

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Saturday, September 23, 2023

8:30 a.m. ET



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National Current Ops / Monitoring

New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Ops

- Tropical Storm Ophelia – Preparations

Hazard Monitoring

- Heavy rain and flash flooding possible – Northern/Southern Plains and Mid-Atlantic
- Severe thunderstorms – Upper Mississippi Valley to the Southern Plains
- Mixed Precipitation – Pacific Northwest, Northern Rockies, and Northern Plains
- Tropical Activity:
 - Atlantic:
 - Tropical Storm Ophelia
 - Disturbance 1 (AL90): High (90%)
 - Eastern Pacific:
 - Disturbance 1 (EP97): High (80%)
 - Central Pacific:
 - Disturbance 1 (CP91): Low (near 0%)

Disaster Declaration Activity

- Amendment No. 1 to FEMA-3597-EM-SC

Event Monitoring

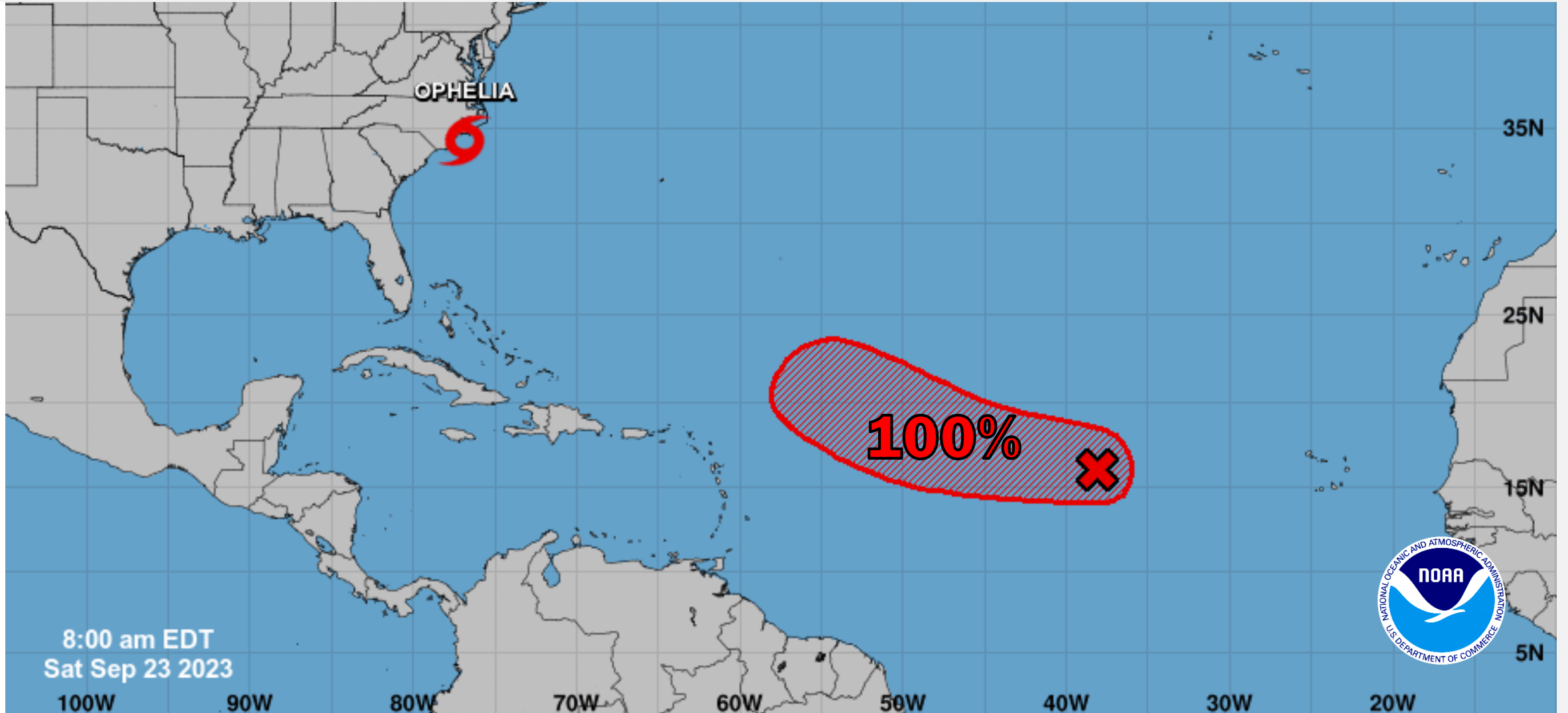
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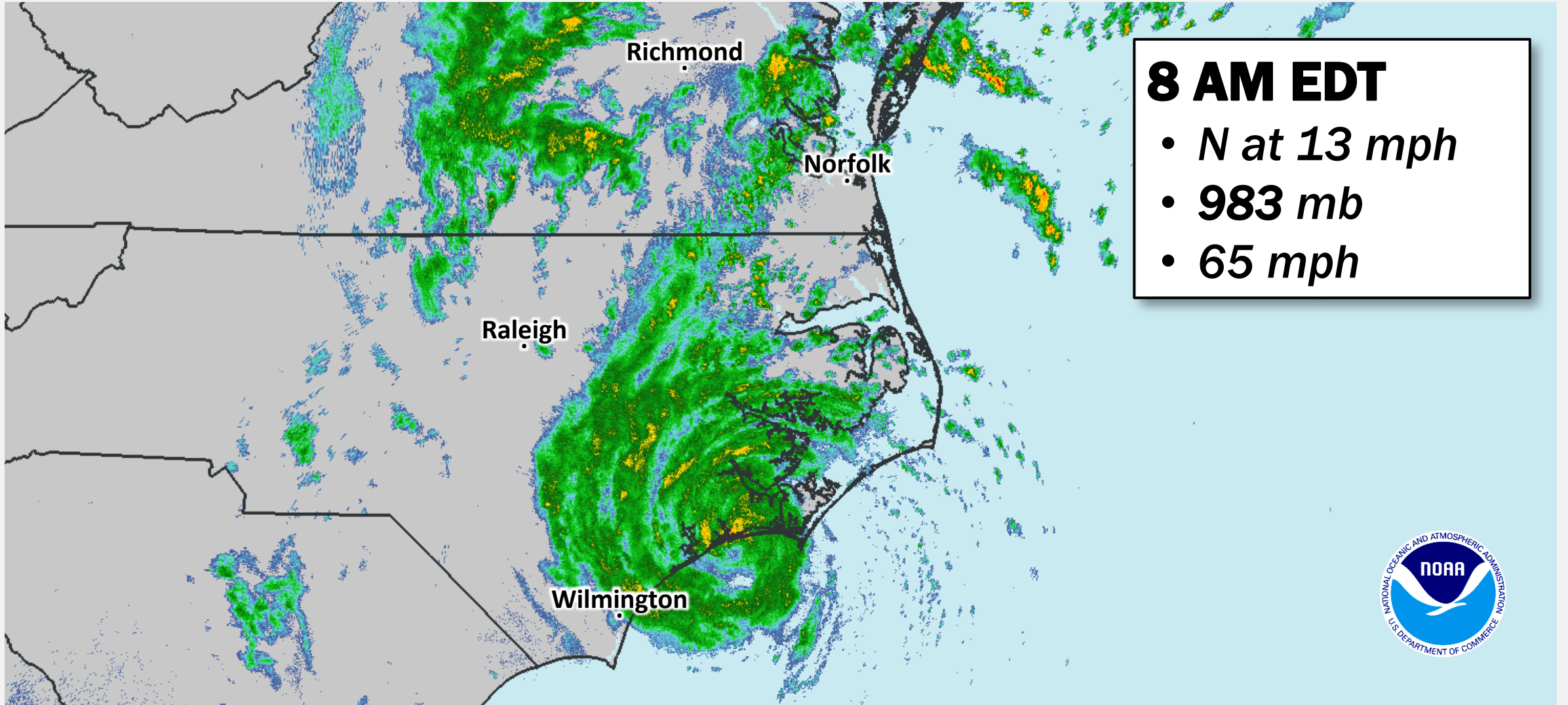
Atlantic Overview

TROPICAL OUTLOOK



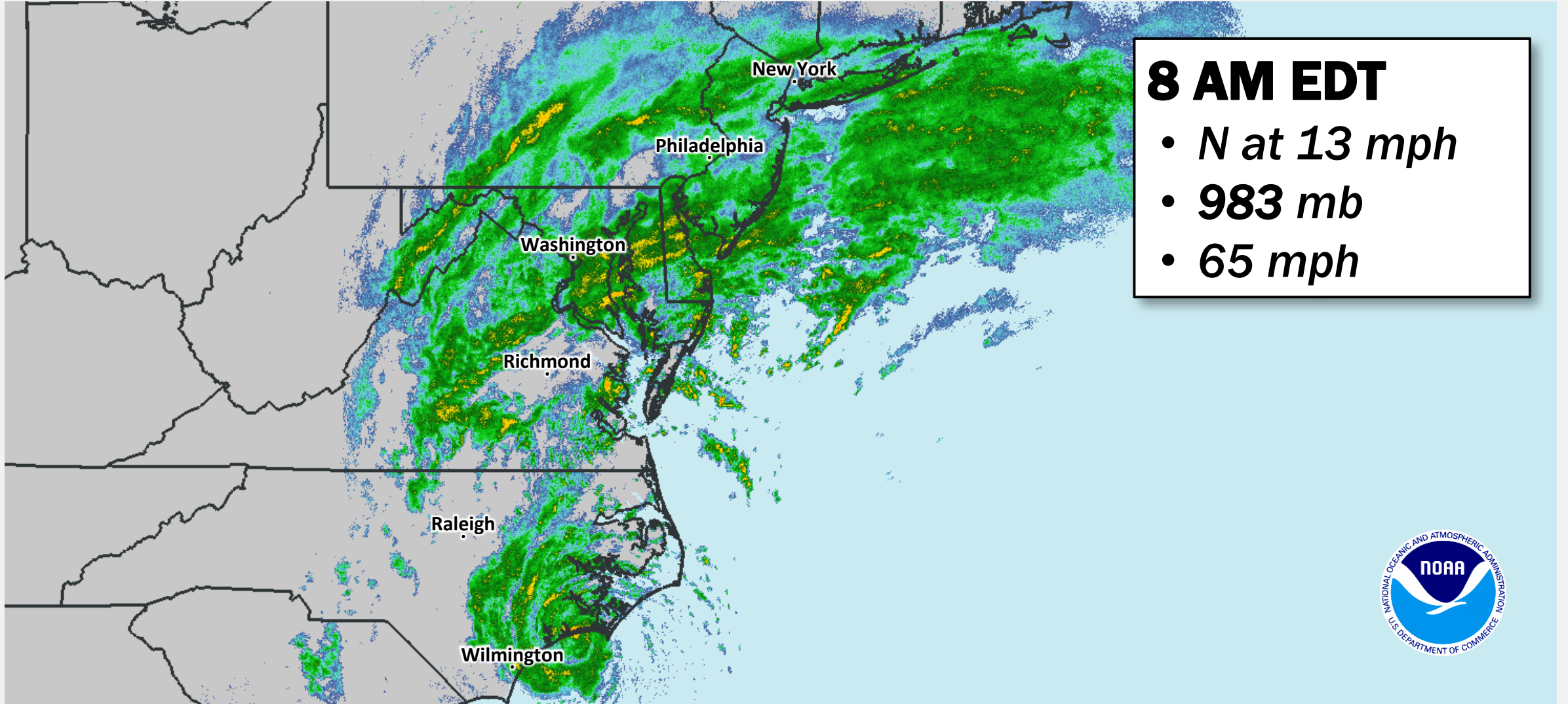
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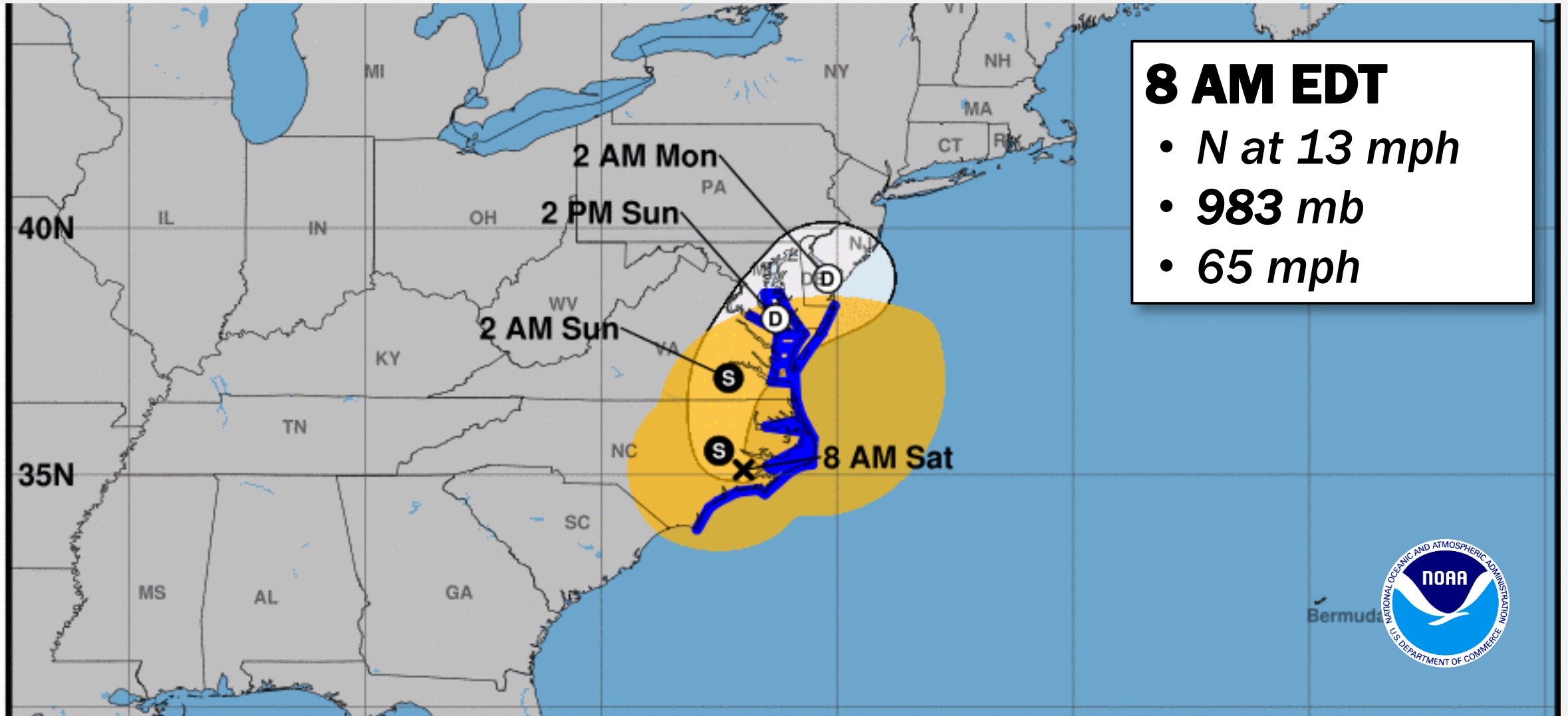
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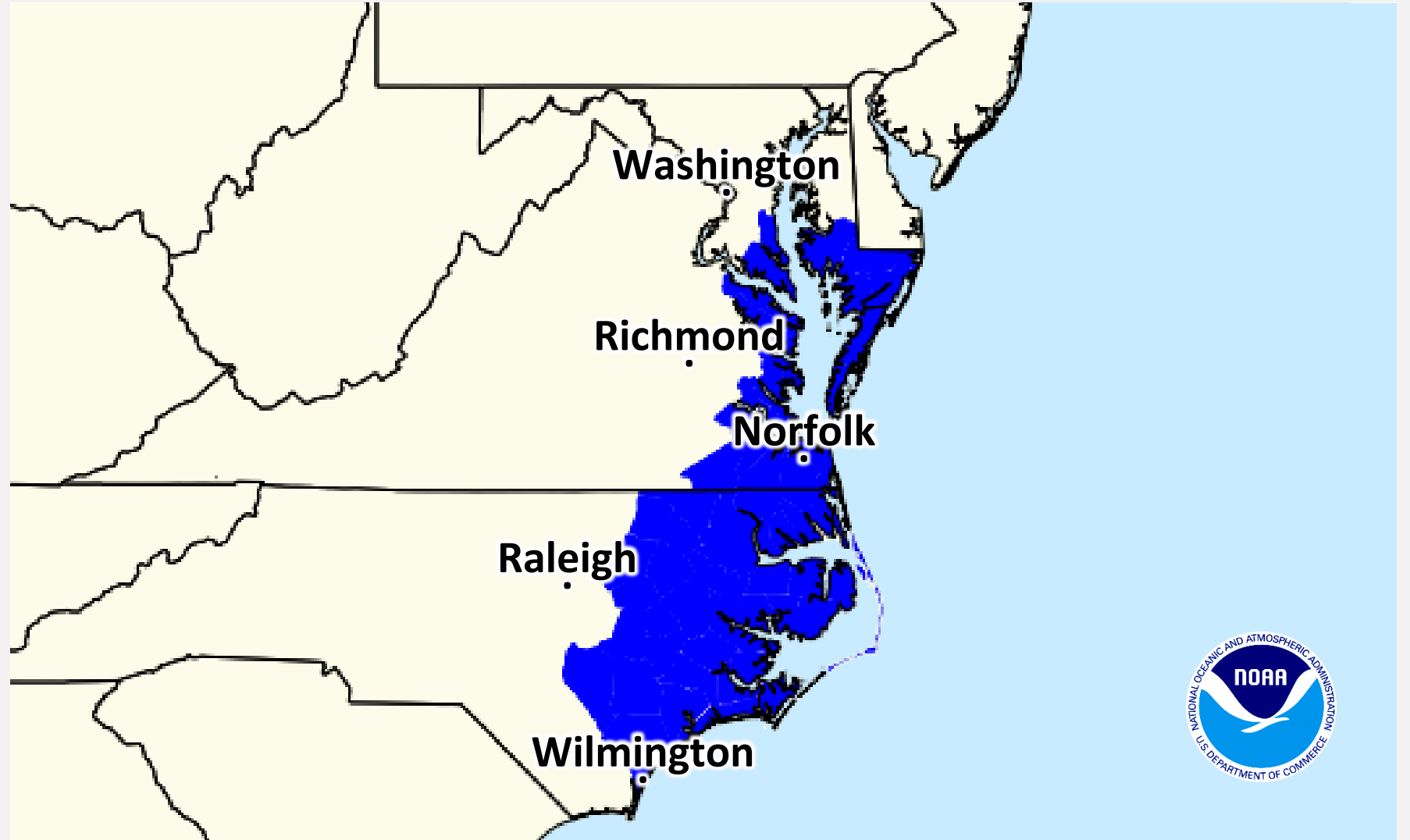
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FORECAST TRACK



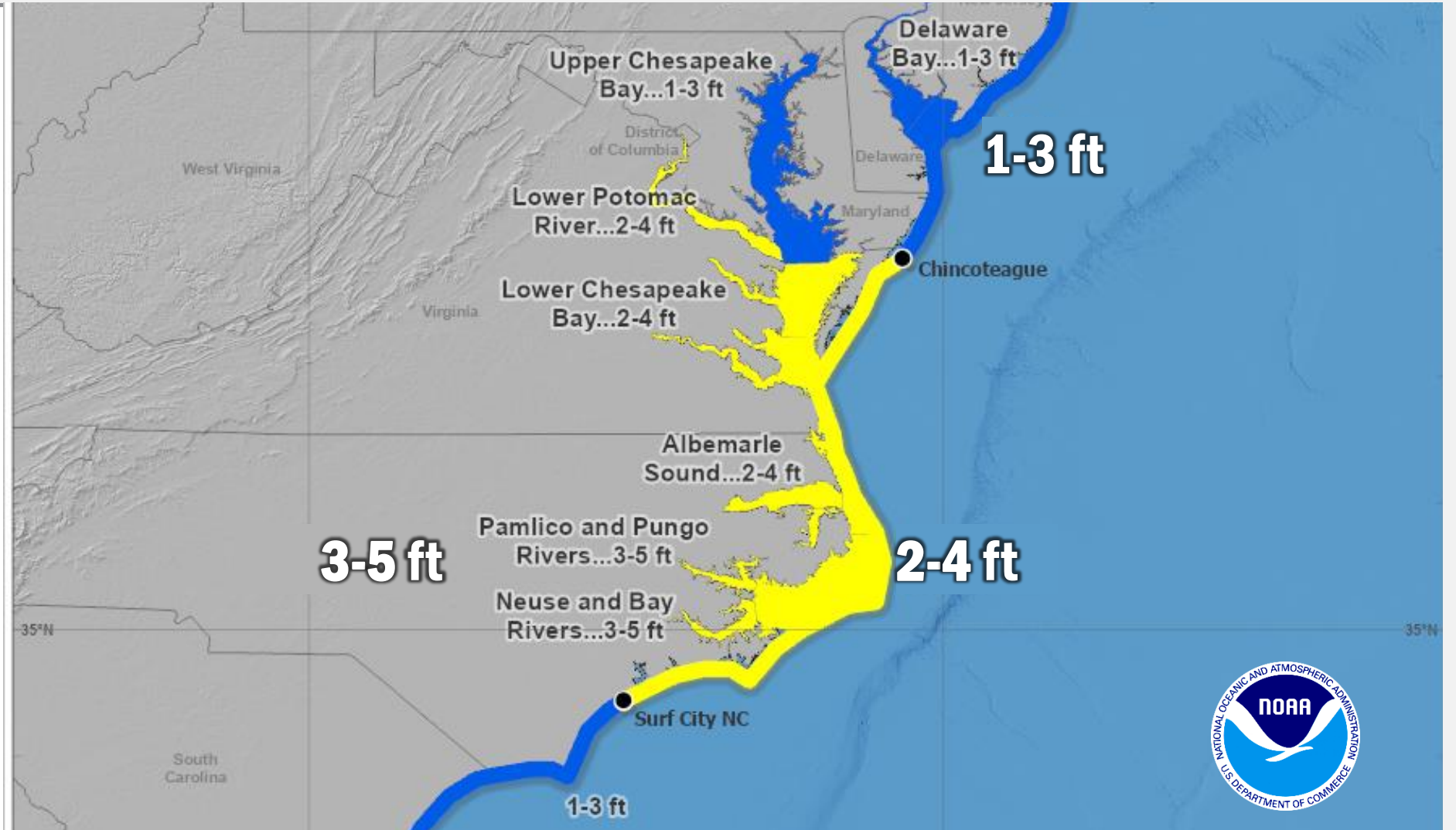
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TROPICAL STORM WARNINGS



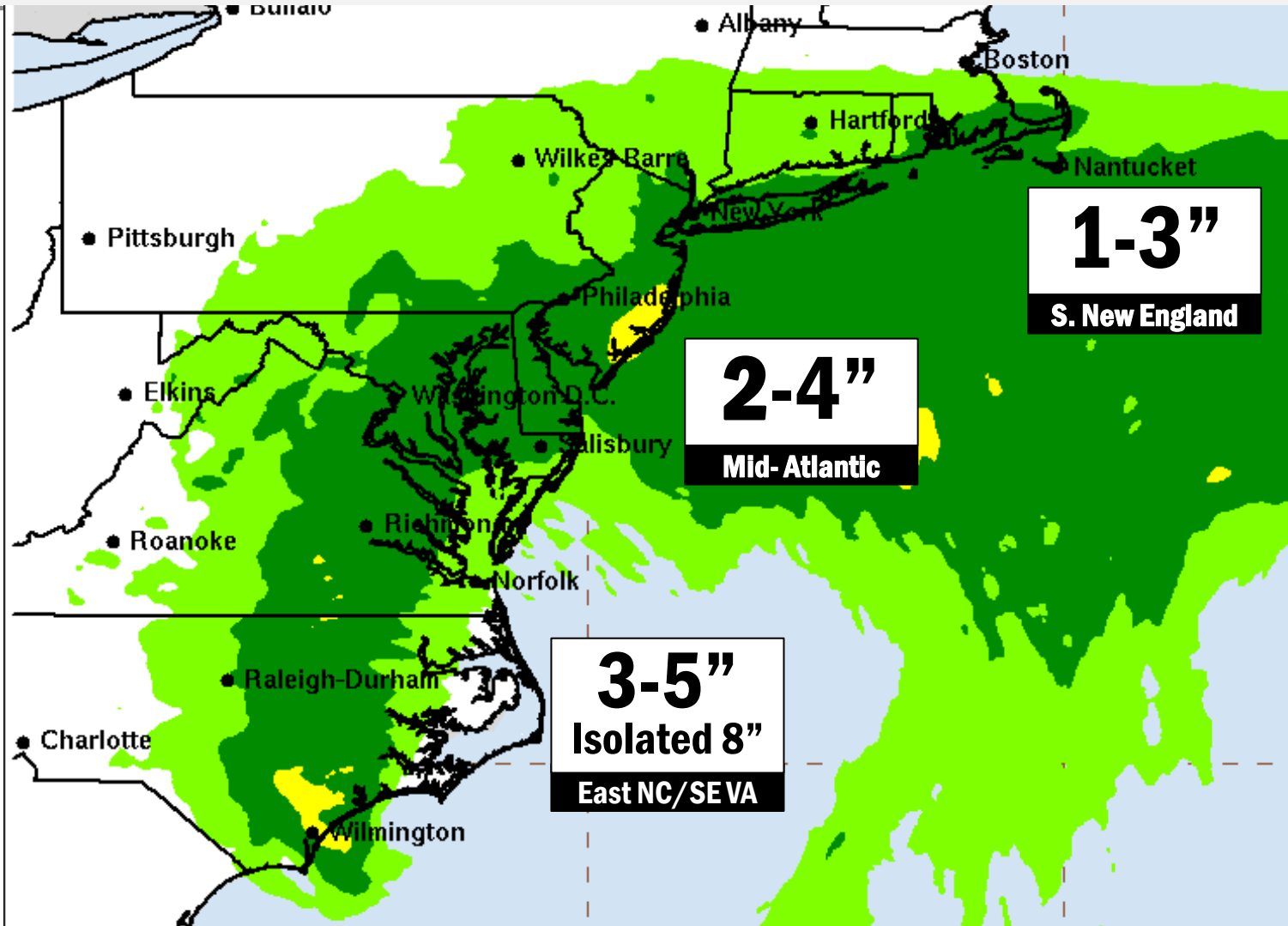
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PEAK STORM SURGE FORECAST



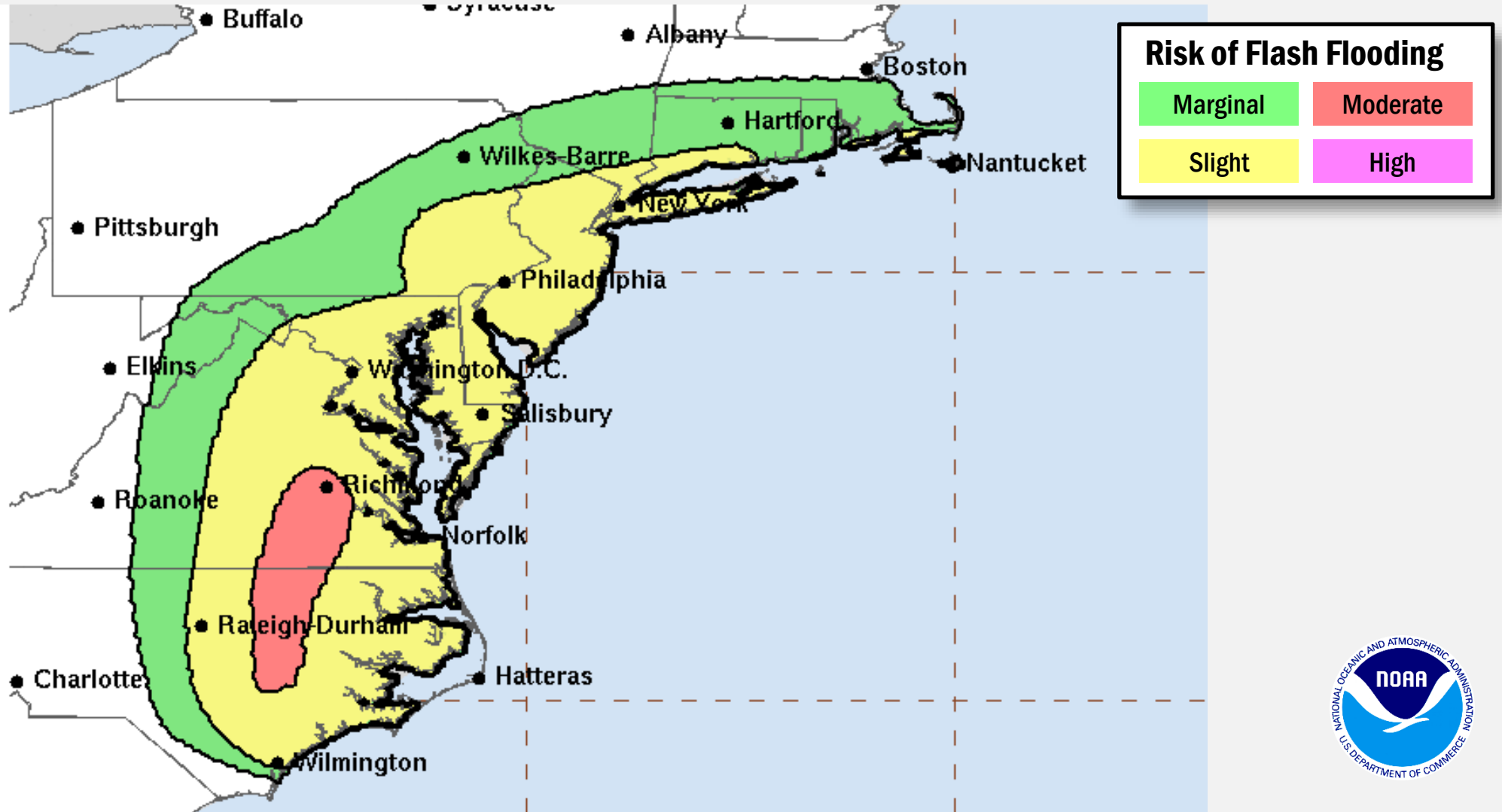
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2 DAY RAINFALL



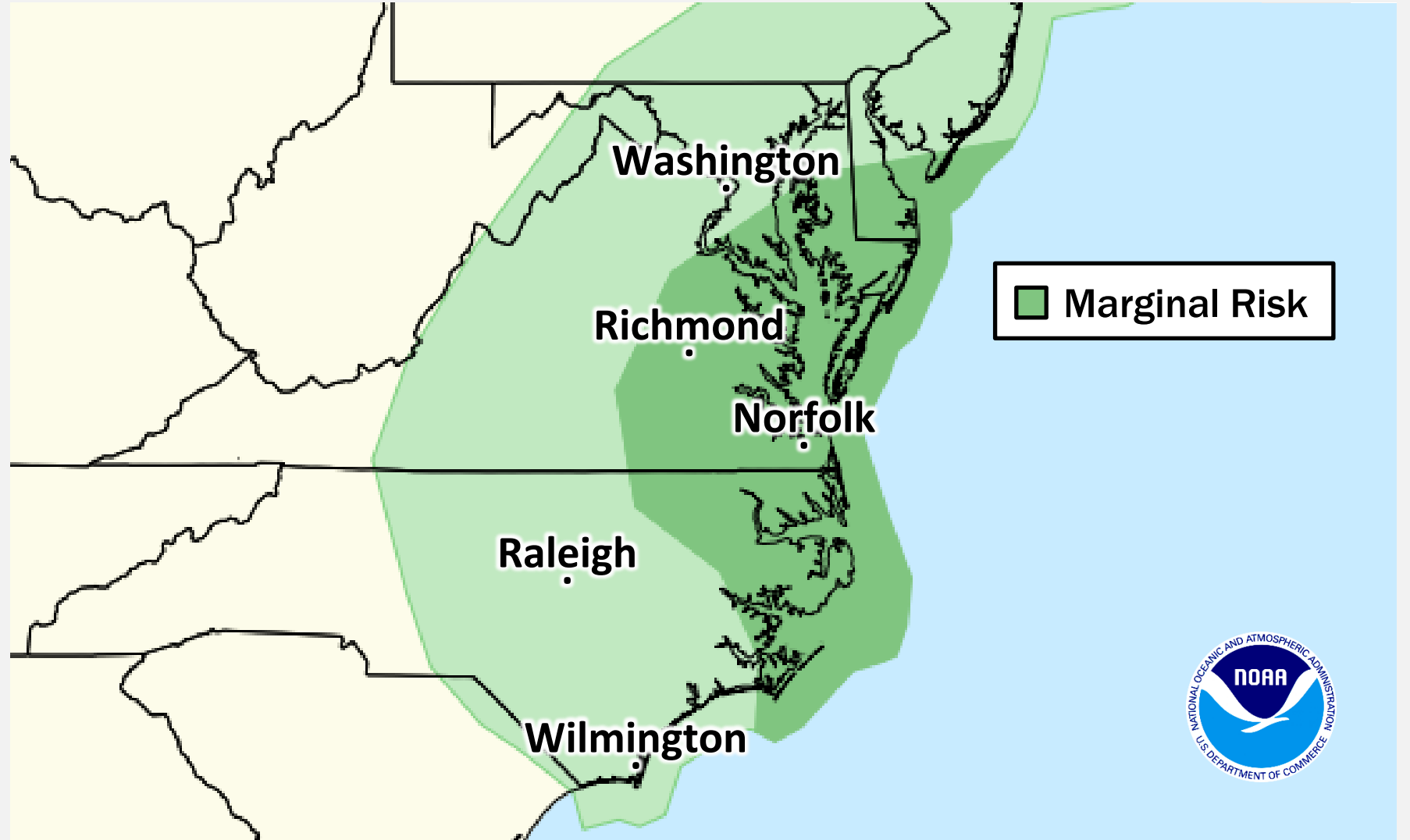
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EXCESSIVE RAINFALL OUTLOOK



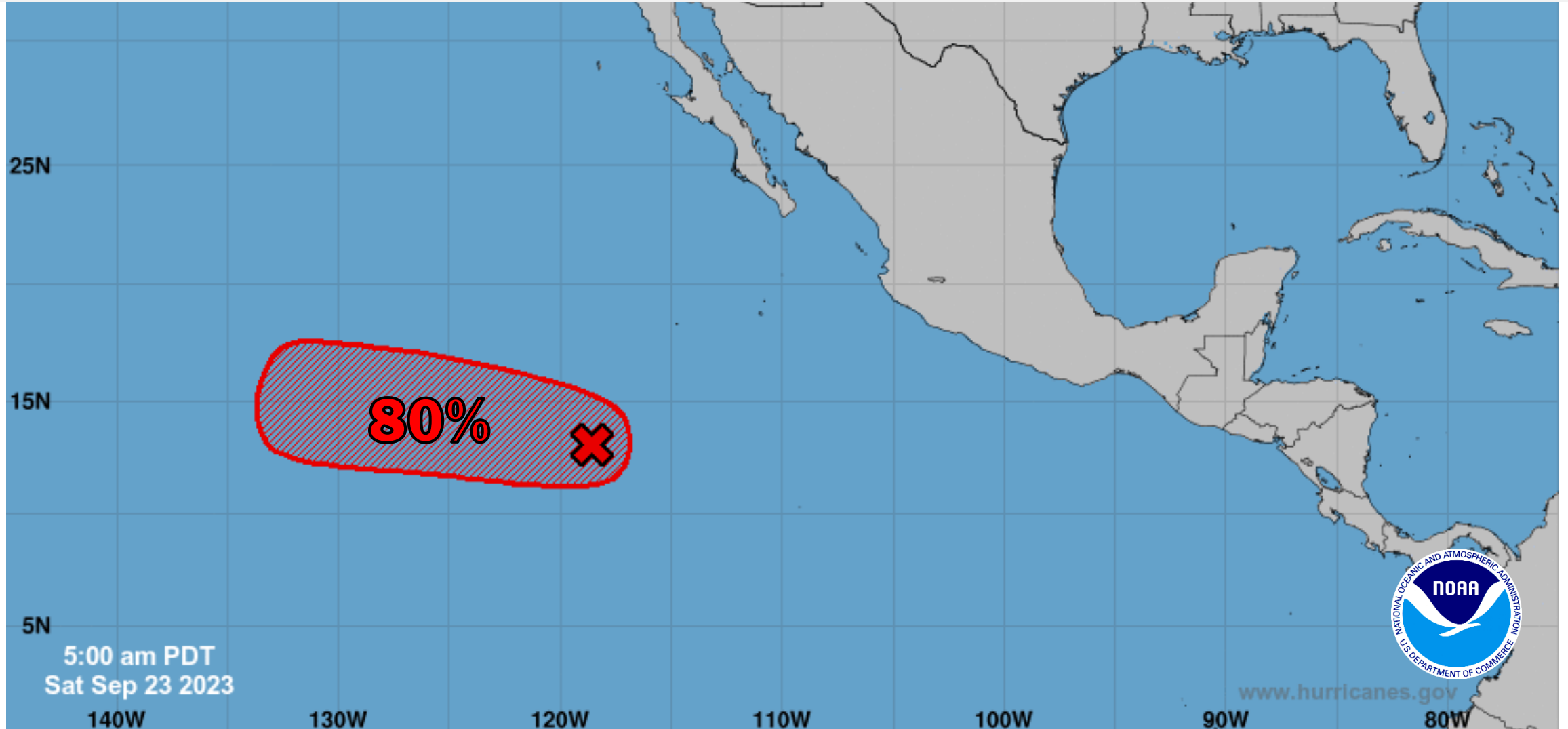
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DAY 1 CONVECTIVE OUTLOOK



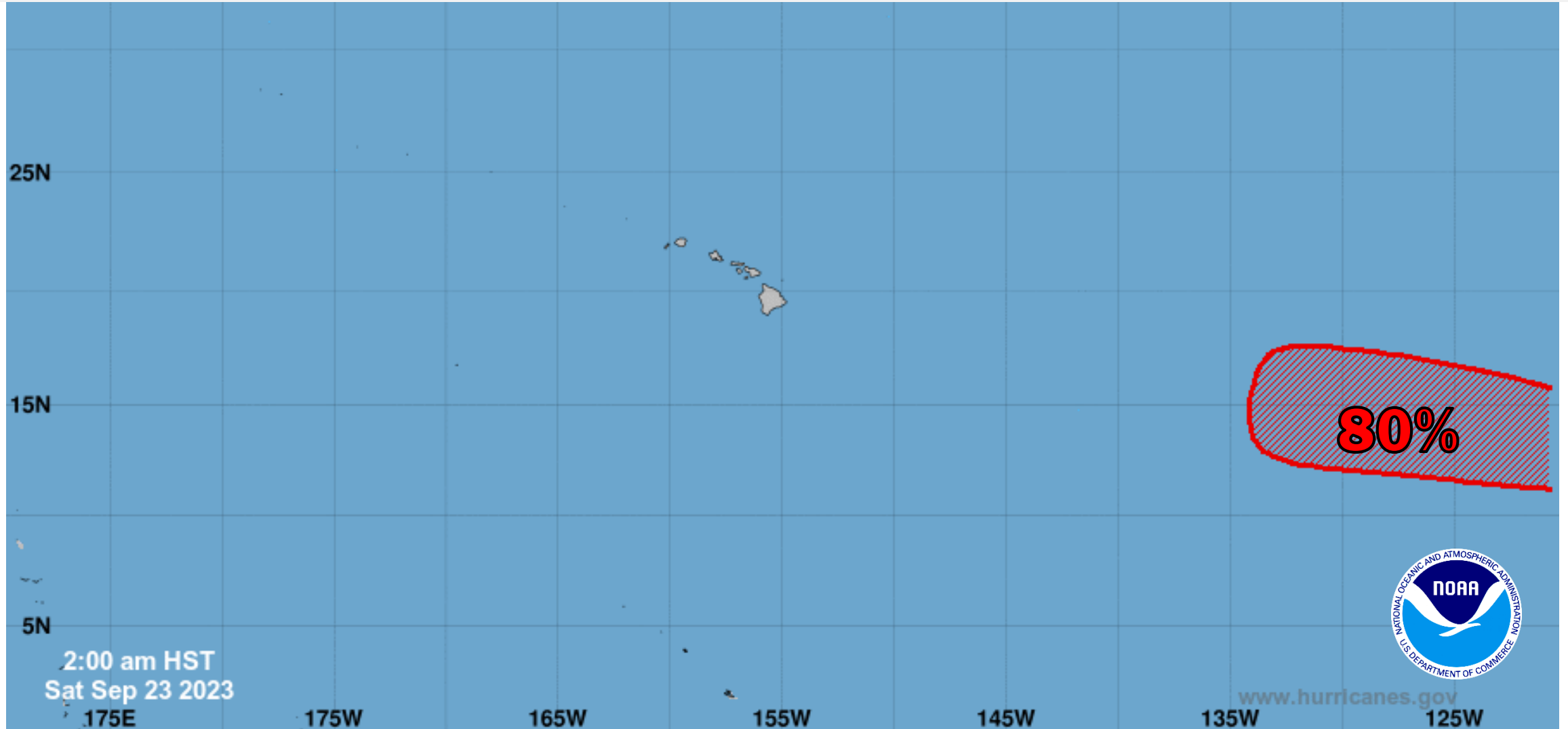
East Pacific Overview

TROPICAL OUTLOOK



Central Pacific Overview

TROPICAL OUTLOOK



Tropical Storm Ophelia – Preparations

Current Situation: Tropical Storm Ophelia will reach the coast of NC early Saturday and move across the Mid-Atlantic Saturday and Sunday. Little change in strength is forecast before landfall along the coast of NC. Weakening is expected after landfall through the rest of the weekend, and Ophelia is likely to become extratropical by Saturday night.

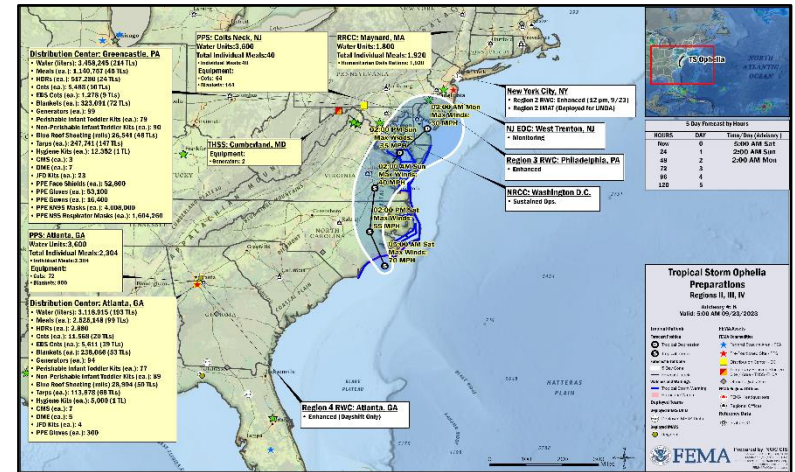
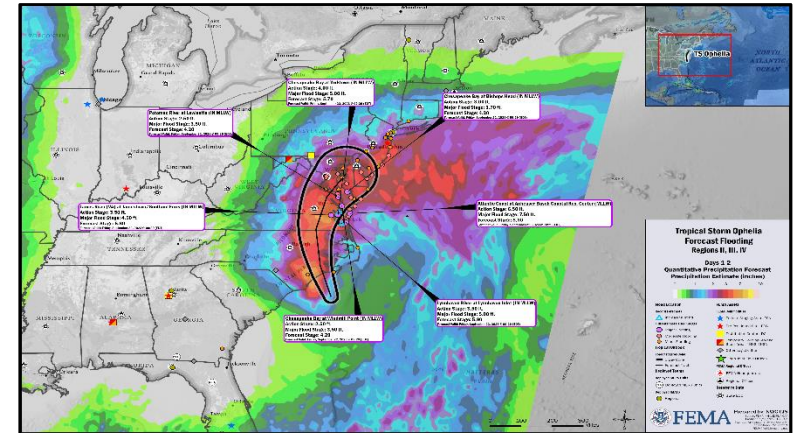
State / Local Response: (TS Ophelia IAB, Sep 22, 6:00 p.m. ET)

- Region II:
 - NJ EOC at Monitoring / NY EOC at Normal Operations
- Region III:
 - VA at Full Activation / FEMA LNO arrived at VA EOC
 - VA: 20k without power
 - MD at Partial Activation / FEMA LNO arrived at MD EOC
 - DC at Partial Activation (24/7)
 - DE & PA EOCs at Normal Operations; LNOs on alert for DE/DC/PA
 - State of Emergency declared for MD and VA
 - ESF-9 moving 4-5 Swiftwater Rescue Teams to Hampton Roads and placing HART on standby
- Region IV:
 - NC EOC at Monitoring / NC declared State of Emergency
 - NC: 51k without power
 - SC EOC at Normal Operations
 - FIT LNO's at NC/SC EOCs

FEMA / Federal Response:

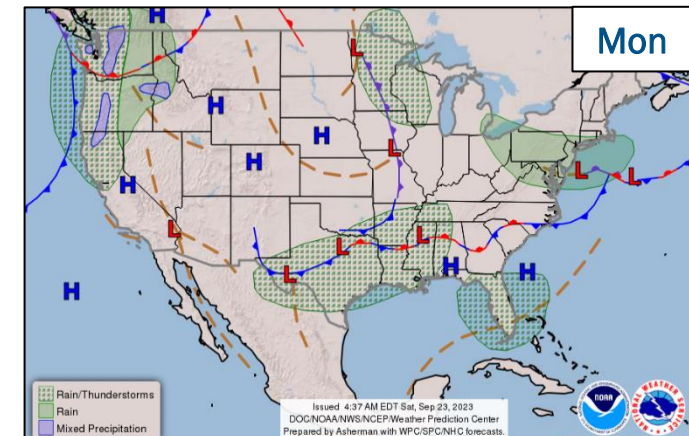
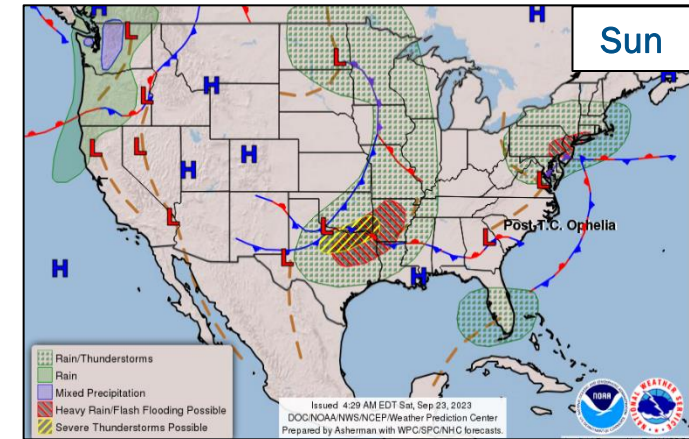
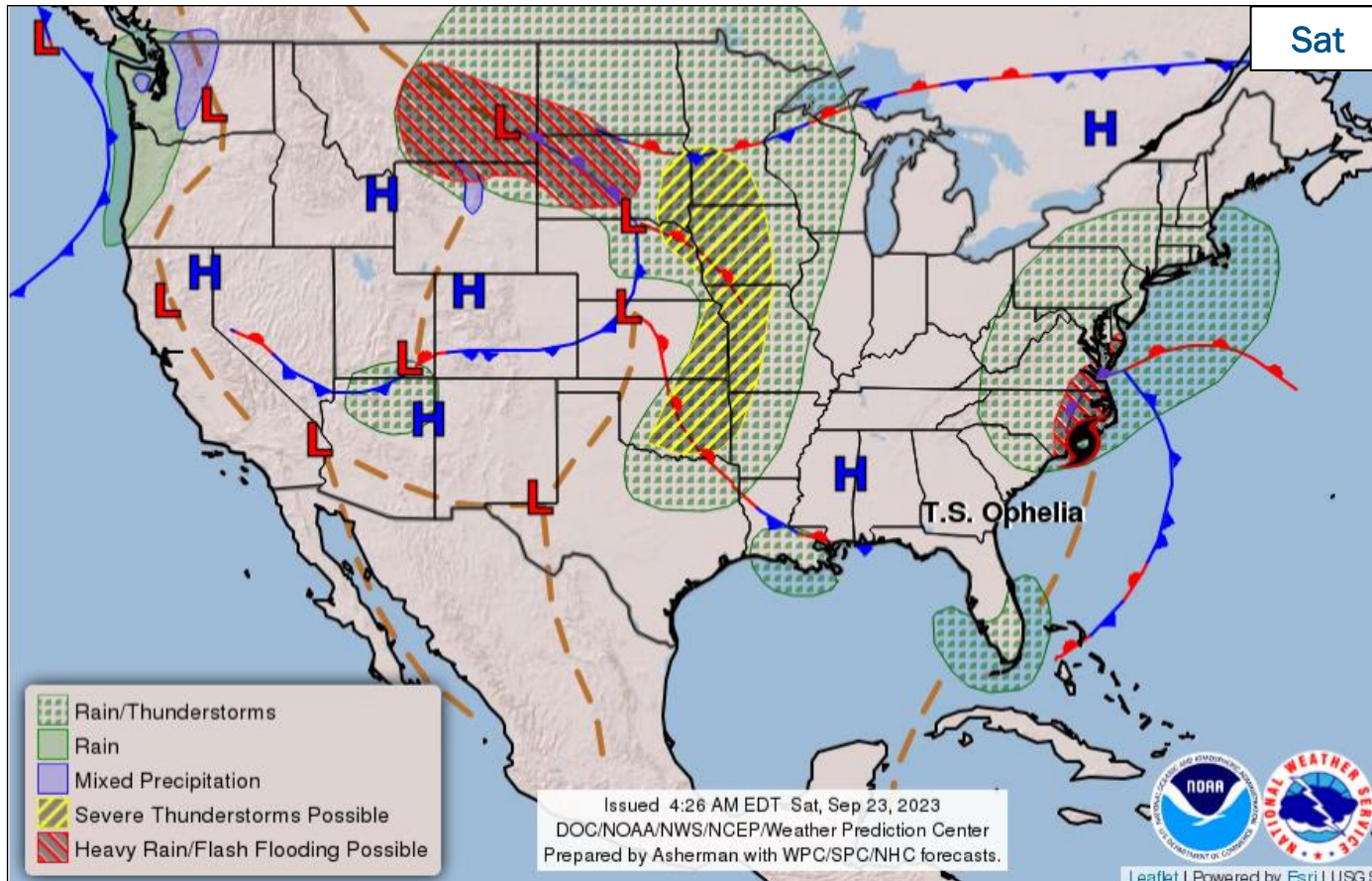
- Region II:
 - RRCC Level III (UNGA) will transition to RWC Enhanced Watch on Sep 23, 12:00 p.m. ET
 - R-IMAT on alert / Response FIT LNOs coordinating with NJ & NY
- Region III:
 - RRCC at Level III / RWC at Enhanced, Sep 23, 12:00 p.m. ET / R-IMAT on alert
 - USCG: Port of Virginia closed; Baltimore and Delaware Bay will close Sep 23
- Region IV:
 - RRCC rostered / RWC at Enhanced Watch (Day shift only)
 - RIMAT-1 PMC; R4 IMAT-2 supporting DR-4734-FL (can be redirected if required); R8 IMAT supporting DR-4738-GA (can be redirected if required)
 - Two port closures; Port of Morehead City at PORTCON Zulu; Port of Wilmington at PORTCON Yankee; NC Ferries suspended services
- FEMA HQ:
 - NRCC activated for Sustained Operations
 - Two modified DSA strike teams ready to deploy (41 pax each)
 - Two DRC modules ready to deploy (50 pax each)
 - NWC in coordination with Regions II, III, and IV will continue to monitor

Reporting will continue in the FEMA Daily Operations Briefing (8:30 a.m. ET) and twice-daily FEMA National Situation Report (3:00 a.m./5:00 p.m. ET)



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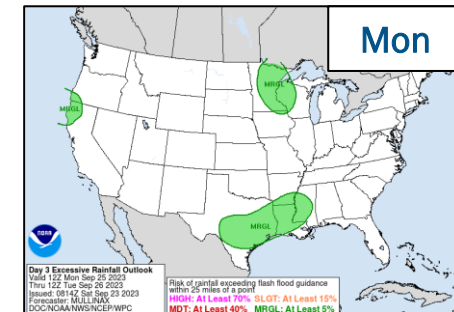
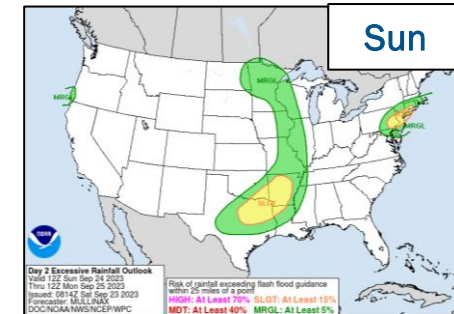
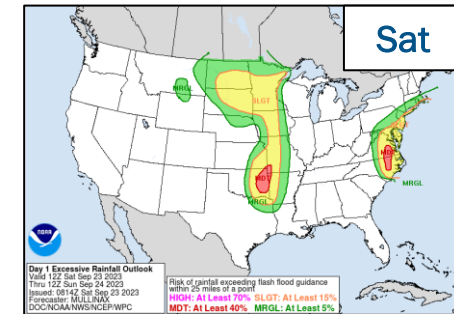
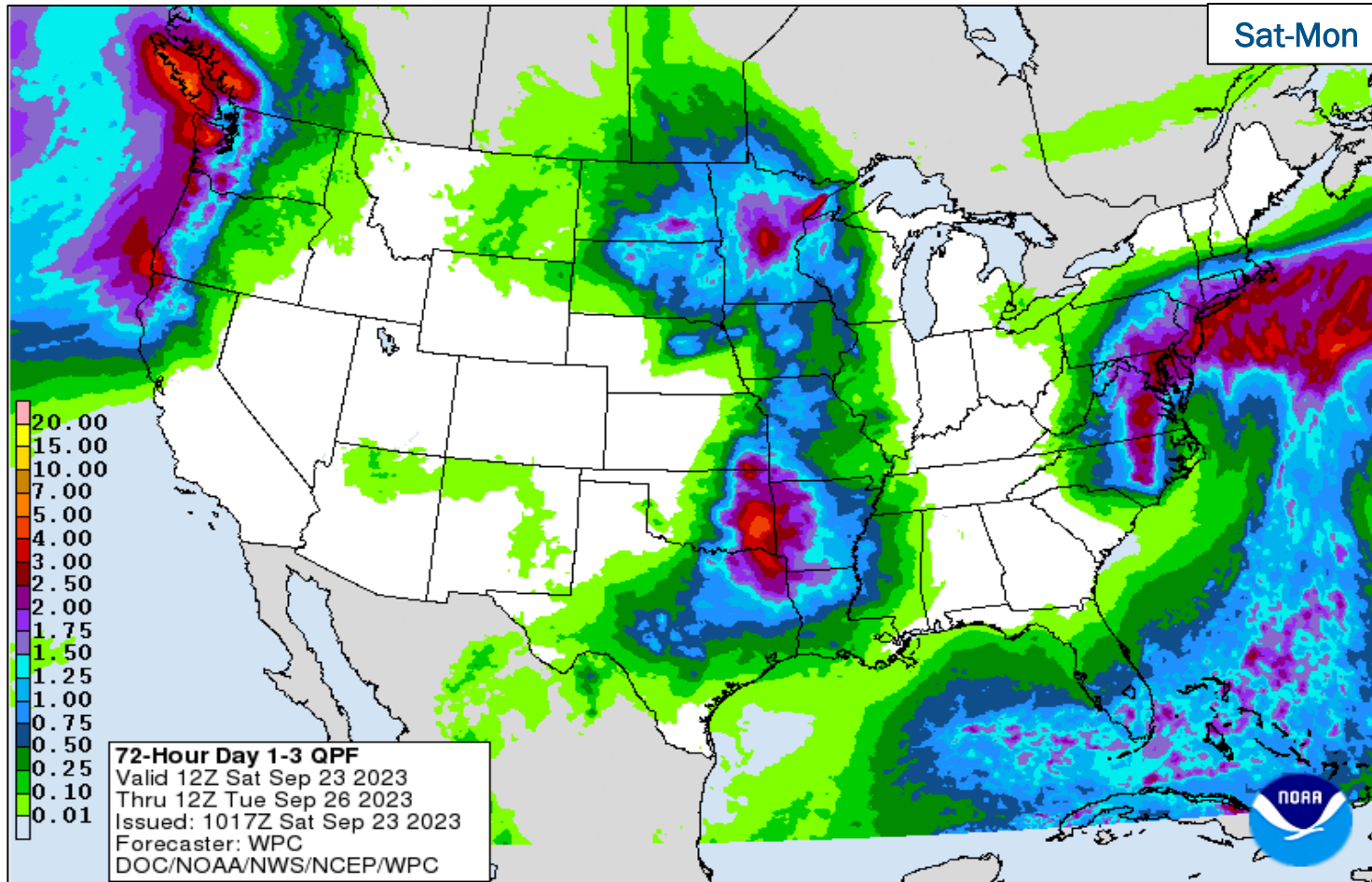
National Weather Forecast



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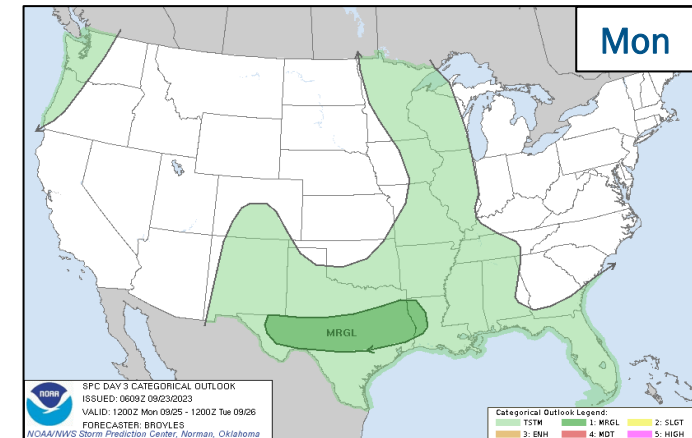
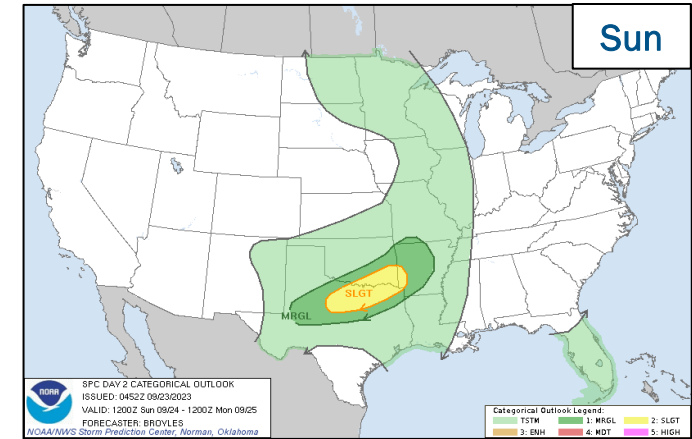
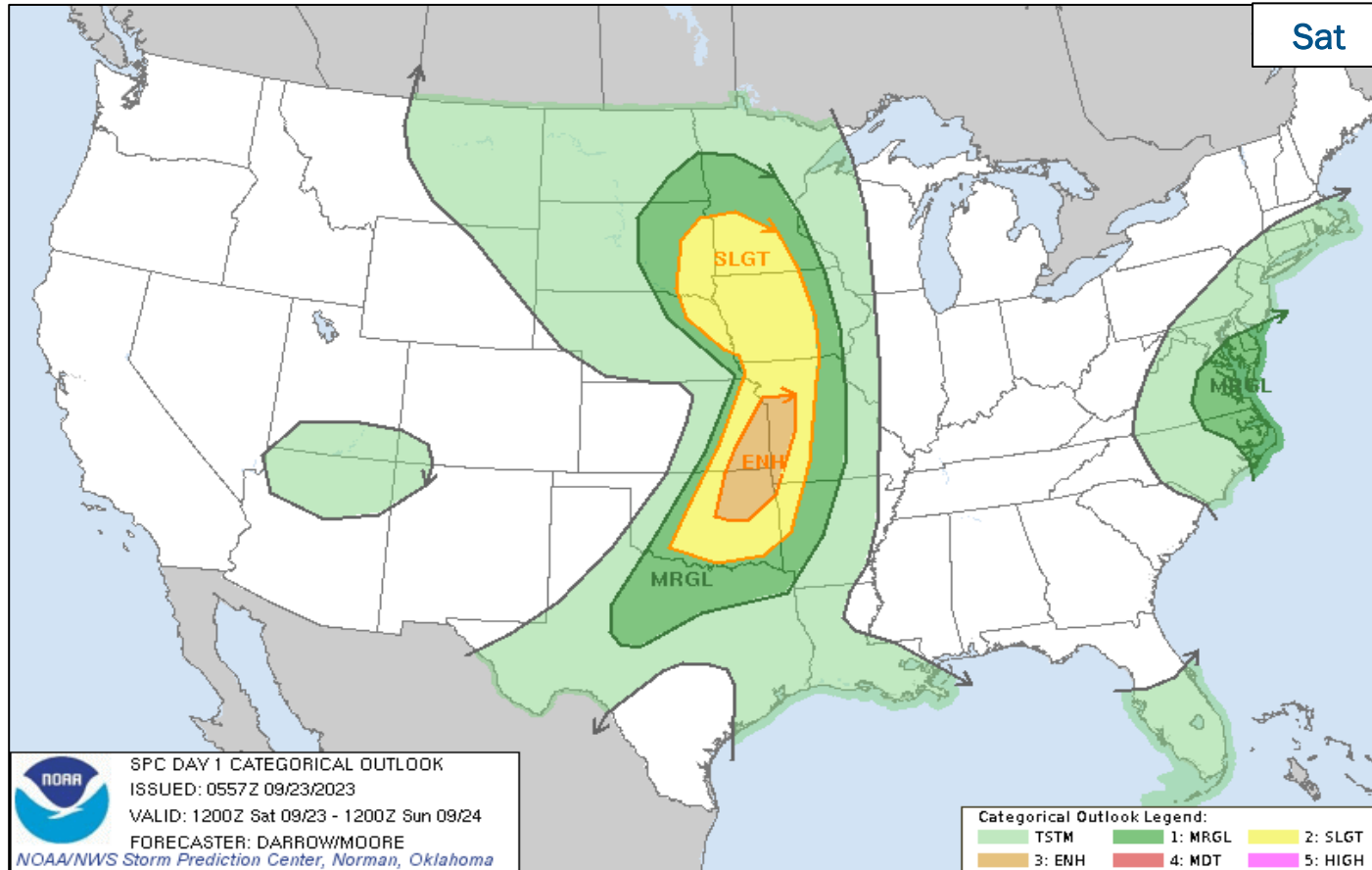
Precipitation & Excessive Rainfall



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Severe Weather Outlook



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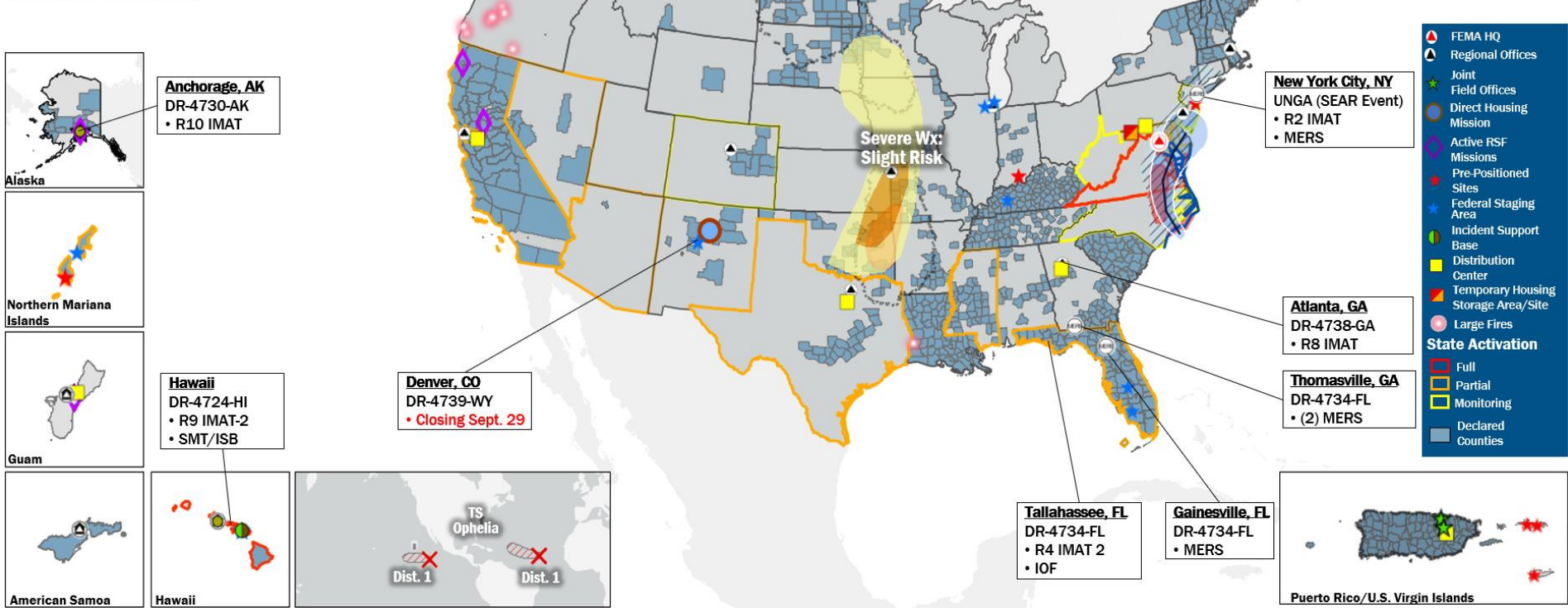
FEMA Common Operating Picture

16 + 6 Joint Field Offices Virtual Joint Field Offices **80 + 4** Major Disasters Emergency Declarations **8** Direct Housing Missions **26** RSF-Supported Disasters

FEMA HQ		
NWC	NRCC	
Monitoring	Activated	
FEMA REGIONS		
Watch	RRCC	
Monitoring	I	Rostered
Monitoring	II	Level III
Enhanced	III	Level III
Enhanced	IV	Rostered
Monitoring	V	Rostered
Monitoring	VI	Rostered
Monitoring	VII	Rostered
Monitoring	VIII	Rostered
Monitoring	IX	Rostered
Monitoring	X	Rostered
Notes:		
RWC/RRCC:	STATE EOCs:	
• NRCC: Sustained Ops	• MD/NC/NJ/WA: TC Ophelia	
• RII RRCC: UNGA (Day shift)	• MS/WV: Severe Weather	
• RIII RWC/RRCC: TC Ophelia (Day shift)	• FL: TC Idalia	
• RIV RWC: TC Ophelia (Day shift)	• TX: Ongoing Threats Monitoring	
	• CO: Public Health Support, Avian Influenza, and Suncor Refinery	
	• AZ/CO: SW Border Coordination	
	• CA/HI/WA: Wildfires	
	• CA/NV: TC Hilary	
	• CNMI: Typhoon Mawar	
Surge Capacity Force		
Rostered	Deployed	
8,222	57 (+2)	

N-IMATs	
2-5 Teams Available	
Red	
White	
Blue	
Gold	
HS	Training
R-IMATs	
≥ 7 Teams Available	
I	VT
II	NY
III	Reconstituting
IV-1	Personnel
IV-2	FL
V	Reconstituting
VI-1	
VI-2	
VII	
VIII	GA
IX-1	Reconstituting
IX-2	HI
X	AK

REGIONAL BREAKDOWN			
	JFO/VJFO	DR	EM
I	3/0	11	2
II	1/1	4	0
III	0/0	0	0
IV	7/1	20	2
V	1/0	2	0
VI	3/1	6	0
VII	0/0	2	0
VIII	0/1	8	0
IX	0/1	16	0
X	1/1	11	0



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IM Workforce

13,679 (-23) Assigned
4,451 (+21) Unavailable
6,607 (-77) Deployed

19% / 2,621 (+29) Available

IM Cadre Availability

16 Cadres ≤ 25% Availability

Acquisitions: 19% (44/227); Civil Rights: 18% (25/141); Disability Integration: 9% (5/55); External Affairs: 20% (99/507); Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation: 13% (109/818); Field Leadership: 7% (9/134); Hazard Mitigation: 12% (144/1,245); Human Resources: 18% (31/174); Interagency Recovery Coordination: 19% (55/296); Information Technology: 23% (147/651); Logistics: 21% (320/1,527); Operations: 9% (32/347); Public Assistance: 6% (133/2,203); Planning: 7% (34/459); Safety: 14% (11/80); Security: 13% (18/139)

MERS

> 66%

36 Assigned
0 Unavailable
2 Deployed

34 Available

US&R

> 66%

28 Assigned
4 Unavailable
0 Deployed

24 Available

FCO

≤ 1 Type I

50 Assigned
7 (+1) Unavailable
40 (-1) (28 FCOR) Deployed

3 Available

Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments

Region	State / Location	Incident	IA	Number of Counties		Start – End
			PA	Requested	Complete	
I	NH	Flooding Jul 9-17	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	3	0	N/A
III	PA	Flooding Sep 9-10	IA	1	0	10/2 – TBD
			PA	3	0	9/28 – TBD
	WV	Flooding Aug 28-30	IA	5 (-3)	5 (+5)	9/19 – 9/21
			PA	0	0	N/A
V	MI	Severe Weather and Flash Flooding Aug 24-26	IA	9	0	9/24 – TBD
			PA	0	0	N/A
IX	CA	Hurricane Hilary Aug 18-22	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	8	8 (+8)	8/29 – 9/15
	NV	Hurricane Hilary Aug 18-22	IA	1	1	9/6 – 9/7
			PA	4	4 (+3)	8/31 – 9/14



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Declaration Requests in Process – 15

State / Tribe / Territory – Incident Description	Type	IA	PA	HM	Requested
OH – Train Derailment	DR	X	X	X	Jul 3
NH – Severe Storm and Flooding	DR		X	X	Jul 28
PA – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, and Flooding	DR	X	X	X	Jul 31
UT – Flooding	DR		X	X	Aug 11
KY – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Tornadoes, and Flooding	DR	X			Aug 18
La Jolla Band of Luiseño Indians (LJBLI) – Tropical Storm Hilary	DR	X	X	X	Aug 23
AR – Severe Storms and Flooding	DR	X	X	X	Aug 22
Inupiat Community of the Artic Slope (ICAS) – Severed Undersea Fiber Optic Line – APPEAL	EM		X		Aug 23
MT – Severe Storms and Flooding	DR		X	X	Aug 25
AK – Flooding	DR	X	X	X	Sep 5
TN – Severe Storm, Straight-line Winds, and Tornado	DR	X	X	X	Sep 5
NH – Severe Winter Storm and Snowstorm – APPEAL	DR		X	X	Sep 6
KS – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Tornadoes, and Flooding	DR		X	X	Sep 13
CA – Tropical Storm Hilary	DR		X	X	Sep 14
Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians (ACBCI) – Tropical Storm Hilary	DR		X	X	Sep 14



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Declaration Amendments

Declaration	Number	Issued	Action
FEMA-3597-EM-SC	1	Sep 22	Amends the incident period



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