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# **FEMA**

## **Daily Operations Briefing**

**Thursday, January 14, 2016**

**8:30 a.m. EST**

# Significant Activity: Jan 13-14



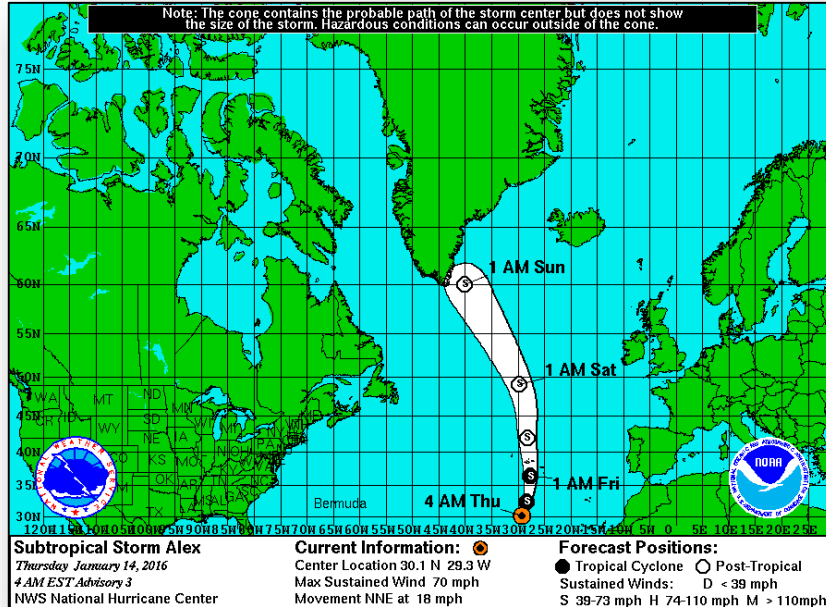
**Significant Events:** None

**Significant Weather:**

- Flooding – Central and Southern US
- Heavy snow – California and Great Basin
- Snow/rain – Pacific Northwest to Northeast
- Rain/Thunderstorms Southern plain to Southeast
- Cold temperatures – Upper Midwest/Great Lakes
- Red Flag Warnings / Elevated Fire Weather conditions: None
- Space Weather Storms: No space storms observed the past 24 hours; no storms predicted for the next 24 hours

**Declaration Activity:** None

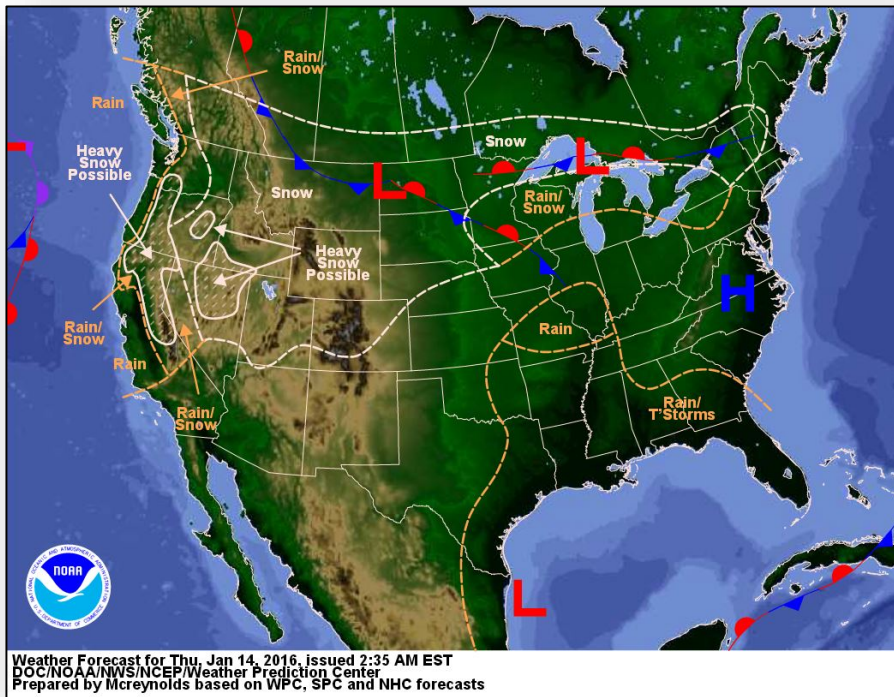
# 2 Day Tropical Outlook - Atlantic



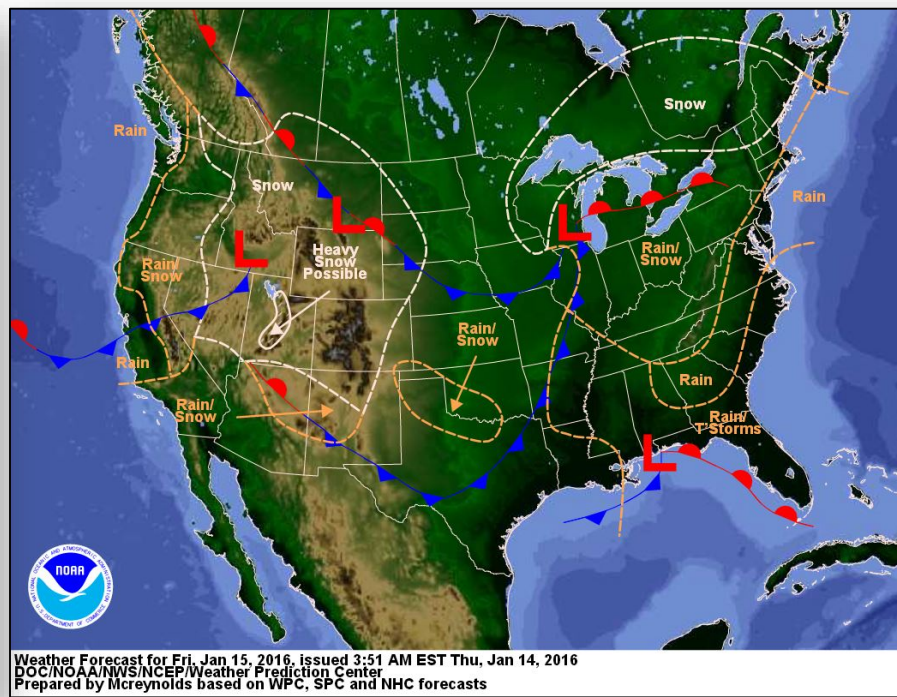
## Subtropical Storm Alex Advisory #3 (As of 5:00 a.m. EDT)

- Located 560 miles SSW of Azores
- Moving NNE at 18 MPH; a turn N expected with increased forward speed
- Maximum sustained winds of 70 MPH
- Tropical storm force winds extend out to 150 miles
- No threat to US interests

# National Weather Forecast

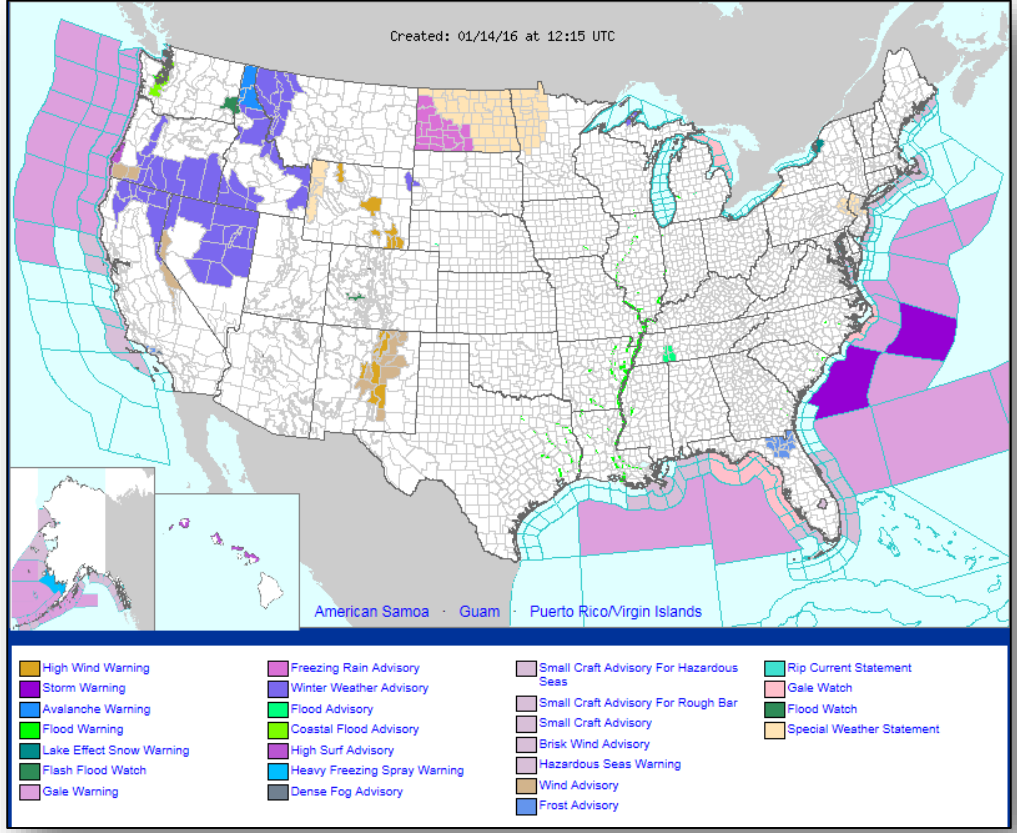


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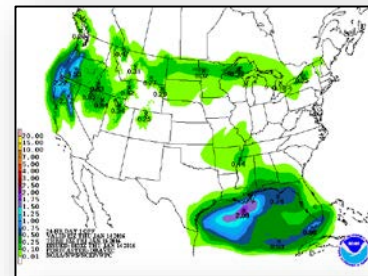
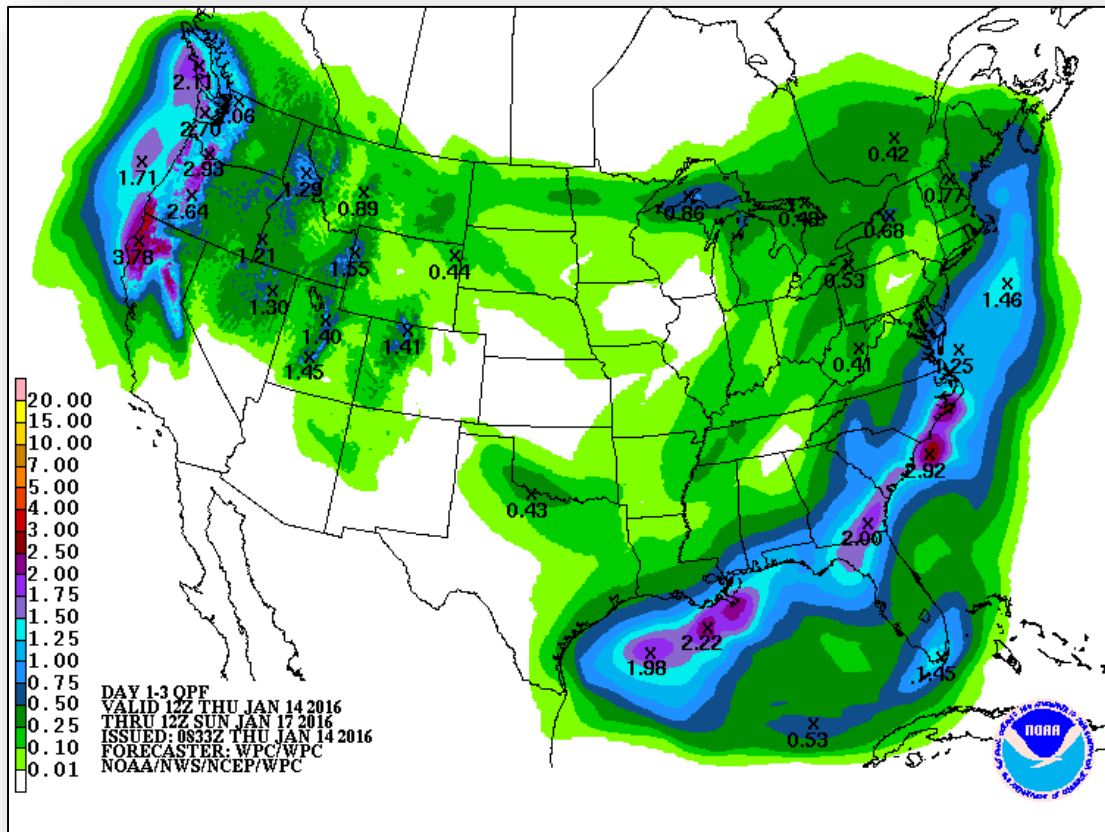


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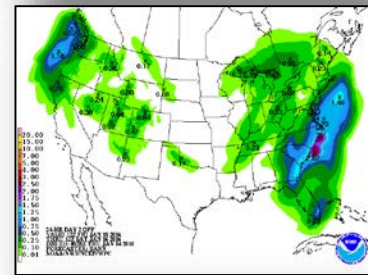
# Active Watches/Warnings



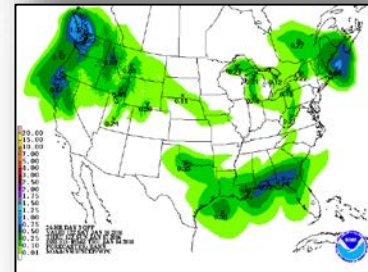
# Precipitation Forecast, 1-3 Day



Day 1

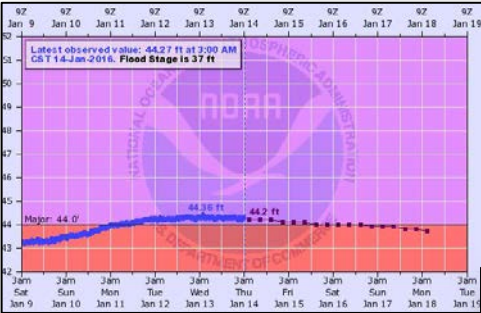


Day 2



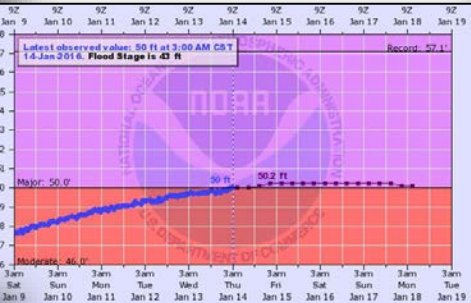
Day 3

# Mississippi River

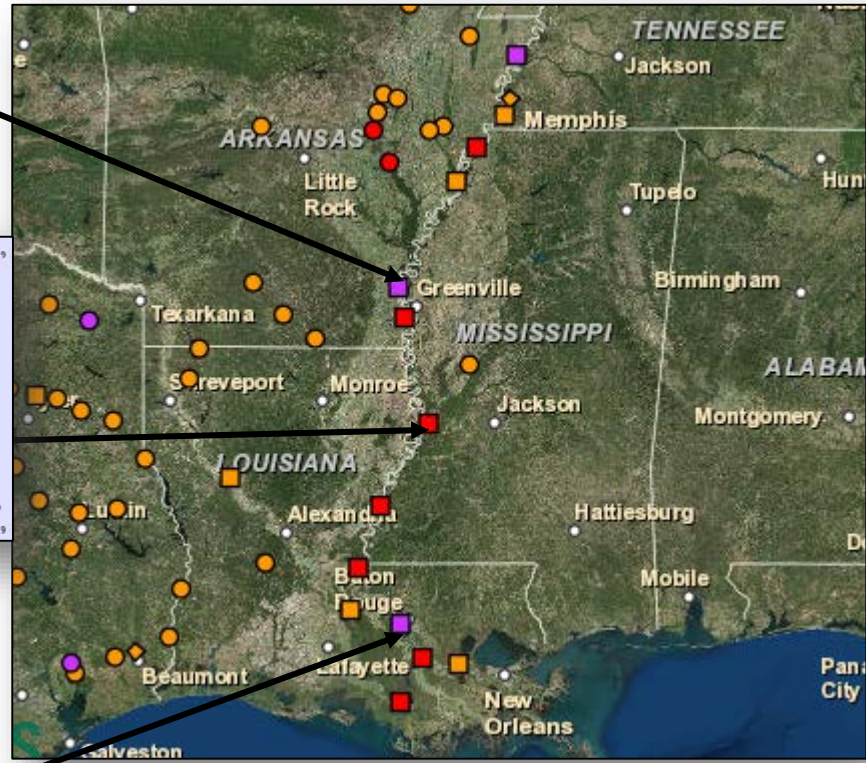


**Mississippi River @ Arkansas City:**  
 Current Level: 44.3  
 Forecast Peak 44.3 (Jan 13)  
 - Southern portions of the city become flooded

**Mississippi River @ Vicksburg:**  
 Current Level: 50  
 Forecast Peak 50.2 (Jan 15)  
 - 140 homes currently threatened @ current level

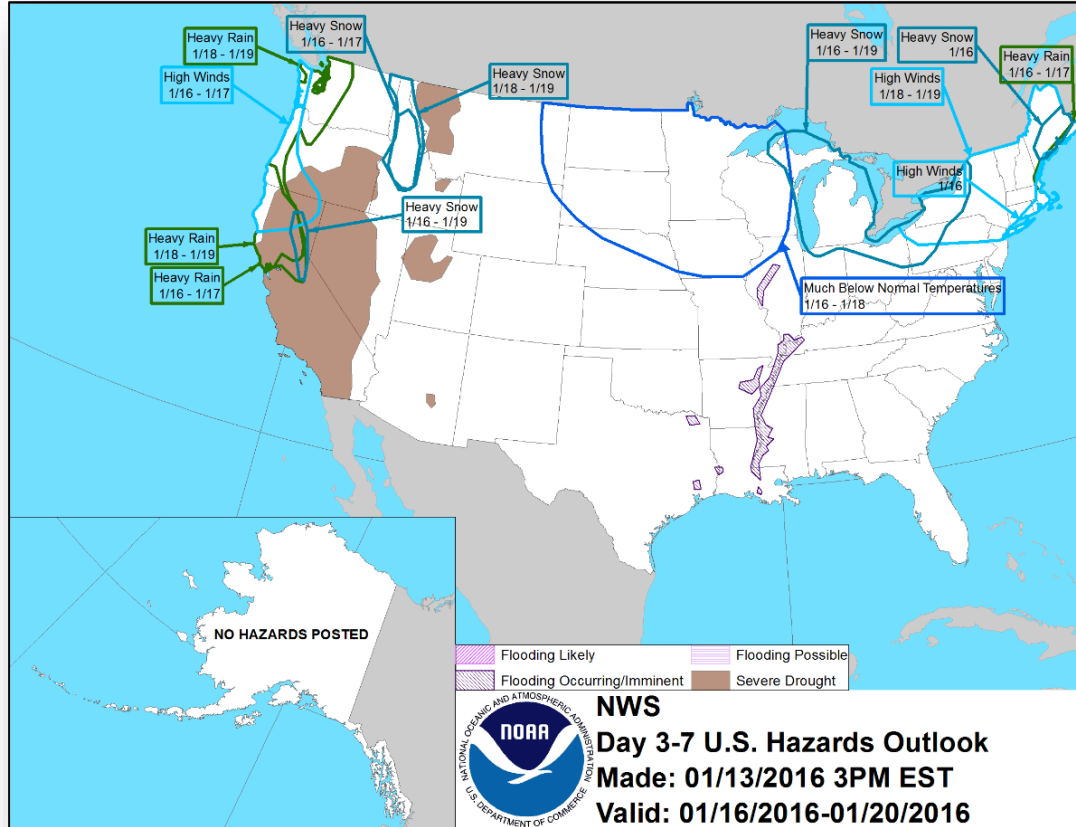


**Mississippi River @ Baton Rouge:**  
 Current Level: 42.2  
 Forecast Peak 43.5 (Jan 18)  
 - Bonnet Carre Spillway slowly opening as of Jan 10; 20 gates currently open  
 - Gates will continue to be opened until the 17/18<sup>th</sup>, with a max of 200 gates  
 - Morganza Spillway will NOT open



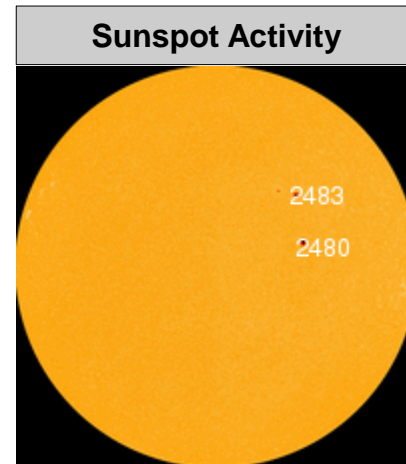
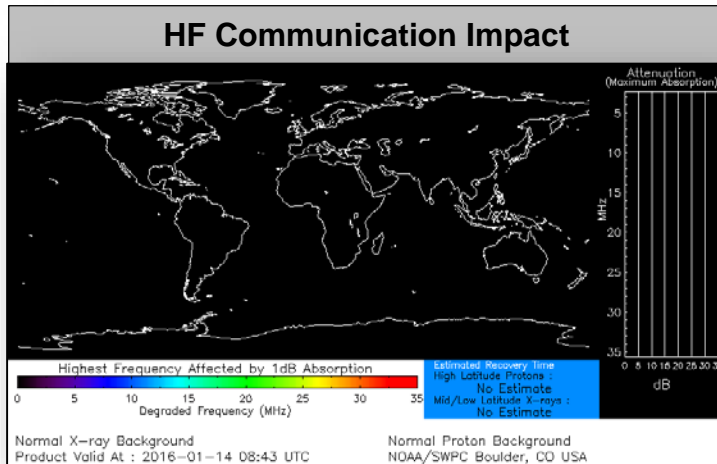


# Hazard Outlook, Jan 16-20



# Space Weather

	Past 24 Hours	Current	Next 24 Hours
Space Weather Activity	None	None	None
Geomagnetic Storms	None	None	None
Solar Radiation Storms	None	None	None
Radio Blackouts	None	None	None

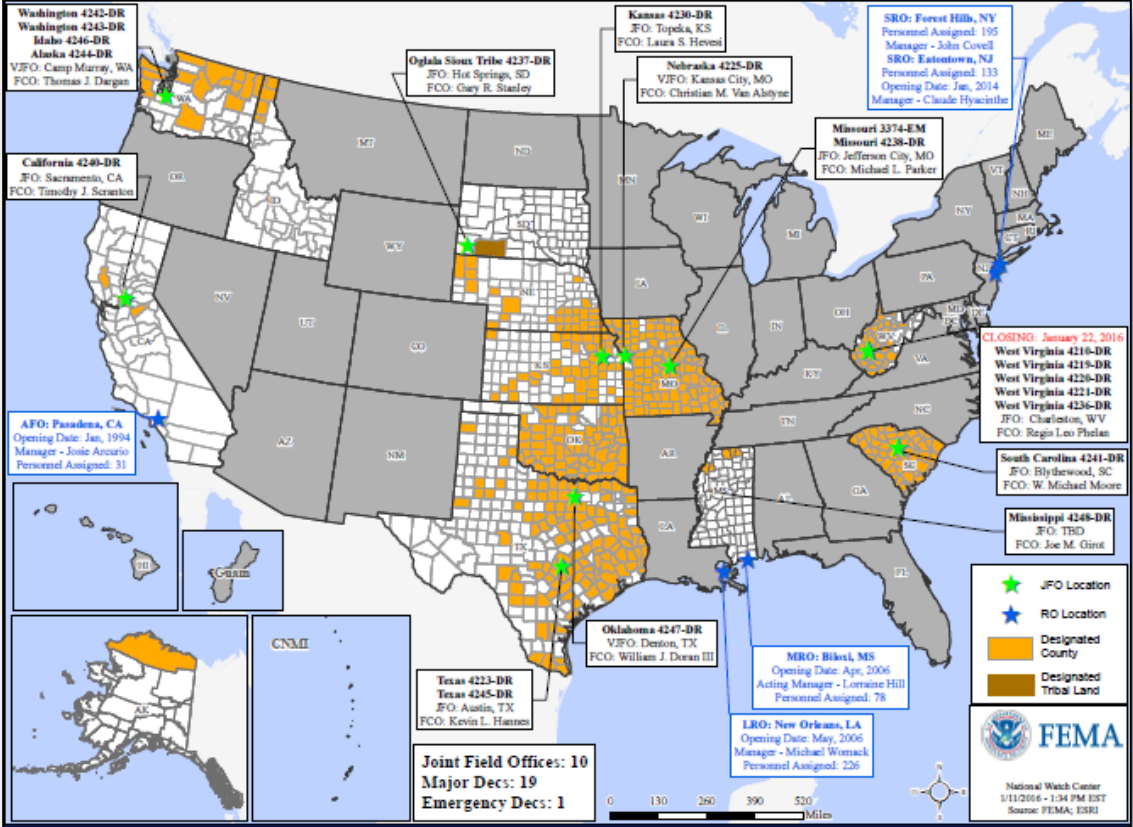


# Disaster Requests & Declarations



Declaration Requests in Process		Requests APPROVED (since last report)	Requests DENIED (since last report)
2	Date Requested	0	0
LA – EM Severe Storms and Flooding	January 8, 2016		
WA – DR Severe Winter Storms, Straight-Line winds, Landslides, Mudslides, and Flooding	January 8, 2016		

# Open Field Offices as of January 14



# Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments



Region	State / Location	Event	IA/PA	Number of Counties		Start – End
				Requested	Complete	
IV	AL	Severe Weather & Flooding December 23, 2015 – continuing	PA	47	42(+3)	1/7 – TBD
VI	TX	Severe Storms December 26, 2015 – continuing	IA	6 (+1)	5	12/31 – TBD
			PA	11 (+3)	4	12/30 - TBD
	AR	Severe Storms & Flooding December 26, 2015 – continuing	IA	20	2	1/11 – TBD
			PA	42	13	1/6 – TBD
OK	Severe Winter Storms December 26, 2015 – continuing	PA	40	10	1/5 –TBD	
VII	MO	Flooding & Flash Flooding December 22, 2015 - continuing	IA	41	41 (+7)	1/6 – 1/13
			PA	32	0	1/13 – TBD
X	ID	Winter Storms December 16 – 27	PA	3	0	1/14- TBD
	OR	Storm and Flooding December 7-23, 2015	PA	13	0	1/11 – TBD
	WA	Wind Storms, Landslides, Mudslide, Flooding December 1-14, 2015	PA	23	0	1/11 – TBD

# FEMA Readiness – Deployable Teams /Assets



Deployable Teams/Assets									
Resource	Status	Total	FMC Available		Partially Available	Not Available	Detailed, Deployed, Activated	Comments	Rating Criterion
FCO	Yellow	39	21	54%	0	3	15	Only 2 Type1 FCOs are available	OFDC Readiness: FCO Green Yellow Red Type 1 3+ 2 1 Type 2 4+ 3 2 Type 3 4 3 2  FDRC 3 2 1
FDRC	Green	8	3	38%	0	0	5		
US&R	Green	28	27	96%	0	1	0	NM-TF1 (Red) - Personnel shortages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Green = Available/FMC</li> <li>Yellow = Available/PMC</li> <li>Red = Out-of-Service</li> <li>Blue = Assigned/Deployed</li> </ul>
National IMAT	Green	3	3	100%	0	0	0		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Green: 3 avail</li> <li>Yellow: 1-2 avail</li> <li>Red: 0 avail (<i>Individual N-IMAT red if 50% of Section Chiefs and/or Team Leader is unavailable for deployment.</i>)</li> </ul>
Regional IMAT	Yellow	13	4	31%	0	1	8	<b>Deployed:</b> RIV (Team 2) Deployed to MS RVI (Team 1) Deployed to LA RVI (Team 2) Deployed to TX RVII Deployed to MO RVIII Deployed to OST, SD (Available to re-deploy as needed) RIX (Team 1 & 2) Deployed to CA; (Team 1 Avail) RX Deployed to WA  <b>NMC:</b> RV (Team 1) Red – Personnel Shortages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Green: 7 or more avail</li> <li>Yellow: 4 - 6 teams available</li> <li>Red: &gt; 8 teams deployed/unavailable</li> </ul> R-IMAT also red if TL Ops/Log Chief is unavailable & has no qualified replacement
MERS	Green	18	15	83%	0	0	3	1 Team deployed to ID (FEMA-4246-DR) 2 Teams deployed to MS (FEMA-4248-DR)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Green = &gt;66% available</li> <li>Yellow = 33% to 66% available</li> <li>Red = &lt;33% available</li> </ul>

# FEMA Readiness – National/Regional Teams



National/Regional Teams									
Resource	Status	Total	FMC Available		Partially Available	Not Available	Status	Comments	Rating Criterion
NWC		5	5	100%	0	0	Not Activated		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Green = FMC</li> <li>• Yellow = PMC</li> <li>• Red = NMC</li> </ul>
NRCC		2	344	89%	0	44	Not Activated		
HLT		1	N/A	N/A	0	0	Not Activated		
DEST							Not Activated		
RRCCs		10	10	100%	0	0	Activated	Region VI Deactivated Region VII at Level III (Day shift)	
RWCs/MOCs		10	10	100%	0	0	Not Activated	Watch / Steady State	

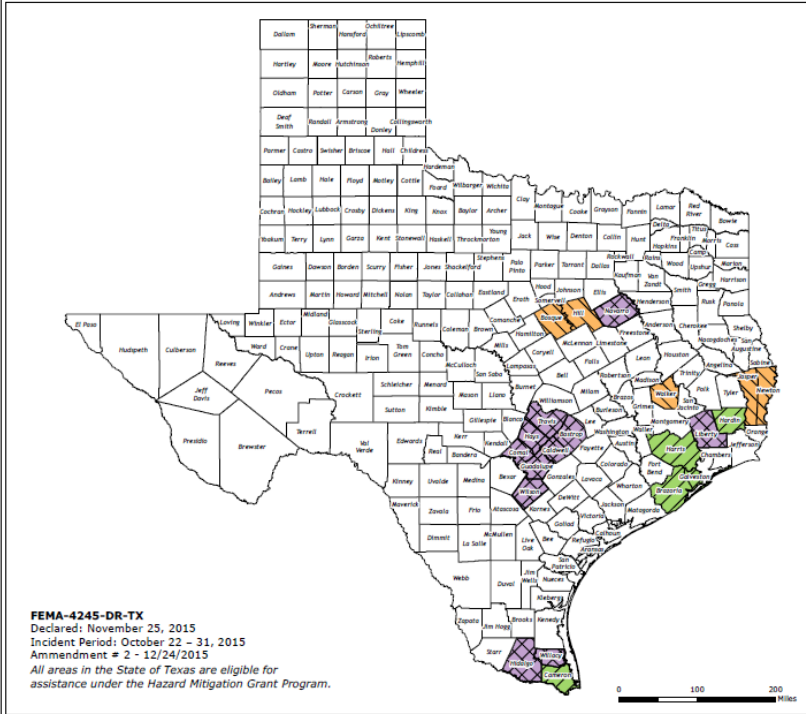
# Common Operating Picture

FEMA-4245-DR-TX  
01/14/2016 (Day 51)

Declared: 11/25/2015 Incident Period: 10/22/2015 to 10/31/2015

## COUNTY DESIGNATIONS

FEMA-4245-DR-TX - Flooding, Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds and Tornadoes  
Designated Counties



Data Layer / Map Description:  
This product illustrates the designated counties for the presidentially declared disaster: FEMA-4245-DR-TX.

### Legend

#### Designated Counties

- IA (5)
- IA and PA (11)
- PA (5)



Data Sources: Esri, FEMA  
Datum: WGS 1984  
Projection: Mercator  
Data Updated: 24 December 2015, 1000 CDT

## FEMA-4245-DR-TX

Date Issued	Declaration	Counties
11/25/2015	4245-DR-TX	Designated Bastrop, Brazoria, Caldwell, Comal, Galveston, Guadalupe, Hardin, Harris, Hays, Hidalgo, Liberty, Navarro, Travis, Willacy and Wilson Counties for <b>Individual Assistance</b>
12/09/2015	Amendment No. 1	Amended to include Cameron County for <b>Individual Assistance</b>
12/24/2015	Amendment No. 2	Amended to include Bastrop, Bosque, Caldwell, Comal, Guadalupe, Hays, Hidalgo, Hill, Jasper, Liberty, Navarro, Newton, Travis, Walker, Willacy and Wilson for <b>Public Assistance</b>
<b>Hazard Mitigation: Statewide</b>		



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## STATE/FEMA JOINT OBJECTIVES

### **State/FEMA Objectives**

1. Leverage whole community approach to provide Federal disaster assistance allowing survivors to recover quicker, rebuild stronger, and promote greater resiliency
  
- 2a. Provide joint accessible, accurate and timely messaging across the spectrum that ensures consistent recovery messages accessible to all Texas communities and their impacted residents that promotes timely and complete recovery efforts

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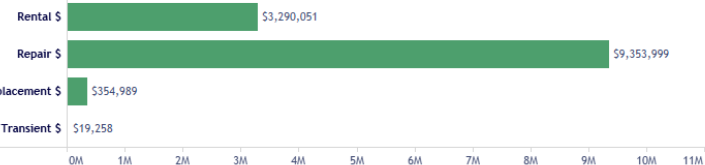
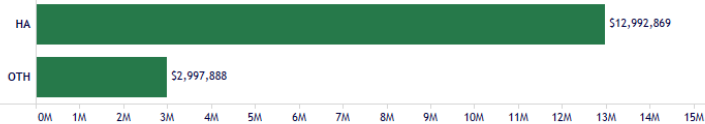
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## INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE (CURRENT AS OF COB 01/13/2016)

### Summary

Eligible Amount

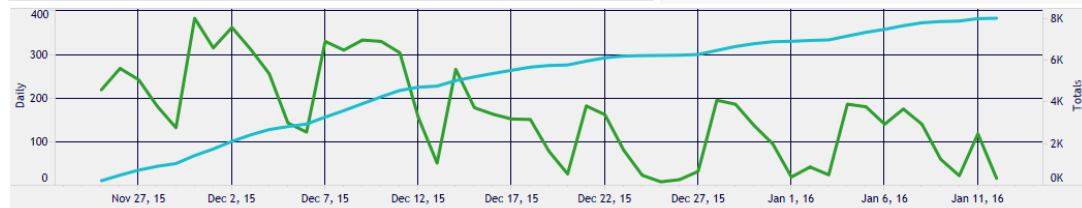


### Average Award



### Daily Registrants (include undesignated counties)

All ■ Regs ■ Running Sum



### Applicants

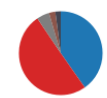
Registrants	Valid	IHP Referrals	Referral Rate	Eligibility Rate
8,108	7,551	7,020	92.02%	40.26%
<b>Total Eligible</b>		<b>Max Grants</b>	<b>Access &amp; Functional Needs</b>	
		\$15,990,757	27	
			358	

### Inspections

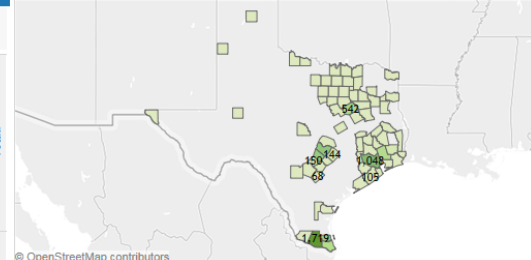
Issued	Open	Returned	% Completed
6,928	141	6,787	97.83%

### Applicant Status Summary

IHP	Count	Percentage
Approved	2,826	40.26%
Ineligible	3,533	50.33%
No Decision - INS	343	4.89%
Pending	172	2.45%
Withdrawn	146	2.08%



### Valid Registrants



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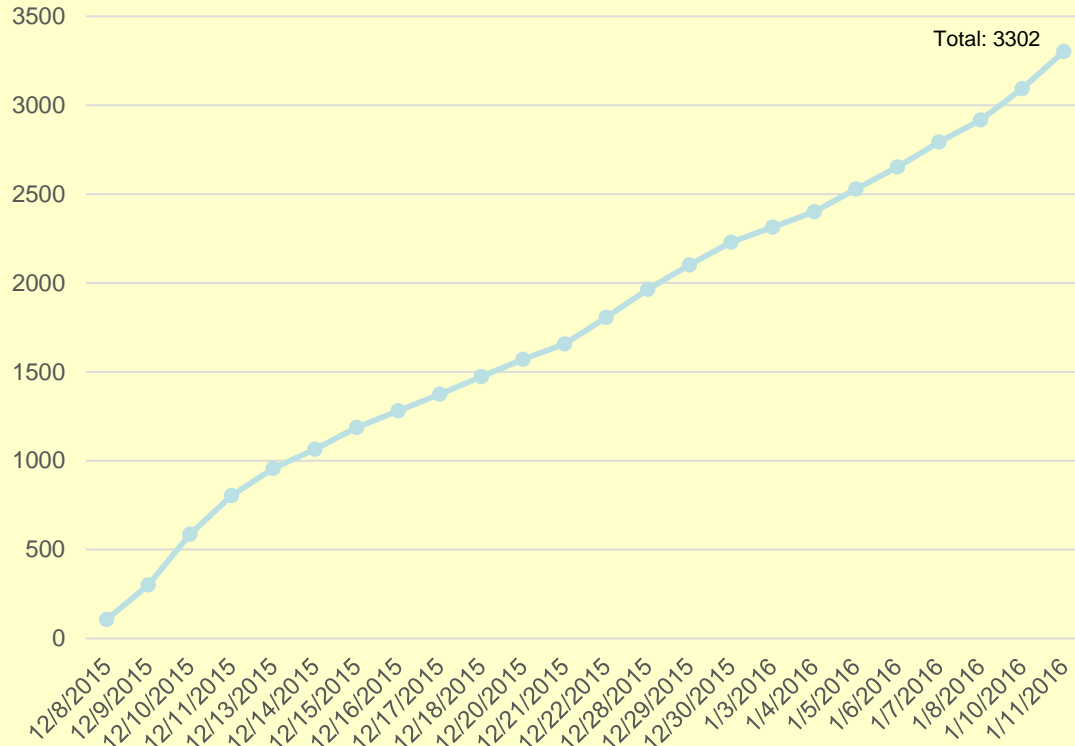
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INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE (CURRENT AS OF COB 01/13/2016)

## DRC Cumulative Visits



## Disaster Survivor Assistance

Total Current Deployed Staff: 49  
Peak Deployed Staff: 120  
DSA Staged for Additional TX Dec: 32

Survivor Interactions	30,582
Survivor Registrations	1,484
DSA % of Registrations	19%
vs. 4223 DSA Closeout % of Registrations: 6%	
Whole Community Referrals	137
Case Updates	79
Private Sector Visited	487

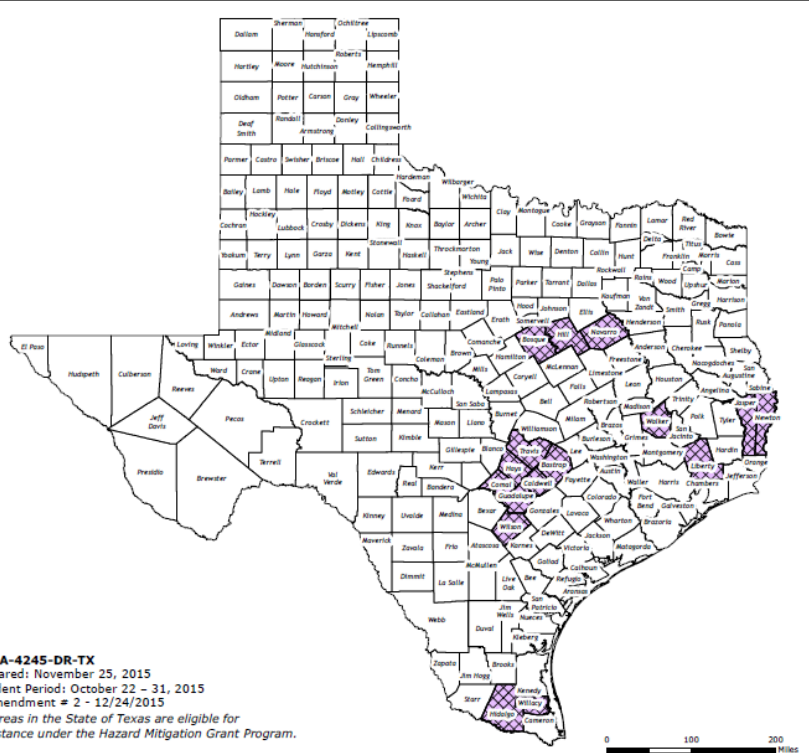
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## PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

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Counties with Public Assistance Designation



Data Layer / Map Description:  
This product illustrates the counties in FEMA-4245-DR-TX that have a public assistance designation.

### Legend

Designated Counties

PA (16)



Data Sources: Esri, FEMA  
Datum: WGS 1984  
Projection: Mercator  
Data Updated: 30 December 2015, 0800 CDT

- PA Applicants Briefings are underway or scheduled, with Kickoff Meetings following
- 14/16 counties with PA designations in 4245 have PA designations under 4223
- 500-700 Project Worksheets are projected
- Projecting between 60-100 applicants (59 of which are current applicants under 4223)
- Estimated PA cost at 100% =

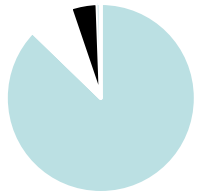
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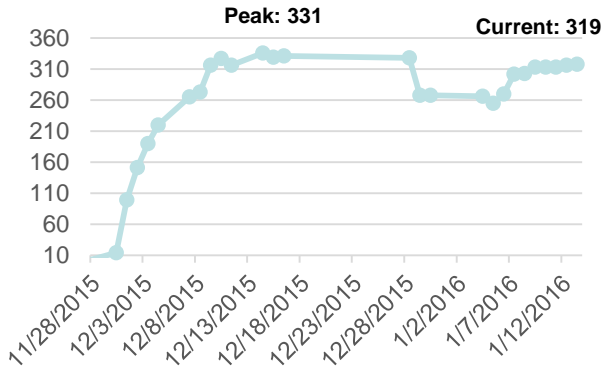
STAFFING (CURRENT AS OF COB 01/13/2016)

## Staff by Type



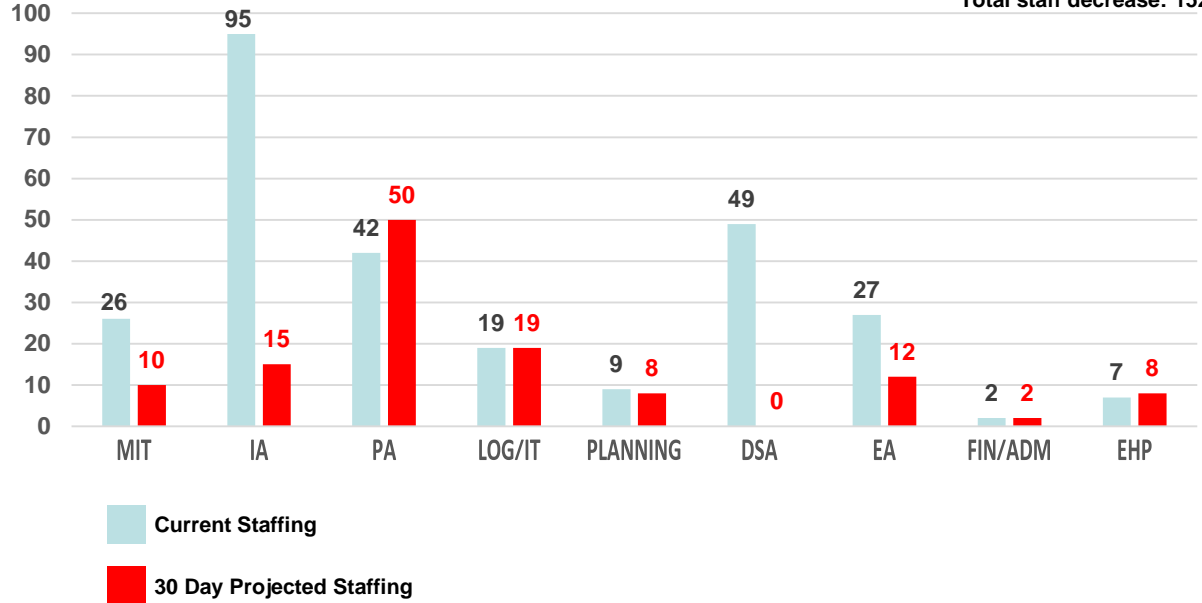
- FEMA: 301
- Local Hires: 0
- OFA: 26
- FEMA Corps: 16
- State: 2

## Total Staffing



## Staff By Program

Total staff decrease: 152



Note: Approximately 2% of staff currently deployed in support of 4245 are also supporting 4223

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## TRAINING AND QUALIFICATIONS

	# Deployed	# Trainees	# Qualified	# Candidates	Unassigned
<b>CORE</b>	37	9	18	10	0
<b>IM CORE</b>	11	0	10	1	0
<b>PFT</b>	3	1	2	0	0
<b>TFT</b>	1	0	1	0	0
<b>RSV</b>	205	19	178	7	1
<b>OTHER</b>	44	39	1	0	4
<b>Total:</b>	<b>319*</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>5</b>

\* Total includes those checking in, on rotation, and checked out Source: DTS 01/13/2016

### TRAINEE/CANDIDATE DATA

- 44 FEMA trainees/candidates are currently deployed in support of 4245 (14%) – only 2 trainees (both in IA) do not have a Coach Evaluator assigned

### COACH EVALUATOR DATA

- 90 staff deployed in support of 4245 are Coach Evaluators (28%)

### COURSES OFFERED (27 total courses/448 total students)

- L0458 IA Refresher- 69 students
- IAP Builder Workshop- 15 students
- DF ERO Trilogy- 93 students
- DSA Smart Dashboard Orientation- 110 students
- PA Inspectors Briefing- 84 students
- Fire Wardens Briefing- 11 students
- Concur Travel Training, Basic- 42 students
- BAI Floodplain Mapping- 24 students

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## BEST PRACTICES/CHALLENGES

### Best Practices

- The excellent relationship FEMA has maintained with the State of Texas following 4223 has been integral to ensuring successful operations
- DSA teams received Smart Dashboard training, disaster specific orientation, safety and security briefs, and External Affairs training at the JFO before conducting Assess Inform Report (AIR) operations in support of 4245. In addition, MCOV support of DSA operations in remote areas increased connectivity and provided the DSATs with a working area
- Time-phased staffing was a key success to the overall effectiveness of those supporting and responding to 4245

### Challenges

- Recovery efforts in the Rio Grande Valley continue to experience challenges due to mold remediation, volunteer agency fatigue due to immigration issues, and a lack of affordable housing alternatives
- Current PA staffing: 43% of PA staff are trainee's, which will affect the overall recovery effort and administrative costs of the disaster
- All available Technical Assistance Contractors (TACs) are currently supporting 4223; additional TAC's for 4245 would require a new bid process
- Current IA Staffing: IA is having difficulty deploying experienced VALs and Information Management staff
- DSATs continue to have difficulty in terms of connectivity and service in the field



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