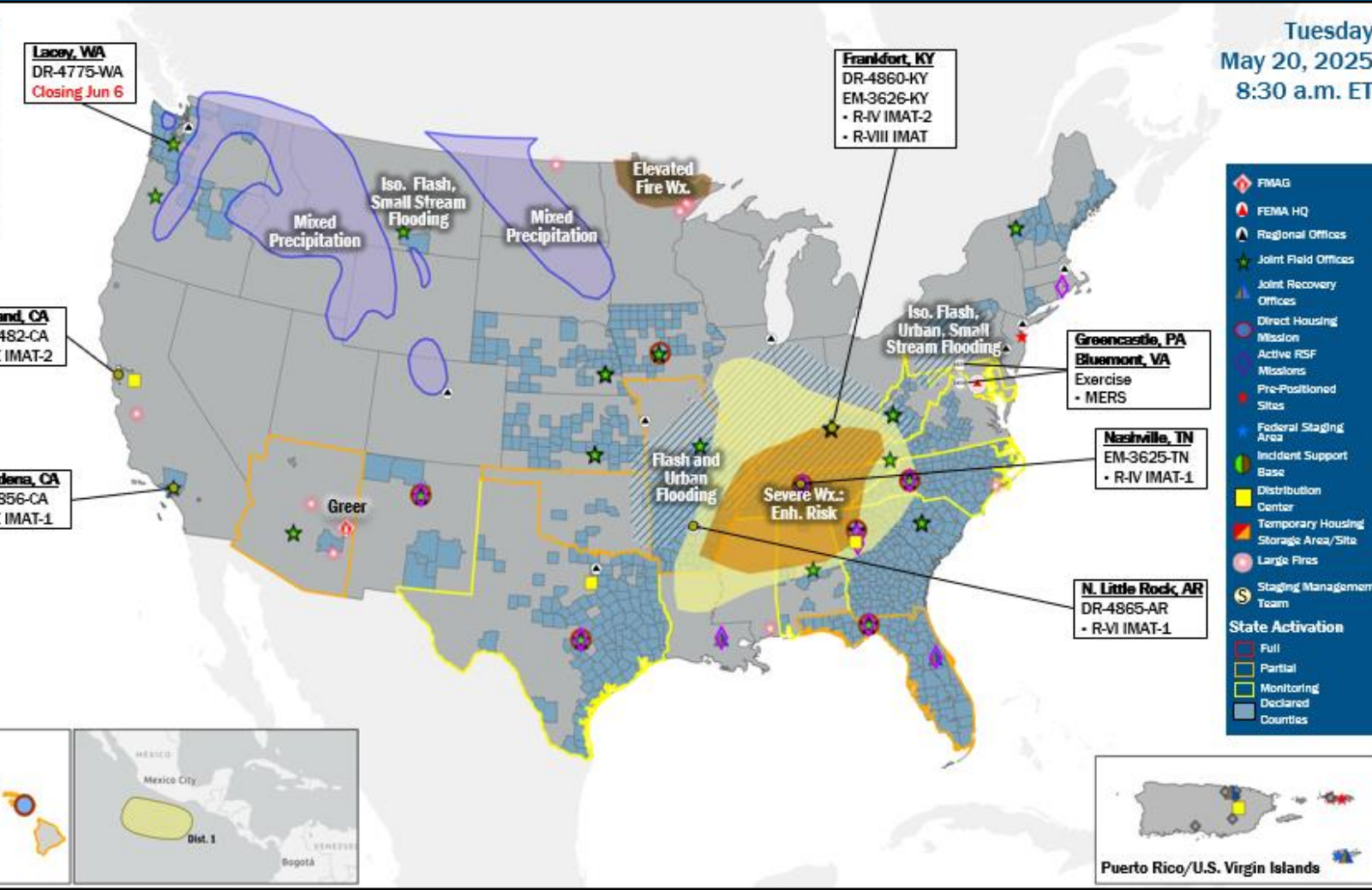
24 Joint Field Offices **75 + 11** Major Disasters **10** Direct Housing Missions **21** RSF-Supported Disasters **6** Joint Recovery Offices

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NWC	NRCC
Monitoring	Level II
FEMA REGIONS	
Watch	RRCC
Monitoring I	Rostered
Monitoring II	Rostered
Monitoring III	Rostered
Enhanced IV	Rostered
Monitoring V	Rostered
Monitoring VI	Rostered
Monitoring VII	Rostered
Monitoring VIII	Rostered
Monitoring IX	Rostered
Monitoring X	Rostered
Notes:	
NRCC/RWCs/RRCCs: • RIV RWC: Severe Weather • NRCC: EH25	State EOCs: • HI/TX/AZ: Wildfires • AL/FL/KY/MO/NC/OK • TN/AR: Severe Weather • FL/NC: Previous Incidents • WV/MD: Flooding • DC: U.S. Army Birthday
Volunteer Force	
Rostered 7,671	Deployed 4
Surge Capacity Force	
Rostered 8,559	Deployed 0

N-IMATs	
2-5 Teams Available	
Red	
White	
Blue	
Gold	
HS	
R-IMATs	
≥ 7 Teams Available	
I	1
II	3
III	2
IV-1	TN (Apr 4)
IV-2	KY (Feb 16)
V	
VI-1	AR (May 15)
VI-2	
VII	
VIII	KY (Apr 6)
IX-1	CA (Jan 8)
IX-2	CA (Mar 6)
X	
Fully Mission Capable (FMC)	
Partially Mission Capable (PMC)	
Not Mission Capable (NMC)	
Deployed	

REGIONAL BREAKDOWN				
	JFD	DR	EM	JRD
I	3	7	0	0
II	0	0	0	2
III	2	8	1	0
IV	7	26	9	1
V	0	0	0	0
VI	2	7	1	3
VII	4	14	0	0
VIII	1	1	0	0
IX	2	5	0	0
X	3	7	0	0



IM Workforce

13,266 (-42) Assigned
5,394 (-42) Unavailable
5,832 (+75) Deployed

15% / 2,040 (-75) Available

IM Cadre Availability

Alternative Dispute Resolution: 22% (7/32); Civil Rights: 17% (24/144); Disaster Field Training Operations: 20% (16/82); Disability Integration: 16% (5/32); Disaster Survivor Assistance: 19% (219/1,172); External Affairs: 7% (27/367); Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation: 9% (70/823); Field Leadership: 4% (5/131); Financial Management: 19% (42/221); Hazard Mitigation: 7% (84/1,124); Human Resources: 13% (23/176); Individual Assistance: 16% (401/2,508); Interagency Recovery Coordination: 18% (51/288); Information Technology: 12% (83/685); Logistics: 18% (290/1,601); Operations: 13% (45/356); Public Assistance: 11% (235/2,214); Planning: 7% (31/429); Safety: 11% (10/94); Security: 10% (13/126)

20 Cadres ≤ 25% Availability

MERS
≥ 66%

36 Assigned
3 Unavailable
1 Deployed

32 Available

US&R
≥ 66%

28 Assigned
5 Unavailable
0 Deployed

23 Available

FCO
3 Type I

49 Assigned
4 Unavailable
40 (22 FCOR) Deployed

5 Available

Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments

Region	State / Location	Incident	IA	Number of Counties		Start - End
			PA	Requested	Complete	
IV	KY	Severe Storms May 16-17	IA	9 (+1)	0	5/19 - TBD
			PA	18 (+11)	0	5/19 - TBD
V	IN	Severe Storms Mar 30-Apr 9	IA	6	4	5/13 - TBD
			PA	32 (+4)	6	5/13 - TBD
VII	MO	Severe Storms and Tornadoes May 16 and continuing	IA	7	0	5/21 - TBD
			PA	0	0	N/A



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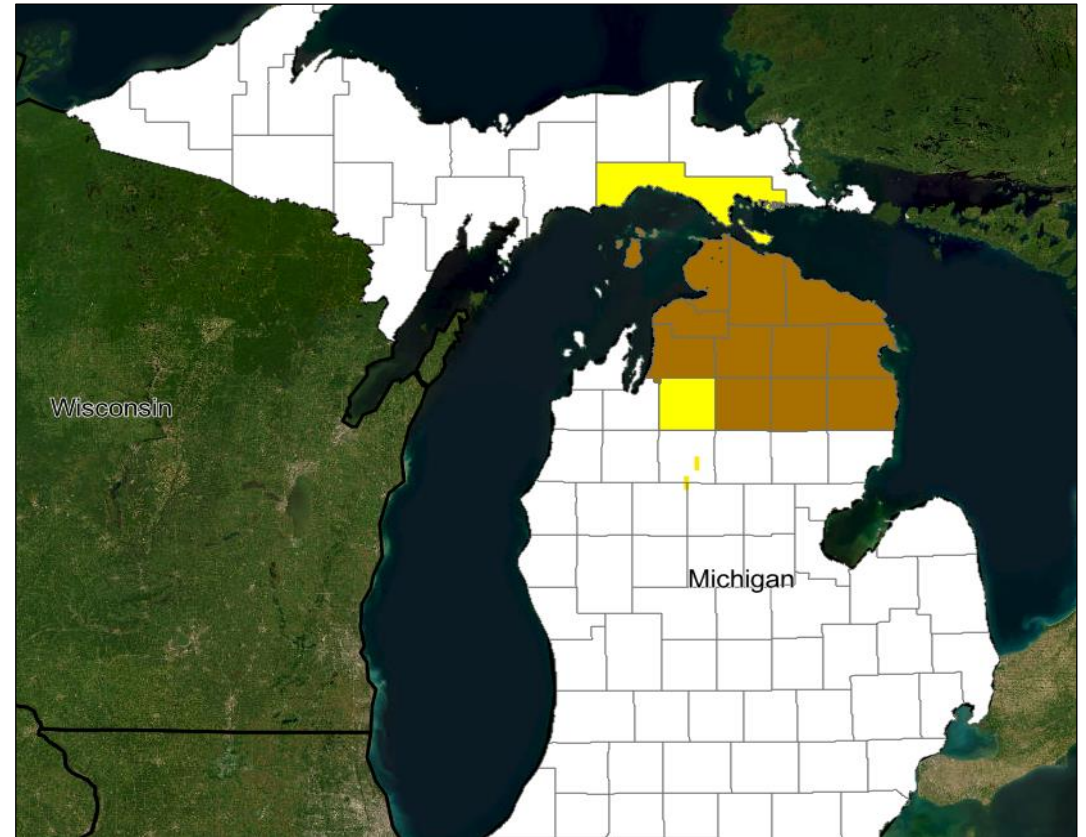
Declaration Request – Michigan

Declaration Type: Major Disaster – MI
Requested: May 16

Incident: Severe Winter Storm
Incident Period: Mar 28-30

Requested:

- **PA:** 2 counties
- **IA/PA:** 11 counties and 1 tribe
- **Hazard Mitigation:** Statewide



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Declaration Request – Missouri

Declaration Type: Emergency – MO

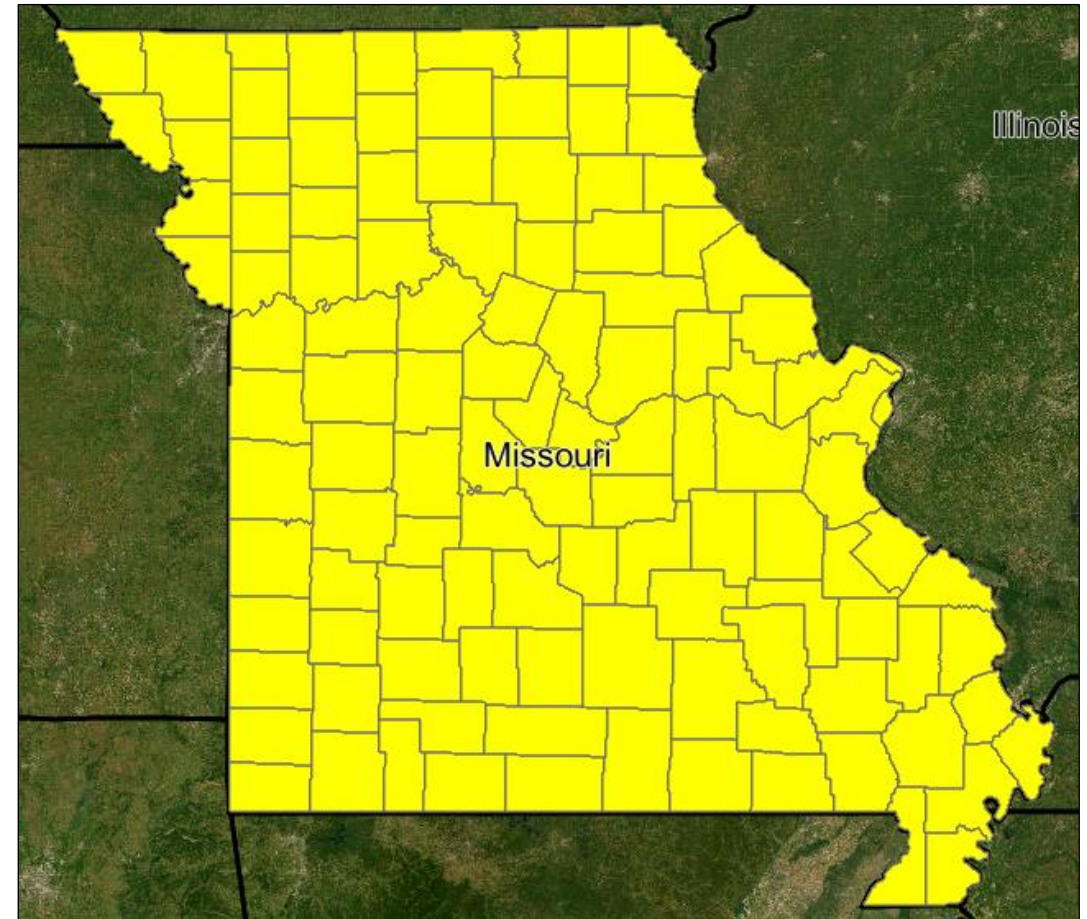
Requested: May 19

Incident: Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Tornadoes, and Flooding

Incident Period: May 16, and continuing

Requested:

- **PA:** All 114 counties and the independent city of St. Louis



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Declaration Requests in Process – 17

State / Tribe / Territory – Incident Description	Type	IA	PA	HM	Requested
KY – Severe Winter Storms and Snowstorms	DR		X	X	Jan 30
OK – Wildfires and Straight-line Winds	DR	X		X	Mar 21
HI – Flooding	DR		X	X	Mar 27
MS – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Tornadoes, and Flooding	DR	X	X	X	Apr 1
MO – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Tornadoes, and Wildfires	DR	X	X	X	Apr 2
MI – Severe Winter Storm	EM		X		Apr 11
NE – Severe Winter Storm and Straight-line Winds	DR		X	X	Apr 14
KS – Severe Winter Storm, Straight-line Winds, Flooding, and Wildfire	DR		X	X	Apr 14
IA – Severe Winter Storm	DR		X	X	Apr 15
TX – Severe Weather and Flooding	DR	X	X	X	Apr 17
TN – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Tornadoes, and Flooding	DR	X	X	X	Apr 17
Muscogee (Creek) Nation – Severe Winter Storm	DR		X	X	Apr 21
MO – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Tornadoes, and Flooding	DR	X	X	X	Apr 30
AR – Severe Storms, Tornadoes, and Flooding	DR	X	X	X	May 3
WA – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Flooding, Landslides and Mudslides (Appeal)	DR		X	X	May 7
MI – Severe Winter Storm	DR	X	X	X	May 16
MO – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Tornadoes, and Flooding	EM		X		May 19



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