

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

8:30 a.m. ET



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National Current Ops / Monitoring

New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Ops

- Invest 94L – Puerto Rico/U.S. Virgin Islands

Hazard Monitoring

- Tropical Activity:
 - Atlantic:
 - Disturbance 1: High (80%)
 - Eastern Pacific:
 - Tropical Storm Norma
 - Disturbance 1: High (70%)

Disaster Declaration Activity

- No new declaration activity

Event Monitoring

- No significant events



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Invest 94L – Puerto Rico/U.S. Virgin Islands

Situation: A tropical disturbance has been identified in the Atlantic Ocean that may impact Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands in the coming days.

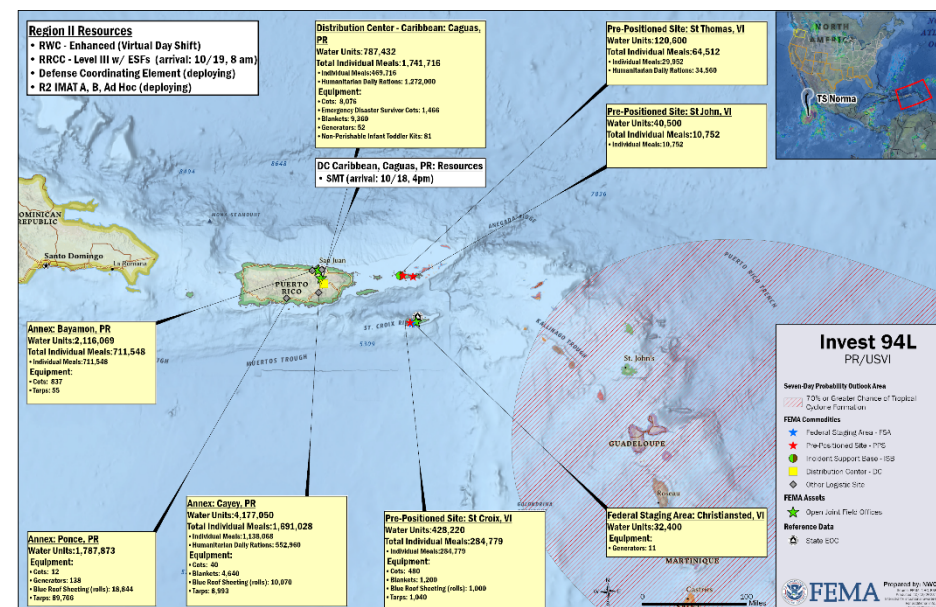
Potential Impacts: Gusty winds, heavy rainfall, and flooding to portions of the Lesser Antilles beginning Friday

State/Local Response:

- PR/VI EOCs at Normal Operations

FEMA Response:

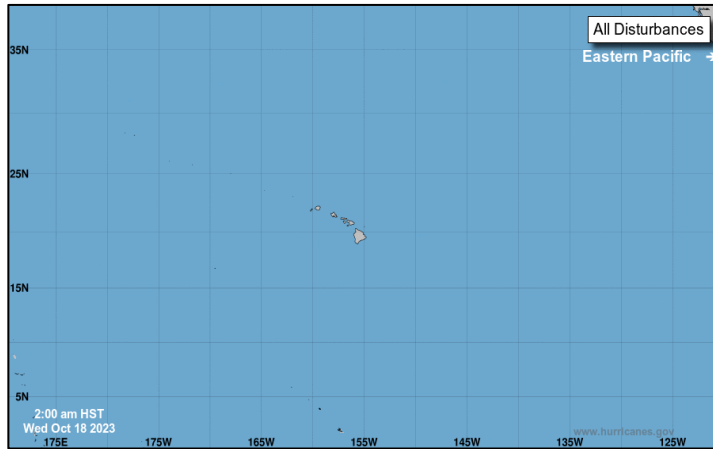
- Region II:
 - RWC: Enhanced Watch (Virtual) dayshift only
 - RRCC: Activated to Level III as of Oct 19, 8:00 a.m. ET
 - Emergency Support Functions:
 - ESFs 1/2/3/8/12/13/14 and DCE deploying to RRCC
 - ESFs 1/2/3/8/12/13/14 and DCE deploying to PR
 - ESFs 1/3/8/9/12/13/14 and DCE deploying to VI
 - R2 IMAT-A: Deploying to St. Croix with FCO, SLOs and augments
 - R2 IMAT-B: Deploying to St. Thomas with SLOs and augments
 - R2 IMAT Ad Hoc: Deploying to PR with FCO, SLOs and augments
- FEMA HQ:
 - NRCC is activated (DHS Coordination)
 - Staging Management Team (SMT) PR deploying to DC Caribbean by Oct 18, 4:00 p.m. ET
 - FEMA NWC will continue to monitor in coordination with Region II; the next update will occur in the National Situation Report at 5:00 p.m. ET



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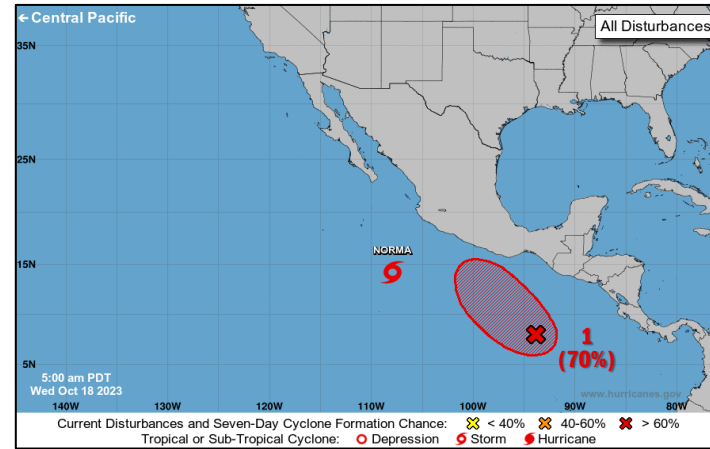
Tropical Outlook – Seven Day

Central Pacific



- No tropical cyclones are expected during the next 7 days

Eastern Pacific



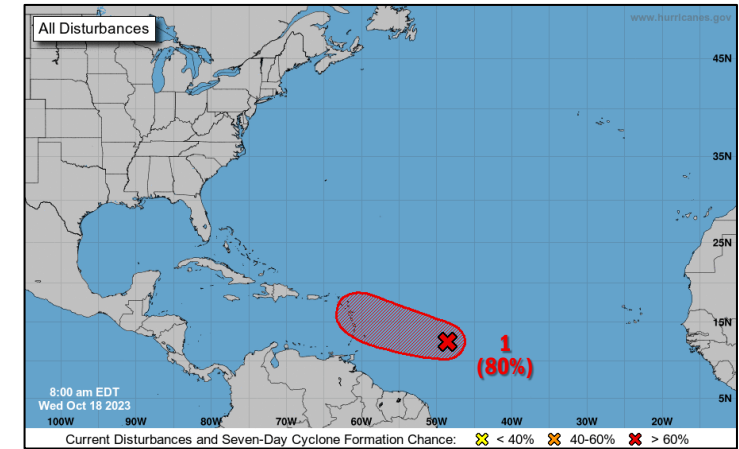
Tropical Storm Norma (Advisory #3, as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

- Located 410 miles SW of the Manzanillo, Mexico
- Maximum sustained winds 65 mph
- Moving WNW at 7 mph
- Tropical-storm-force winds extend outward up to 140 miles
- Steady-to-rapid strengthening is forecast, could become a hurricane later today

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

- Located S of the Gulf of Tehuantepec
- TD likely to form late this week or over the weekend
- Formation chance – 48-hour: Low (20%); 7-day: High (70%)

Atlantic



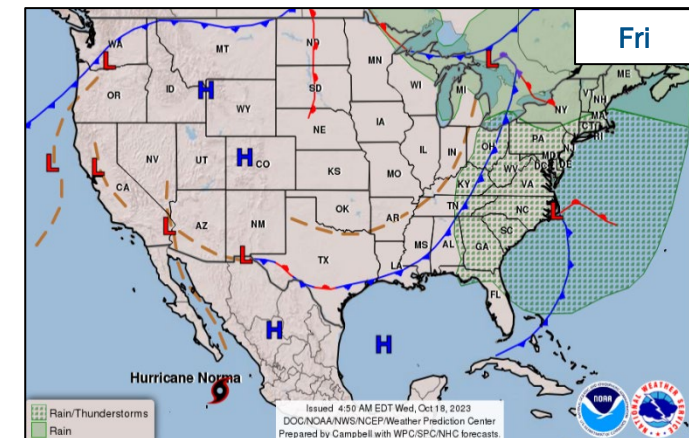
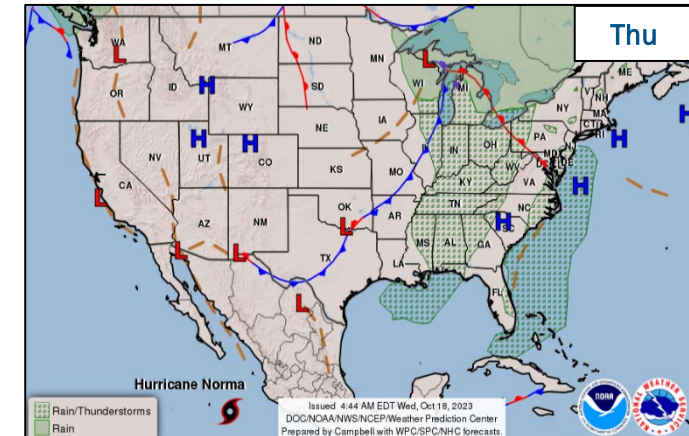
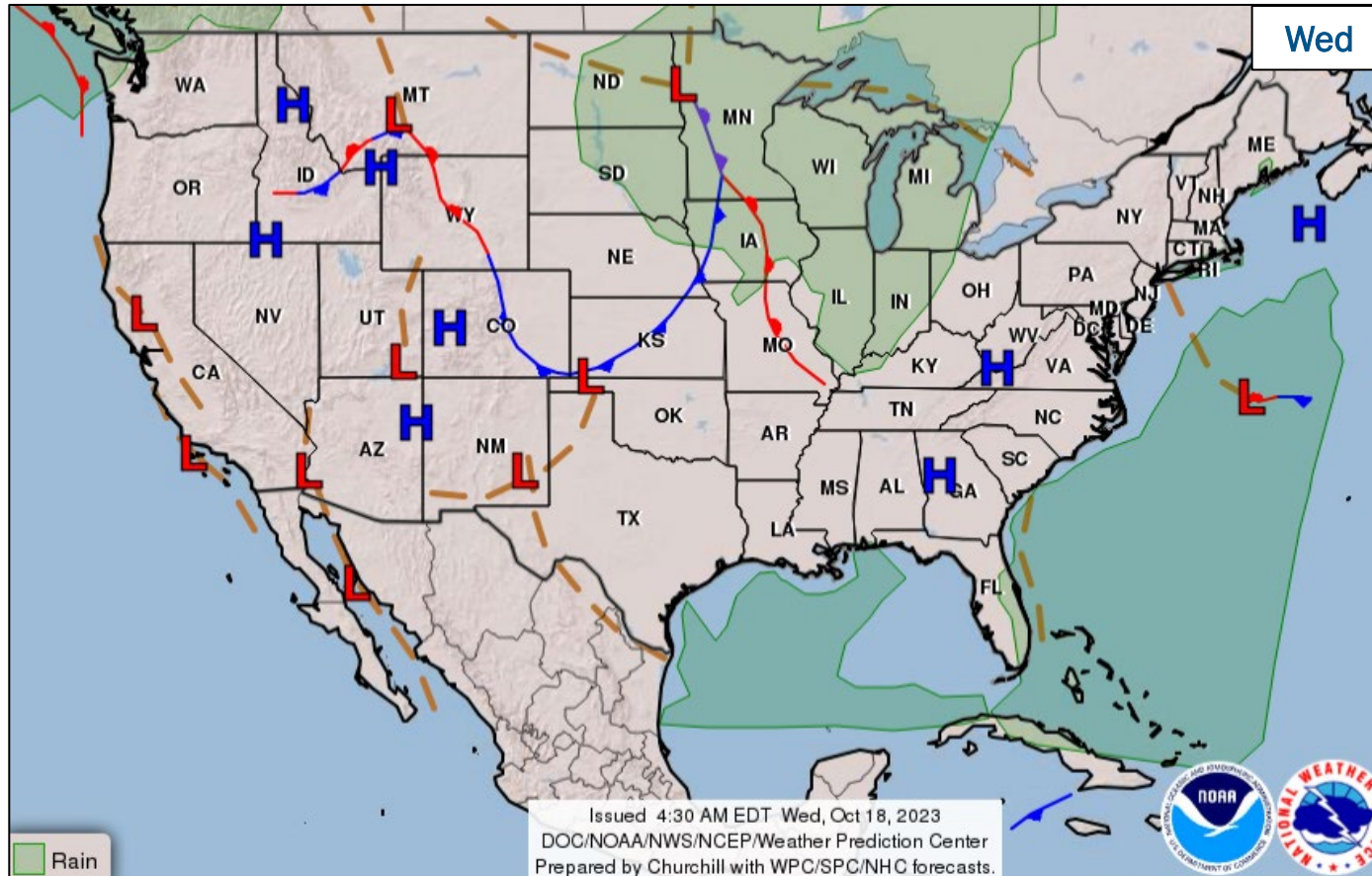
Disturbance 1 (AL94) (as of 8:00 a.m. ET)

- Located 850 miles E of the Windward Islands
- Moving W to WNW
- TD likely to form within the next day or so
- Formation chance – 48-hour: High (80%); 7-day: High (80%)



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National Weather Forecast



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FEMA Common Operating Picture

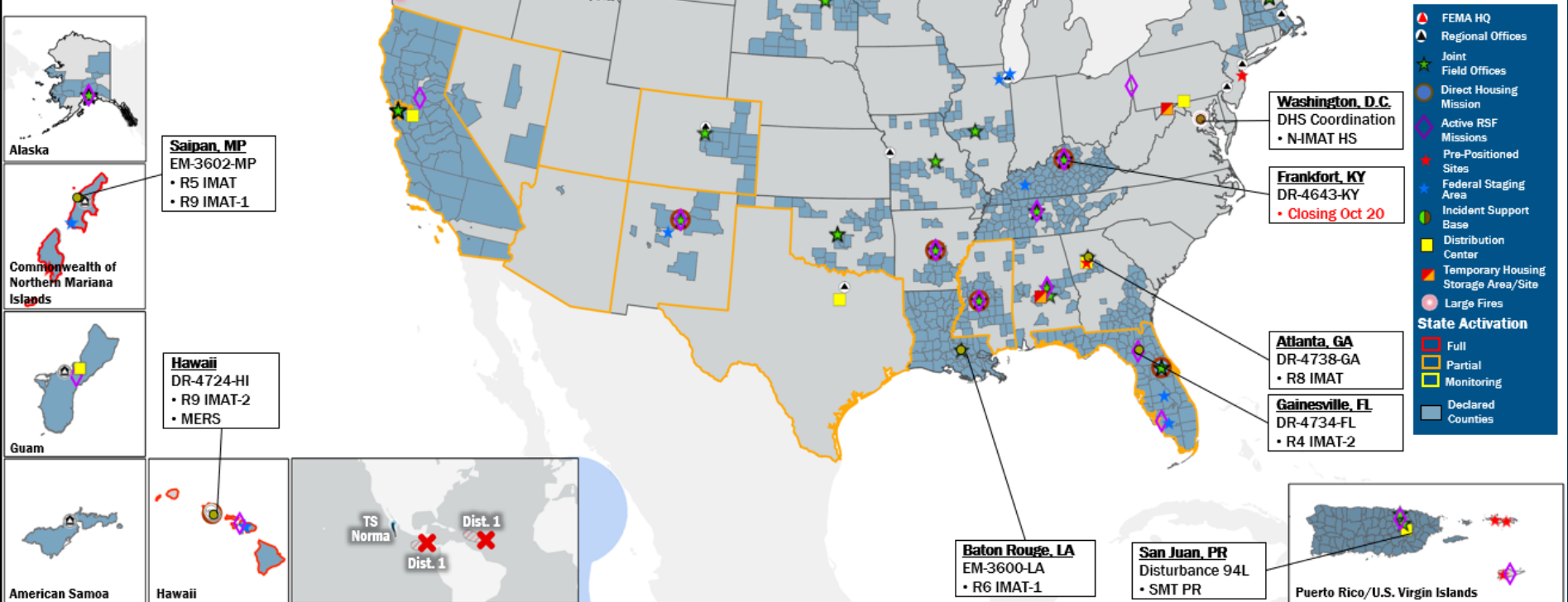
19 + 6 Joint Field Offices Virtual Joint Field Offices Supporting
78 + 6 Major Disasters Emergency Declarations
9 Direct Housing Missions
28 RSF-Supported Disasters

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NWC	NRCC	
Monitoring	Activated	
FEMA REGIONS		
Watch	RRCC	
Monitoring	I	Rostered
Enhanced	II	Rostered
Monitoring	III	Rostered
Monitoring	IV	Rostered
Monitoring	V	Rostered
Monitoring	VI	Rostered
Monitoring	VII	Rostered
Monitoring	VIII	Rostered
Monitoring	IX	Rostered
Monitoring	X	Rostered
Notes:		
RWC/RRCC: • NRCC: DHS Coordination • N-IMAT HS: DHS Coordination • R2 RWC: Invest 94L	STATE EOCs: • MS: Severe Weather • FL: TC Idalia • TX: Ongoing Threats • CO: Avian Influenza • AZ/CO: SW Border Coordination • CA/HI/WA: Wildfires • CA/NV: TC Hilary • MP: TC Bolaven	
Surge Capacity Force		
Rostered 8,311 (-1)	Deployed 0	

N-IMATs	
2-5 Teams Available	
Red	
White	
Blue	
Gold	
HS	DC
R-IMATs	
≥ 7 Teams Available	
I	1
II	3
III	
IV-1	2 / Personnel
IV-2	FL
V	MP
VI-1	LA
VI-2	
VII	Personnel
VIII	GA
IX-1	MP
IX-2	HI
X	Personnel

REGIONAL BREAKDOWN			
	JFO/VJFO	DR	EM
I	3/0	10	2
II	1/1	4	0
III	0/0	0	0
IV	6/1	21	1
V	2/0	2	0
VI	3/2	6	1
VII	1/0	2	0
VIII	2/0	5	0
IX	0/1	17	2
X	1/1	11	0



IM Workforce

13,659 (-5) Assigned
 4,211 (-91) Unavailable
 6,167 (+109) Deployed

24% / 3,281 (-23) Available

IM Cadre Availability

16 Cadres ≤ 25% Availability

Civil Rights: 22% (31/141); Disability Integration: 22% (12/55); External Affairs: 22% (112/505); Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation: 16% (134/815); Field Leadership: 7% (9/136); Financial Management: 24% (59/243); Hazard Mitigation: 16% (194/1,219); Human Resources: 22% (39/176); Interagency Recovery Coordination: 18% (52/295); Information Technology: 23% (147/643); Logistics: 21% (314/1,511); Operations: 11% (37/340); Public Assistance: 8% (178/2,205); Planning 12% (55/470); Safety: 15% (12/81); Security: 15% (20/134)

MERS

> 66%

36 Assigned
 0 Unavailable
 0 Deployed

36 Available

US&R

> 66%

28 Assigned
 2 Unavailable
 0 Deployed

26 Available

FCO

≤ 1 Type I

50 Assigned
 9 Unavailable
 39 (28 FCOR) Deployed

2 Available

Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments

Region	State / Location	Incident	IA	Number of Counties		Start - End
			PA	Requested	Complete	
I	MA	Flooding Sep 11-13	IA	2	0	10/10 - TBD
			PA	4	0	10/10 - TBD
	RI	Flooding and Tornado Sep 10-13	IA	1	0	TBD - TBD
			PA	0	0	N/A
III	PA	Flooding Sep 9-10	IA	1	1	10/2 - 10/4
			PA	3	0	9/28 - TBD
	WV	Flooding Aug 28-30	IA	5	5	9/19 - 9/21
			PA	4	0	10/16 - TBD



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Declaration Requests in Process – 9

State / Tribe / Territory – Incident Description	Type	IA	PA	HM	Requested
OH – Train Derailment	DR	X	X	X	Jul 3
UT – Flooding	DR		X	X	Aug 11
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
NH – Severe Winter Storm and Snowstorm – APPEAL	DR		X	X	Sep 6
KS – Severe Storm, 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
WA – Wildfires	DR	X	X	X	Oct 4



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