

FEMADaily Operations Briefing

Tuesday, January 21, 2014 8:30 a.m. EST

Significant Activity: Jan 18–21, 2014



Significant Events:

- Chemical Spill Charleston, WV (FEMA-3366-EM)
- Explosion International Nutrition Plant, Omaha, NE
- Colby Wildfire, CA FINAL
- FEDERAL OFFICES in Washington, DC area (NCR) are CLOSED; emergency and telework-ready employees required to work must follow their agency's policies, including written telework agreements

Significant Weather:

- Artic airmass Eastern U.S. Seaboard
- Heavy Snow Storm Mid-Atlantic and New England
- Blizzard conditions Mid-Atlantic into New England (Gusty winds & low temperatures)
- Red Flag Warnings: TX, CO, NE & KS
- Critical Fire Weather Areas: Southern Plains
- Elevated Fire Weather Areas: Central/Southern Plains
- Space Weather: No space weather storms occurred/predicted next 24 hours

FEMA Readiness: NE-TF1 (State activated) for Omaha, NE plant explosion

Declarations: Major Disaster Declaration Request - VT

Mid-Atlantic Winter Storm

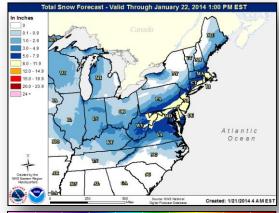
Hazards

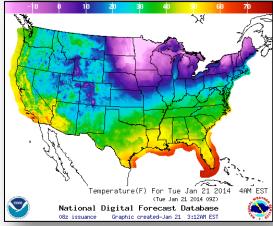
- · Heavy snow and cold temperatures
- Winter Storm Warnings have been posted, generally from central Appalachians into southern PA, MD & northern VA, as well as from NJ through eastern MA; Total snow accumulations of 4 to 10 inches will be common across the region with locally higher amounts
- Parts of eastern Long Island into southern CT and far eastern MA could experience snow accumulations in excess of one foot
- Wind gusts of 25 to 35 mph will produce areas of blowing and drifting snow and reduced visibilities; Locally stronger wind gusts up to 50 mph could lead to blizzard conditions along Cape Cod, where a Blizzard Warning has been issued.

Impacts

- OPM Status of National Capitol Region; FEDERAL OFFICES in Washington, DC area (NCR) are CLOSED
 - Emergency and telework-ready employees required to work must follow their agency's policies, including written telework agreements
- Region III Regional Office open with option for unscheduled leave/telework
- VA SEOC activated to Increased Readiness; all other SEOCs at normal ops
- National Capital Region Airports are reporting numerous flight cancelations
- Local governments and area schools closed today
- No request for FEMA assistance







Plant Explosion – Omaha, NE

FEMA

Current Situation

- Grain elevator explosion and structure collapse occurred on January 20 at the International Nutrition Inc. feed mill plant in Omaha, NE (pop 421,570)
- 38 people were inside the plant when explosion occurred; all are now accounted for; 2 fatalities; 10 injuries
- Cause of explosion is unknown
- Fire is contained; no hazardous materials or chemicals
- Recovery operations were suspended overnight but will resume today

State Response

- NE SEOC not activated
- NE activated Urban Search and Rescue NE-TF1 to assist with recovery operations

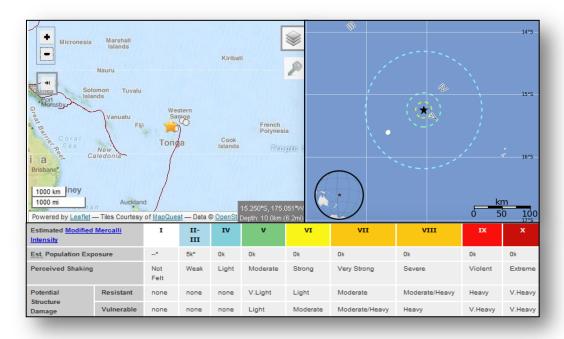
FEMA Response

- Region VII RRCC not activated; RWC remains at normal operations
- No requests for FEMA assistance



Earthquake – Tonga Islands





Magnitude 5.9 - Hihifo, Tonga

- Occurred 8:29 p.m. EST, January 20, 2014
 - Offshore 99 miles WSW of Hihifo, Tonga
 - 298 miles WSW of Pago Pago, American Samoa
 - Depth of 20.5 miles
- USGS issued a Green PAGER alert indicating low likelihood of shaking-related damage/casualties
- Modified Mercali Scale Intensity II-III; 5,000 exposed to weak to shaking
- No reports of injuries or damages
- No tsunami generated

Chemical Spill – Charleston, WV

January 9, 2014 & continuing

- Located near Kanawha Valley Water Treatment Plant
- Up to 7,500 gallons of 4-methylcyclohexane methanol (MCHM) leaked into Elk River
- "Do Not Use" order lifted for all WVAM customer areas Jan 17
- Authorities recommend: abundance of caution for pregnant women and continue to use alternate sources of drinking water
- 411 patients treated/released; 20 individuals admitted
- Interagency team continues sampling at the plant at both the ppm and ppb levels

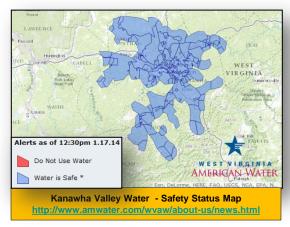
State Response

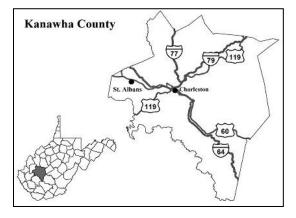
- WV State EOC transitioned to a Partial Activation
- Governor declared state of emergency for 9 counties

FEMA Response

- NRCC not activated; NWC at Normal Operations
- Region III RRCC at Level III (Partial Activation); ESFs remains on standby
- FEMA Logistics is providing 24/7 operations to support commodity request/shipments
- FCO, IMAT & LNO at IOF in Charleston, WV
- FSA remains operational in Charleston, WV
- No new requirements final water shipment scheduled to arrive @ 9:00 a.m./ today
- FEMA Logistics will transition to a 24/7 "on-call" status upon the arrival of the final truck
- No unmet needs

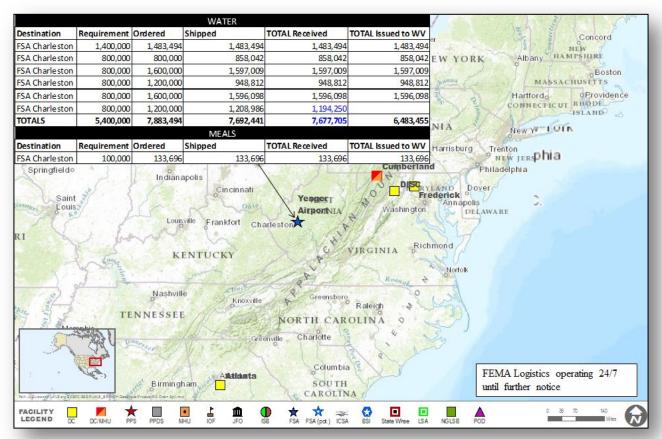






Commodities Update, as of 00:01 a.m. EST on Jan 21





Colby Fire – California (Final)



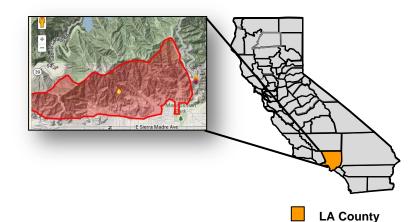
Fire Name	Location	Acres burned	% Contained	Est. Full Containment	FMAG	Structures Lost / Threatened	Fatalities / Injuries
Colby Fire	Los Angeles County	1,952	84%	January 19, 2014	FEMA-5051-FM-CA January 16, 2014	15 / 0	0/5

Situation

- Fire began Jan 16 near cities of Glendora & San Dimas (combined pop 100k)
- 30 miles W of Los Angeles in foothills of San Gabriel Mountains
- Evacuations lifted; no homes, commercial properties or infrastructure threatened
- Evacuation centers have closed

Response

- LA County & USFS responding and Unified Command established
- 813 (-299) personnel are responding to include a Type II IMT
- Cal Fire assisting with air resources; additional strike teams ordered
- CA Southern Region EOC and CA State EOC are partially activated
- FEMA Region IX RRCC at Watch/Steady State



Disaster Requests & Declarations



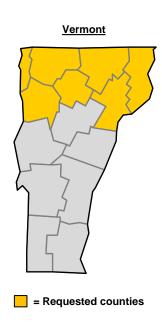
Declaration Requests in Process	Requests APPROVED (since last report)	Requests DENIED (since last report)	
2	Date Requested	0	0
AK – DR Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, and Flooding	January 9, 2014		
VT – DR Severe Winter Storms and Ice Storm	January 17, 2014		

Major Disaster Declaration Request – VT



January 17, 2014

- Request for Major Disaster Declaration for State of Vermont
- For ice storm and severe winter storms that occurred Dec 20-29, 2013
- Requesting:
 - Public Assistance for 7 counties
 - Hazard Mitigation Statewide



Disaster Amendments



Amendment	Effective Date	Action		
Amendment No. 1 to FEMA-4159-DR-TX	January 17, 2013	Adds Freestone County for Public Assistance		

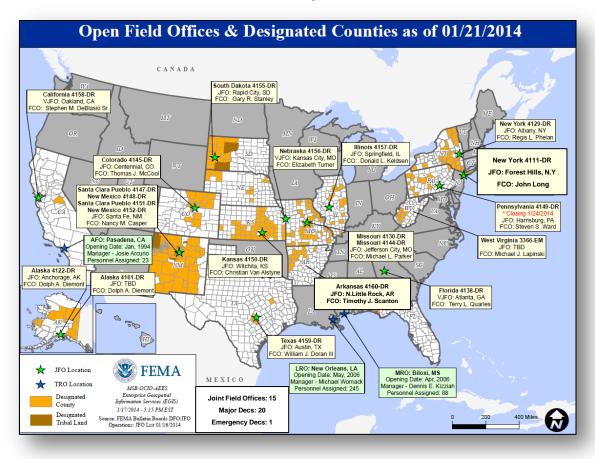
Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments



Region	State /	Event	IA/PA	Number of	Start – End	
Region	Location		IAVPA	Requested	Complete	Start - End
I ME	NA E	Severe Winter Storm	IA	4	0	1/22 - 1/24
	Dec 21 – Jan 1	PA	13	7	1/16 – 1/22	

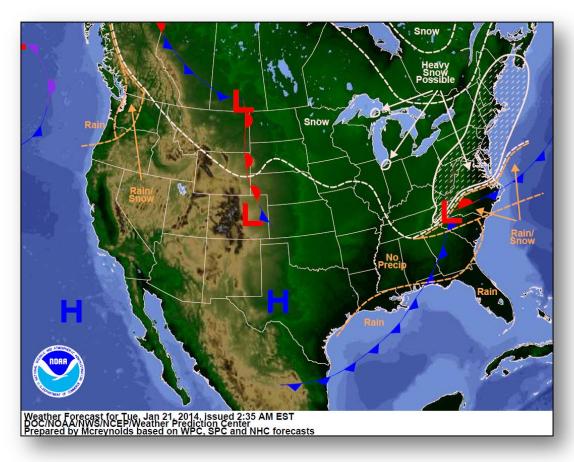
Open Field Offices as of January 21, 2014





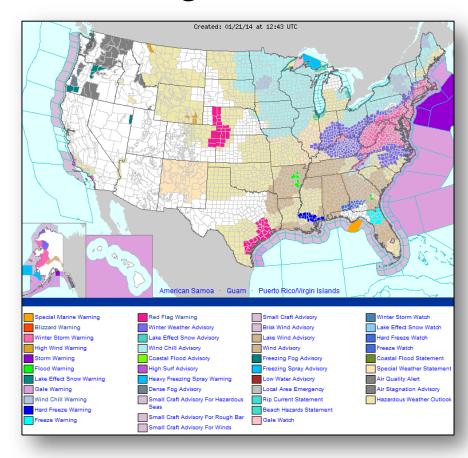
National Weather Forecast





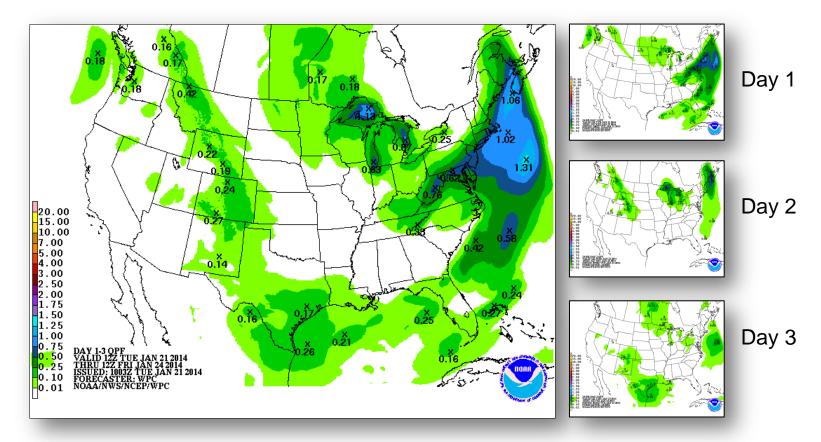
Active Watches/Warnings





Precipitation Forecast – 3 Day





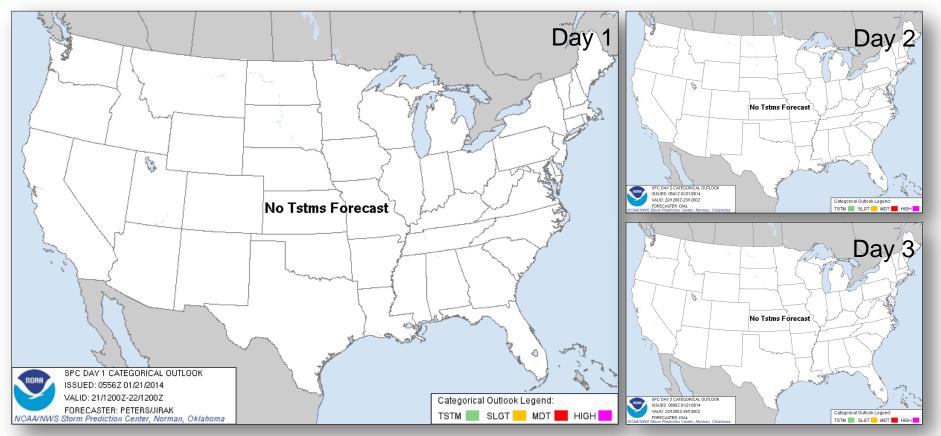
River Forecast – 7 Day





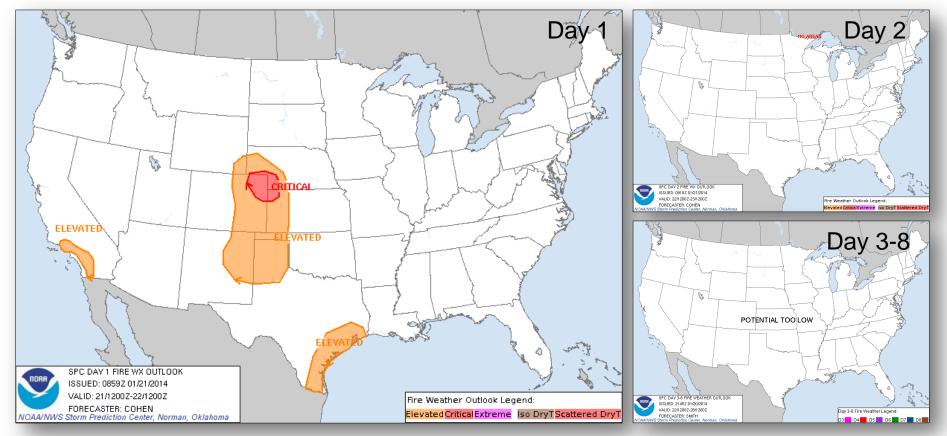
Convective Outlooks Days 1-3





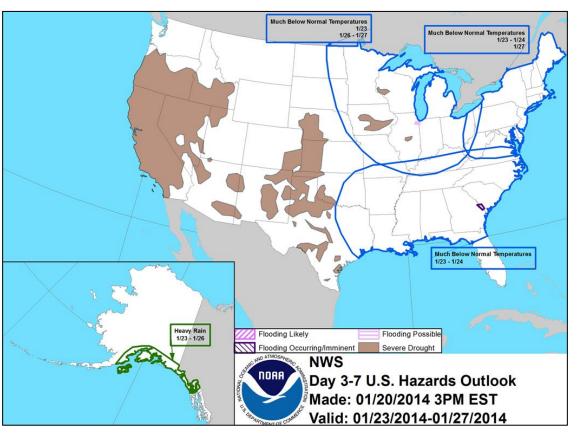
Critical Fire Weather Areas Days 1 - 8





Hazard Outlook: January 23 – 27



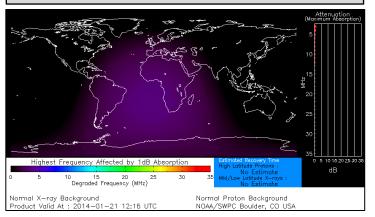


Space Weather

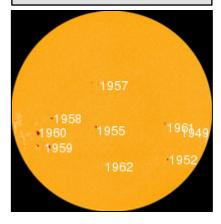


NOAA Scales Activity (Range: 1/minor to 5/extreme)	Past 24 Hours	Current	Next 24 Hours
Space Weather Activity:	None	None	None
Geomagnetic Storms	None	None	None
Solar Radiation Storms	None	None	None
Radio Blackouts	None	None	None

HF Communication Impact



Sunspot Activity



FEMA Readiness – Deployable Teams/Assets



	Deployable Teams/Assets												
Resource	Status	Total	Available		Available		Available		Partially Available	Not Available	Deployed/ Activated	Comments	Rating Criterion
FCO		40	11	27%	N/A	3	26	FDRCs – Yellow due to number available	OFDC Readiness: FCO Green Yellow Red Type 1 3+ 2 1 1 Type 2 4+ 3 2 2				
FDRC		9	2	22%	0	0	7		Type 3 4 3 2 FDRC 3 2 1				
US&R		28	25	89%	2	1	0	 NV-TF1 (Yellow/Conditional) NM-TF1 (Yellow/Conditional) NE-TF1 (Activated for in-state response/Omaha, NE) 	Green = Available/FMC Yellow = Available/PMC Red = Out-of-Service Blue = Assigned/Deployed				
National IMAT		3	3	100%	0	0	0		Green: 3 avail Yellow: 1 avail Red: 0 avail Individual N-IMAT red if 50% of Section Chiefs and/or Team Leader is unavailable for deployment.				
Regional IMAT		13	7	54%	1	1	4	 Teams deployed to: TX, NM, CO, CA Type III team deployed to WV Region VIII IMAT returned from SD; partially available while reconstituting Region IX IMAT#1 at RRCC for HI state table top exercise to prepare for ORE & Makani Pahini 14 	Green: > 6 avail Yellow: 4 - 6 teams available Red: > 8 teams deployed/unavailable R-IMAT also red if TL Ops/Log Chief is unavailable and has no qualified replacement.				
MCOV		55	52	95%	0	2	1	• 1 in CO	Green = Available/FMC Yellow = Available/PMC Red = Out-of-Service Blue = Assigned/Deployed				

FEMA Readiness – National/Regional Teams



	National/Regional Teams											
Resource	Status	Total	Available		Partially Available	Not Available	Deployed/ Activated	Comments	Rating Criterion			
NWC		5	5	100%	0	0	Steady State					
NRCC		6	369	94%	0	0	Not Activated		Green = FMC Yellow = PMC			
HLT		1	1	100%	0	0	Not Activated		• Red = NMC			
DEST							Not Activated					
RRCCs		10	9	90%	0	0	R III Activated	Region III RRCC at Level III				
RWCs/MOCs		10	10	100%	0	0	24/7					



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