

FEMA National Watch Center

# Daily Operations Briefing

Wednesday, September 27, 2023

8:30 a.m. ET



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# National Current Ops / Monitoring

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## New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Ops

- Seawater Intrusion – LA

## Hazard Monitoring

- Severe thunderstorms possible – Ohio Valley
- Tropical Activity:
  - Atlantic:
    - Tropical Storm Philippe
    - Disturbance 1: High (90%)
  - Eastern Pacific:
    - Disturbance 1: Low (30%)

## Disaster Declaration Activity

- Request: Emergency Declaration – LA

## Event Monitoring

- No significant events



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# Seawater Intrusion – Louisiana

**Situation:** Near historic drought conditions and lower rainfall totals within the Missouri and Lower Mississippi valleys have produced conditions where saltwater from the Gulf of Mexico is migrating up the lower Mississippi River.

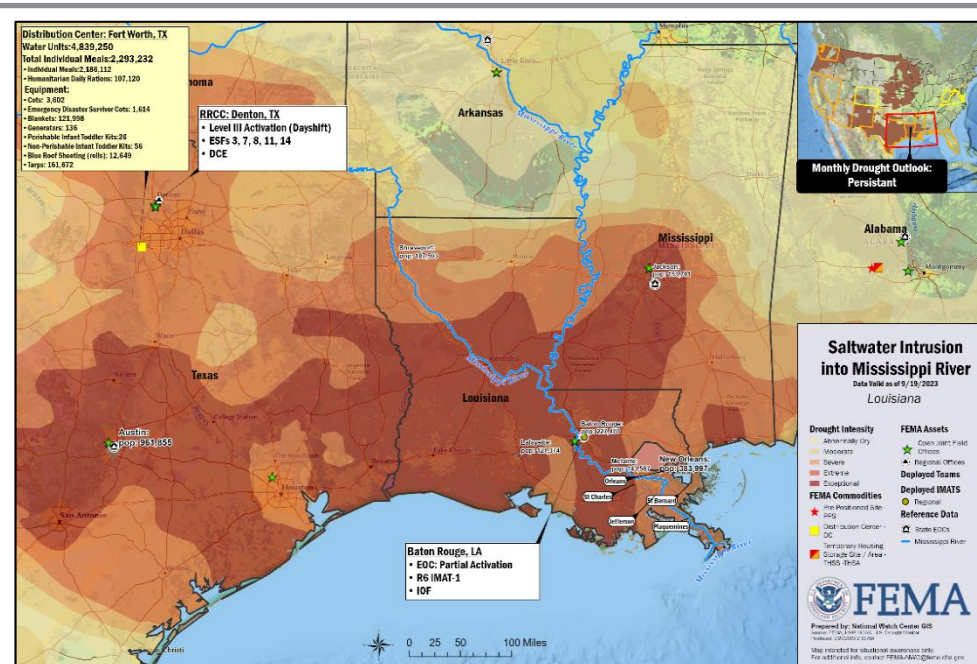
**Potential Impacts:** May result in increased salinity levels in potable water distribution systems

## State Response:

- LA EOC is partially activated
- State is coordinating efforts with USACE
  - Conducting dredging operations to keep maritime traffic operating
  - Constructed saltwater barrier to slow progression of saltwater
  - Prepared to provide bulk drinking water to local populations (*R6 Update #2*)
- LA Department of Health (LDH) engaged for public messaging
- Emergency Declaration requested on September 26, 2023

## FEMA Response:

- Region 6
  - RRCC at Level III (day shift) with ESFs 3, 7, 8, 11, 14, and DCE
  - IMAT-1 deployed to Baton Rouge, LA; IMAT-2 on standby
  - FEMA NWC will continue to monitor in coordination with Region 6; however further reporting as significant updates become available

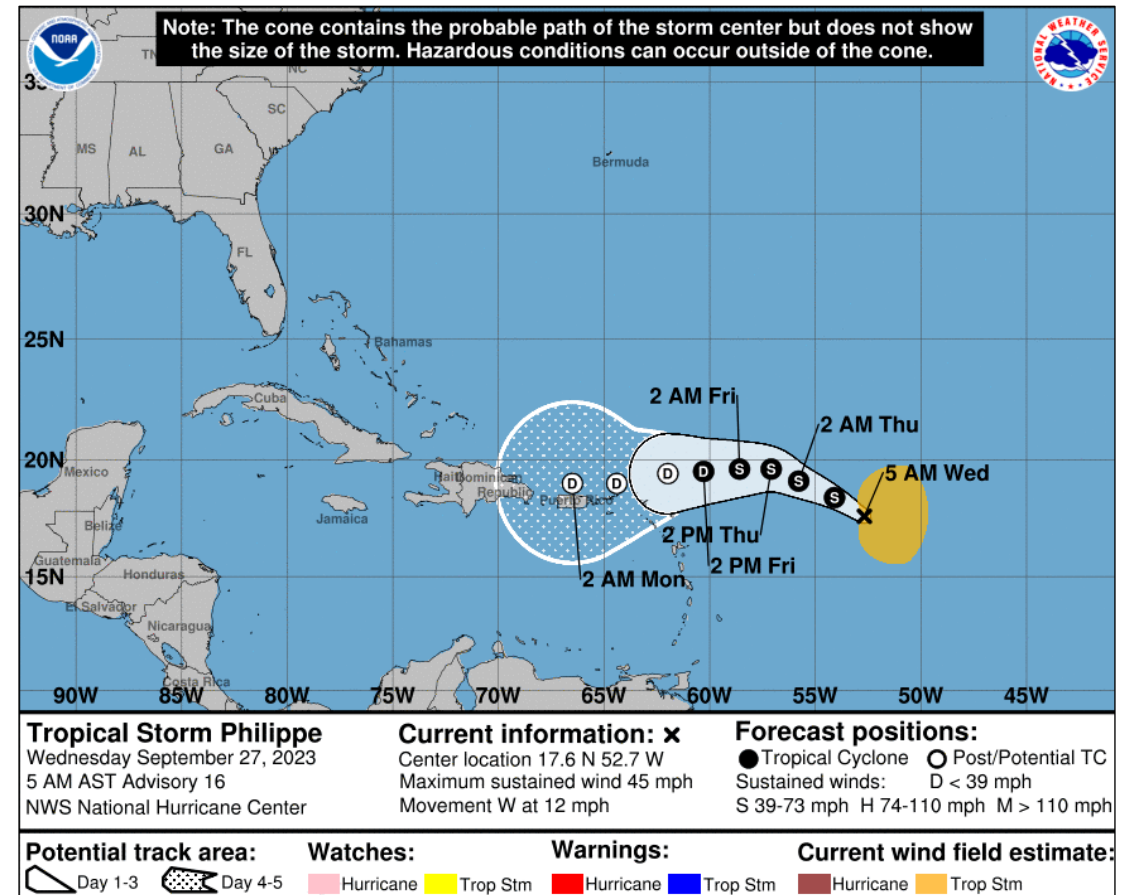


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# Tropical Storm Philippe

**Situation:** *(Advisory #16, as of 5:00 a.m. ET)*

- Located 685 miles E of the Northern Leeward Islands
- Maximum sustained winds 45 mph
- Moving W at 12 mph
- Tropical-storm-force winds extend outward up to 205 miles
- Gradual weakening is forecast during the next few days

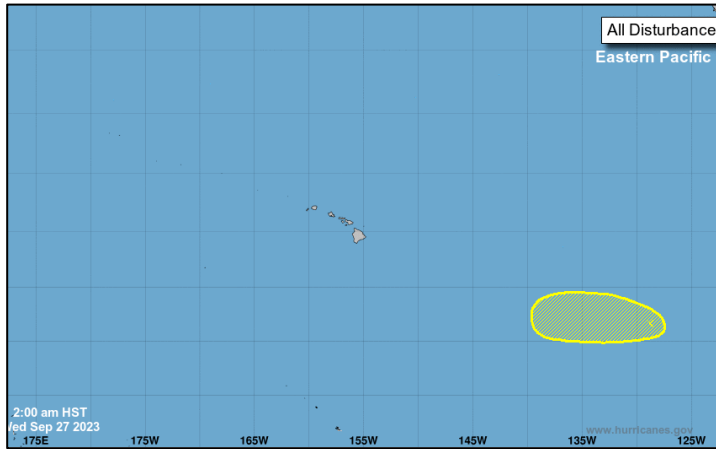


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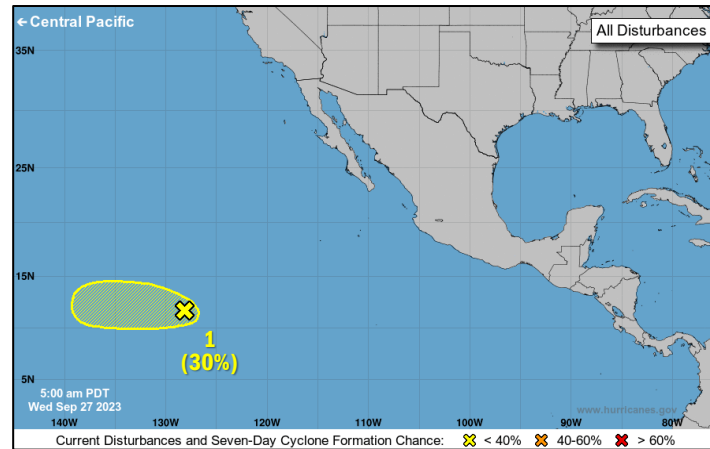
# Tropical Outlook – Seven Day

## Central Pacific



- No tropical cyclones expected during the next 7 days
- See Eastern Pacific for future development expected to move toward basin

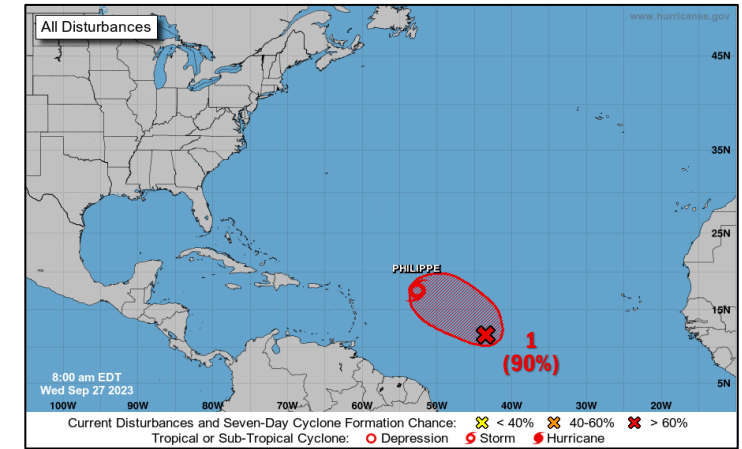
## Eastern Pacific



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

- Located SW of the southern tip of Baja California
- Moving W at 15 mph
- Upper-level winds could become unfavorable for further development by the weekend
- Formation chance – 48-hour: **Low (30%)**; 7-day: Low (30%)

## Atlantic



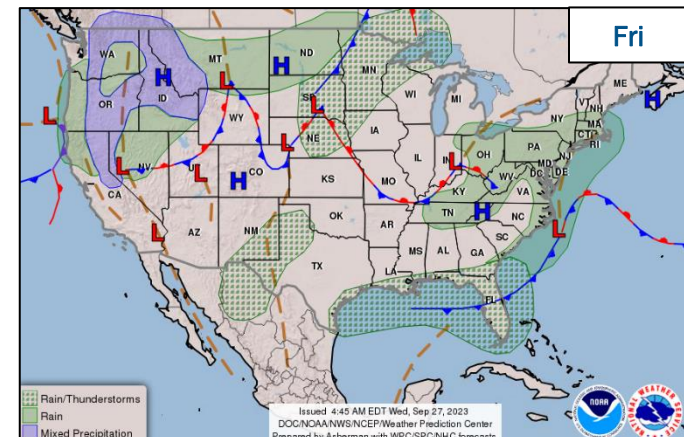
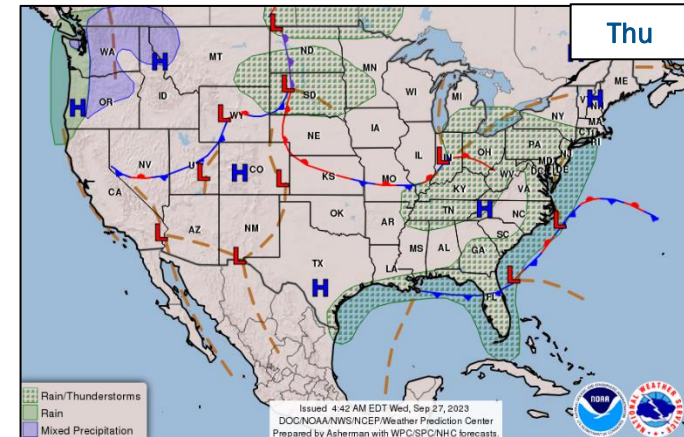
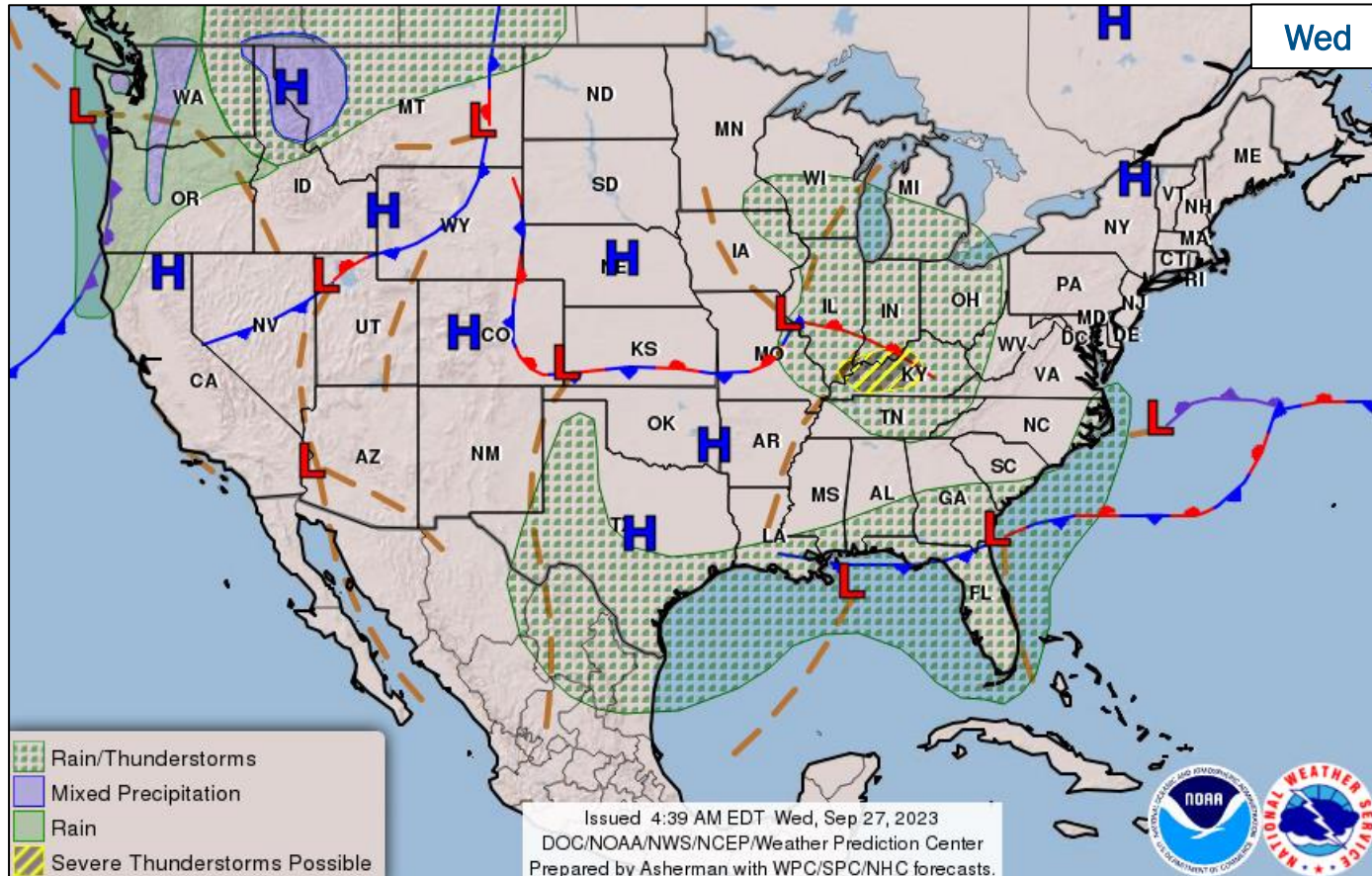
### Disturbance 1 (as of 8:00 a.m. ET)

- Located halfway between Cabo Verde Islands and Lesser Antilles
- Conditions conducive for development
- TD expected to form in the next day or two
- Formation chance – 48-hour: **High (90%)**; 7-day: High (90%)



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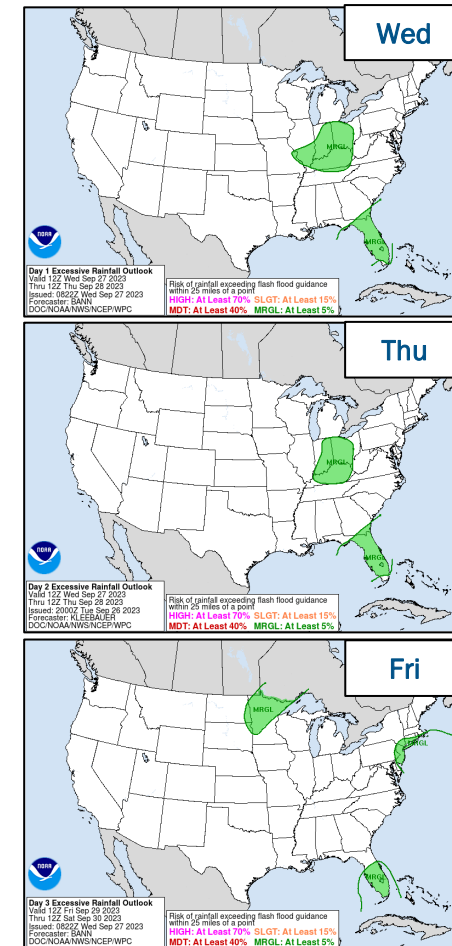
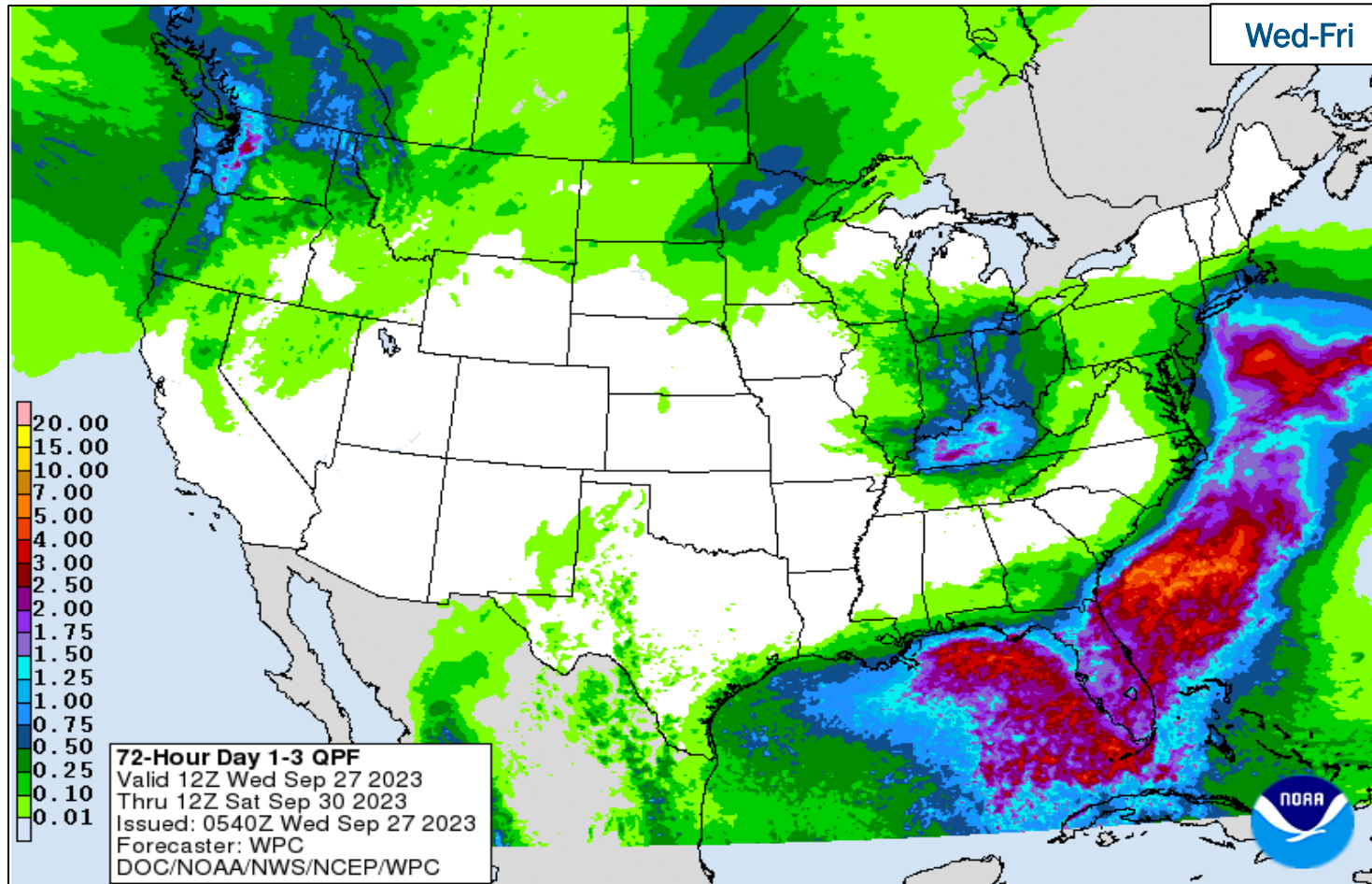
# National Weather Forecast



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# Precipitation & Excessive Rainfall



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# National Fire Activity *(as of Sep 27)*

## National Preparedness Level

**PL2**

Initial Attack Activity <i>(24-hour period)</i>	Light <i>(128 fires)</i>	
New large fires:	<b>1</b>	
Large fires contained:	<b>0</b>	
Uncontained large fires:	<b>27</b>	
Cumulative Acres Burned	<b>2,386,207</b>	
Total Responders <i>(2023 Fire Season)</i>	<b>5,494</b>	
Type 1 IMTs deployed	<b>2 of 16</b>	
Type 2 IMTs deployed	<b>7 of 33</b>	

### Preparedness Levels Legend

PL 1	Minimal fire activity; many resources available
PL 2	Large wildland fires burning throughout country; resources mobilized from other areas
PL 3	Wildfire activity ongoing throughout 25% of county; National Interagency Coordination Center (NICC) sets priorities, allocates resources, and mobilizes assets at national level
PL 4	High levels of fire activity and areas are competing for firefighting resources; 60% of the nations wildland firefighting resources committed
PL 5	Extremely high levels of fire activity; 80% of nations firefighting resources committed



# FEMA Common Operating Picture

**17** + **6** **80** + **4** **9** **26**  
 Joint Field Offices Virtual Joint Field Offices SUPPORTING Major Disasters Emergency Declarations Direct Housing Missions RSF-Supported Disasters

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FEMA HQ	
NWC	NRCC
Monitoring	Activated
FEMA REGIONS	
Watch	RRCC
Monitoring	I Rostered
Monitoring	II Rostered
Monitoring	III Rostered
Monitoring	IV Rostered
Monitoring	V Rostered
Monitoring	VI Level III
Monitoring	VII Rostered
Monitoring	VIII Rostered
Monitoring	IX Rostered
Monitoring	X Rostered
Notes:	
<b>RWC/RRCC:</b> - R6 RRCC: LA Seawater Incursion (Day shift only)	<b>STATE EOCs:</b> - VA: TC Ophelia - MS/WV: Severe Weather - FL: TC Idalia - 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 - LA: Saltwater Incursion
Surge Capacity Force	
Rostered 8,331	Deployed 57

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

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



**Hawaii**  
 DR-4724-HI  
 • R9 IMAT-2  
 • SMT/ISB

**Denver, CO**  
 DR-4739-WY  
 • Closing Sept. 29

**Baton Rouge, LA**  
 Seawater Intrusion  
 • R6 IMAT-1  
 • IOF

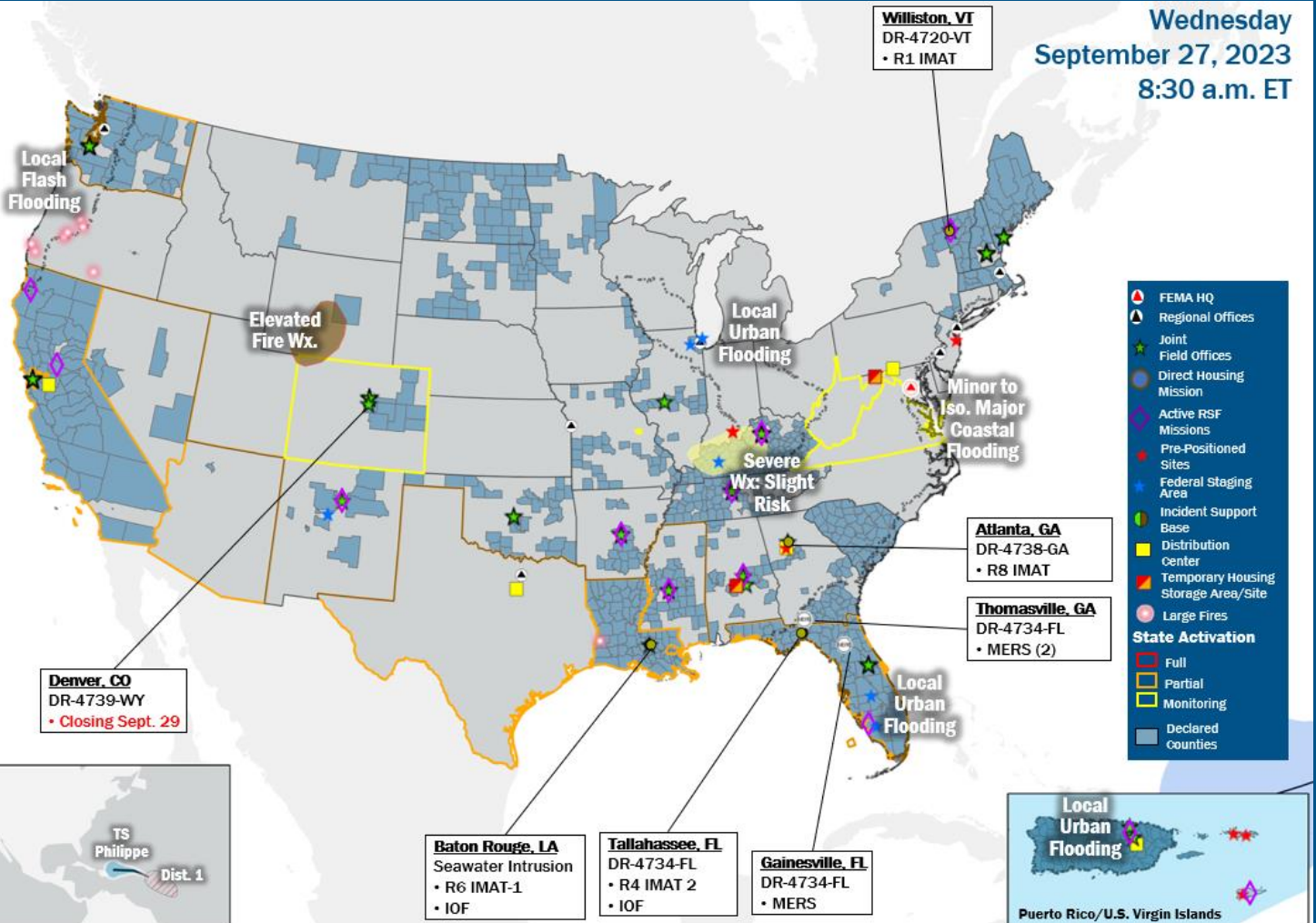
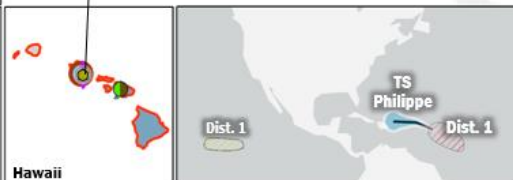
**Tallahassee, FL**  
 DR-4734-FL  
 • R4 IMAT 2  
 • IOF

**Gainesville, FL**  
 DR-4734-FL  
 • MERS

**Atlanta, GA**  
 DR-4738-GA  
 • R8 IMAT

**Thomasville, GA**  
 DR-4734-FL  
 • MERS (2)

**Williston, VT**  
 DR-4720-VT  
 • R1 IMAT



## IM Workforce

13,643 (-33) Assigned  
 4,526 (+6) Unavailable  
 6,388 (-8) Deployed

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20% / 2,729 (-31) Available

## IM Cadre Availability

16 Cadres ≤ 25% Availability

Acquisitions: 19% (43/226); Civil Rights: 17% (24/142); Disability Integration: 9% (5/55); External Affairs: 19% (98/505); Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation: 13% (105/808); Field Leadership: 9% (12/136); Hazard Mitigation: 11% (139/1,238); Human Resources: 20% (34/174); Interagency Recovery Coordination: 21% (64/298); Information Technology: 23% (149/649); Logistics: 21% (318/1,509); Operations: 10% (35/345); Public Assistance: 7% (145/2,204); Planning: 8% (37/458); Safety: 16% (13/80); Security: 13% (18/137)

## MERS

> 66%

36 Assigned  
 0 Unavailable  
 1 Deployed

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35 Available

## US&R

> 66%

28 Assigned  
 3 Unavailable  
 0 Deployed

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25 Available

## FCO

≤ 1 Type I

50 Assigned  
 7 Unavailable  
 40 (28 FCOR) Deployed

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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



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# Declaration Request – Louisiana

**Declaration Type:** Emergency – LA

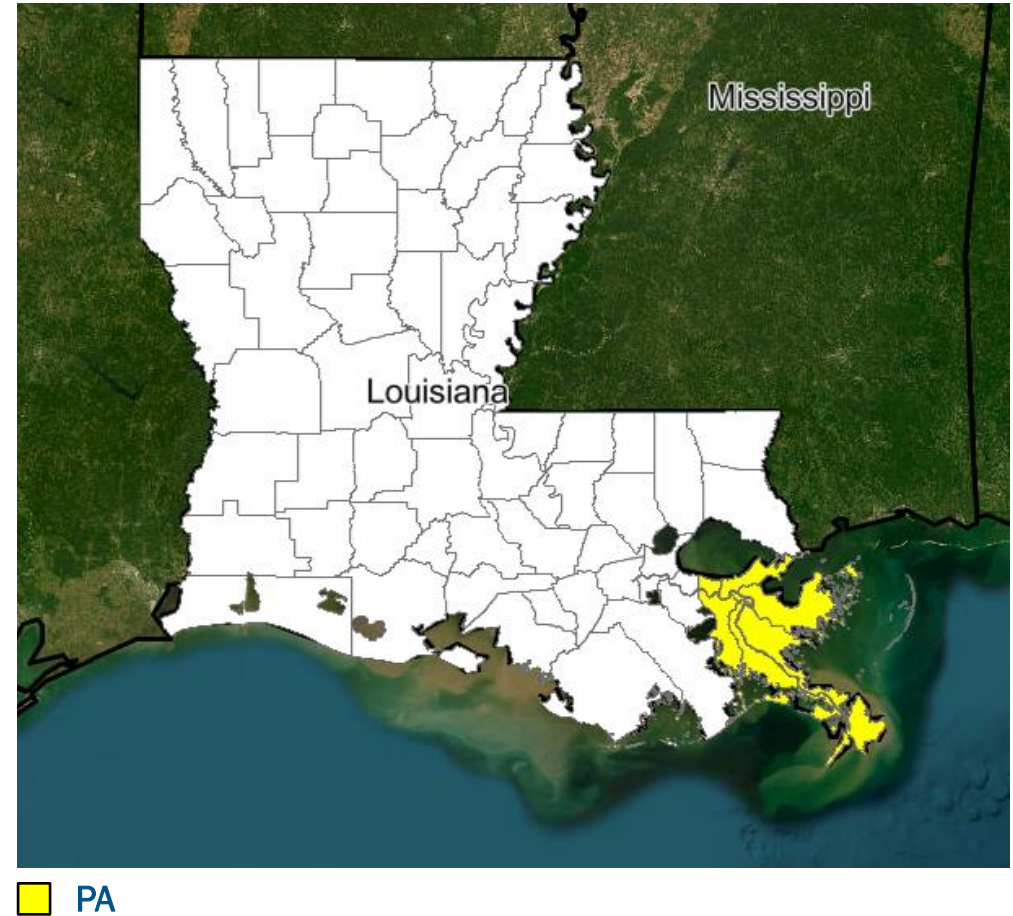
**Requested:** Sep 25

**Incident:** Seawater Intrusion

**Incident Period:** Sep 20 and continuing

**Requested:**

- **PA:** Emergency protective measures (Category B), including direct federal assistance for 4 parishes



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# Declaration Requests in Process – 13

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 – DENIED	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 – DENIED	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 – DENIED	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
LA – Seawater Intrusion	EM		X		Sep 25



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