

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Wednesday, May 19, 2021

8:30 a.m. ET



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National Current Ops / Monitoring

New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Ops

- COVID-19
- Severe weather and flash flooding – LA & TX

Hazard Monitoring

- Tropical Activity:
 - Atlantic: Disturbance 1: Low (30%)
 - Eastern Pacific: Disturbance 1: Low (30%)
- Critical fire weather – Central Great Basin and Southwest
- Heavy rain and flash flooding possible – Southern/Central Plains and Lower/Middle Mississippi Valley

Disaster Declaration Activity

- None

Event Monitoring

- None



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Severe Weather / Flash Flooding – LA & TX

Current Situation: Severe storms and heavy rains continue to impact the Southern Plains and Lower Mississippi Valley; the heavy rain will cause additional flash and urban flooding across TX, OK, AR and LA. Numerous Flash Flood Watches and Warnings are in effect. Overnight, there were preliminary reports of 2 tornadoes, 17 wind, and 15 hail reports across Region VI.

Safety and Security:

- LA: Search and rescue completed in Lake Charles
- TX: Straight-line winds damaged homes near Corpus Christi

Food, Water, Shelter

- LA: 2 (+1) shelters open with 69 (-36) occupants
- TX: 1 non-congregate shelter with 29 occupants (ARC Midnight Shelter Count as of 7:01 a.m. ET)

Health and Medical:

- TX: 1 unconfirmed fatality in Victoria County
- LA: CVC site in East Baton Rouge planned open today is at 11:00 a.m. ET

Energy:

- Minimal power outages (less than 1%) in LA and TX (DOE Eagle-I as of 7:00 a.m. ET)

Transportation:

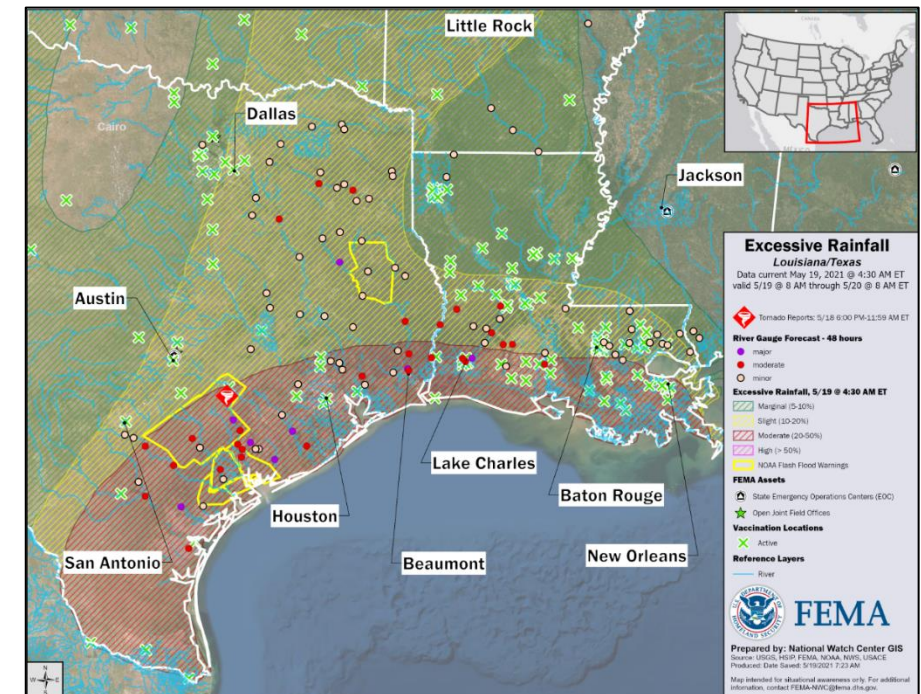
- LA: Numerous road closures in East Baton Rouge Parish

State / Local Response:

- LA EOC at Monitoring (COVID-19, tropical weather, Tropical Cyclones Delta and Zeta)
 - LA Governor declared a state of emergency
- TX EOC at Partial Activation (COVID-19)

FEMA / Federal Response :

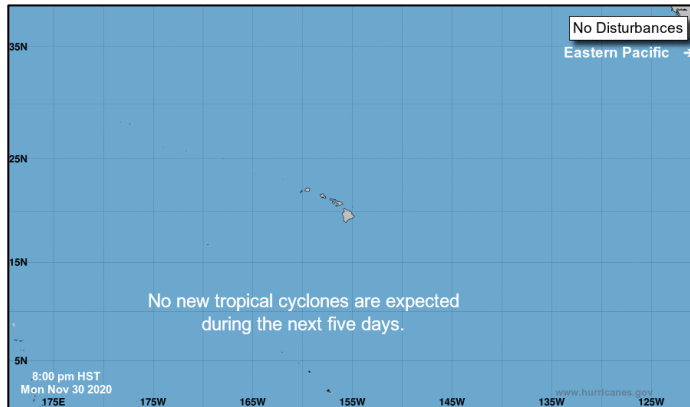
- Region VI RWC returned to monitoring; RRCC at Level III (COVID-19)
- Region VI IMAT-1 and IMAT-2 are Available
- No requests for FEMA assistance



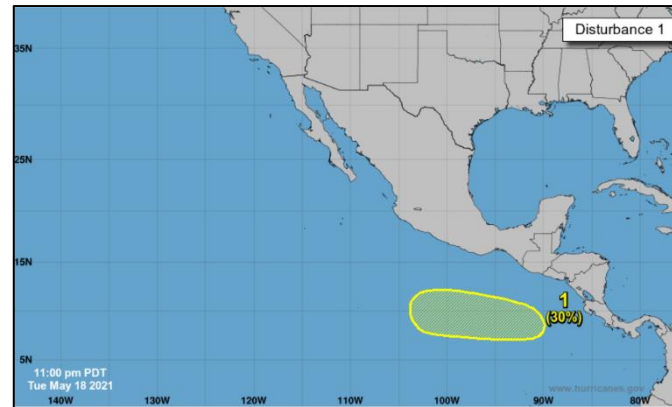
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Tropical Outlook – Five Day

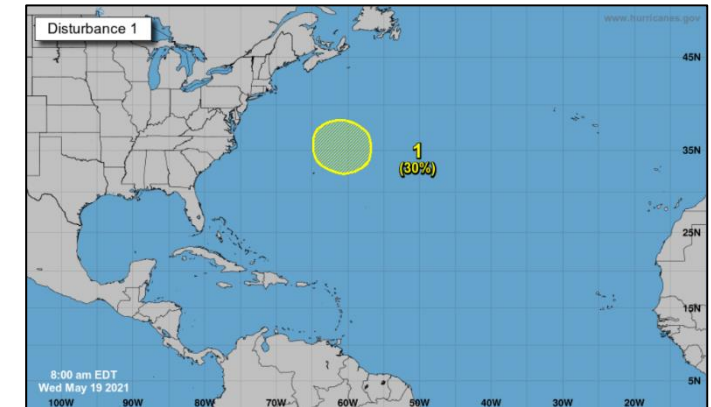
Central Pacific



Eastern Pacific



Atlantic



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

- Could form in the next day or so a few hundred miles S of Gulf of Tehuantepec
- Some slow development possible as it moves W at 5-10 mph
- 48-hour formation chance: Low (10%)
- 5-day formation chance: Low (30%)

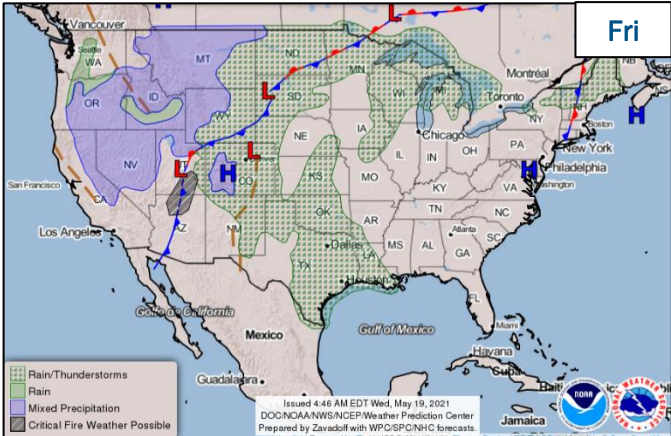
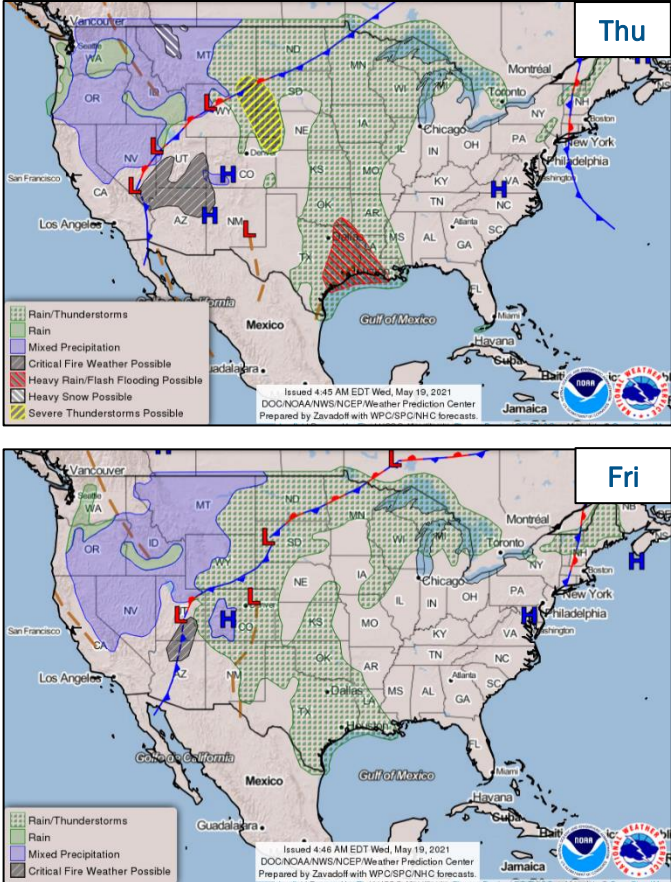
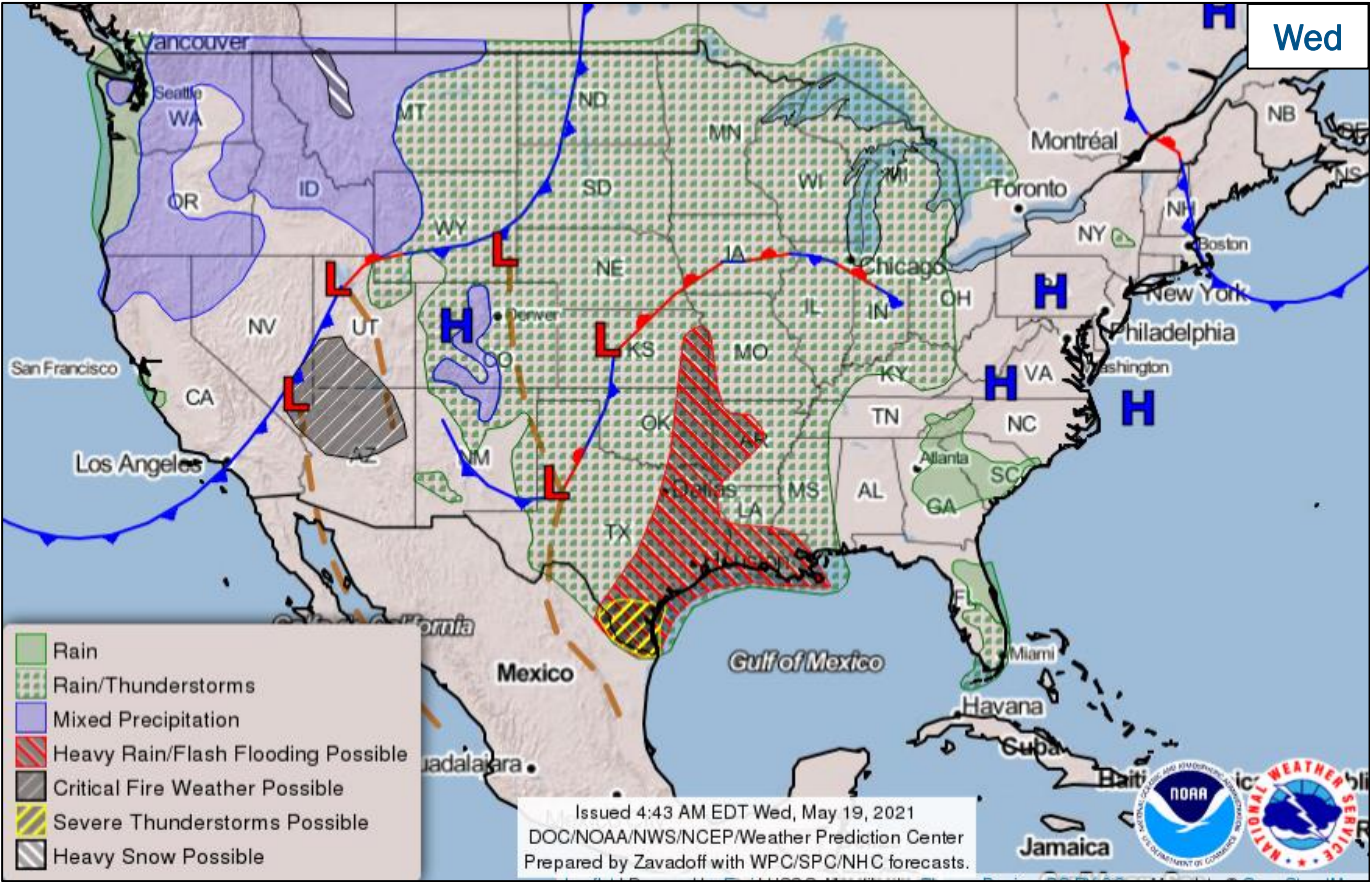
Disturbance 1 (as of 8:00 a.m. ET)

- Forecast to develop a few miles NE of Bermuda by late Thursday
- 48-hour formation chance: Low (near 0%)
- 5-day formation chance: Low (30%)



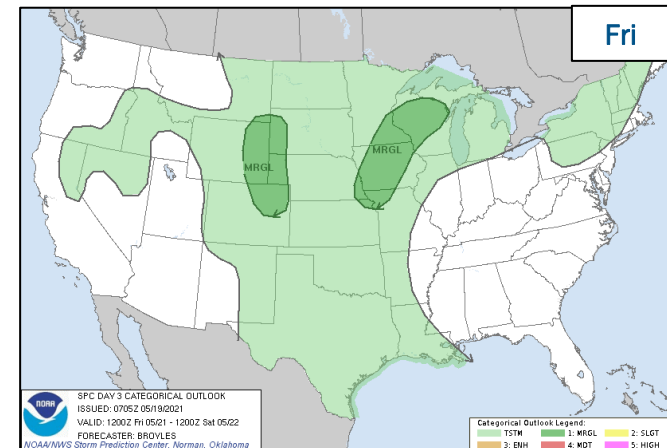
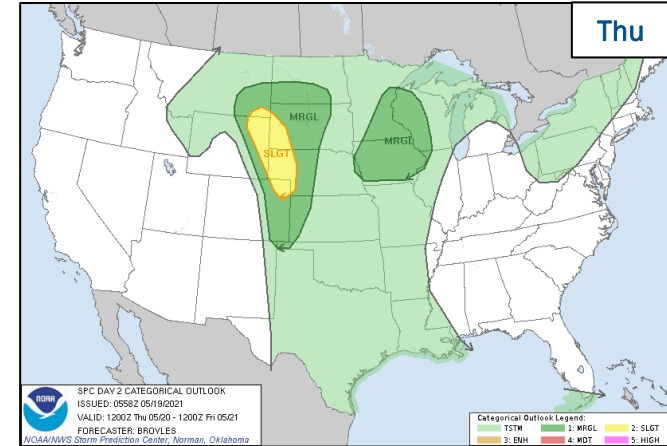
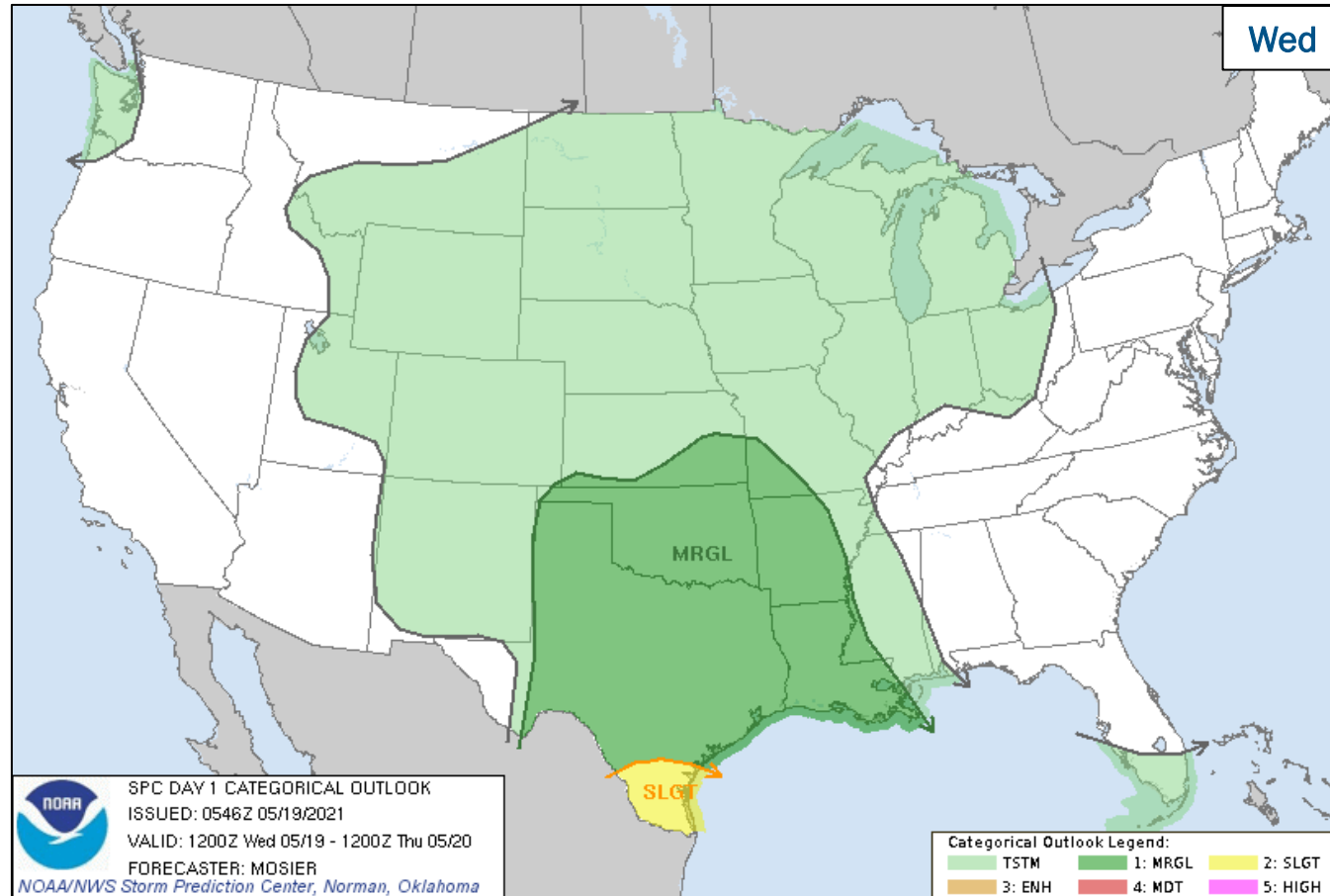
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National Weather Forecast



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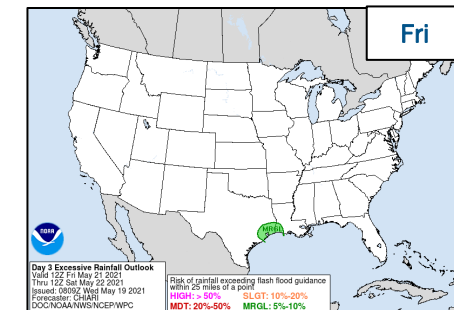
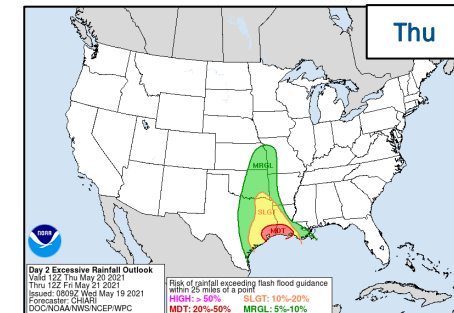
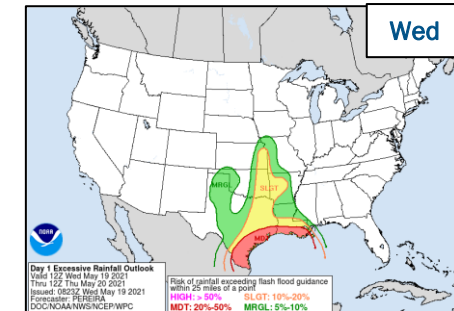
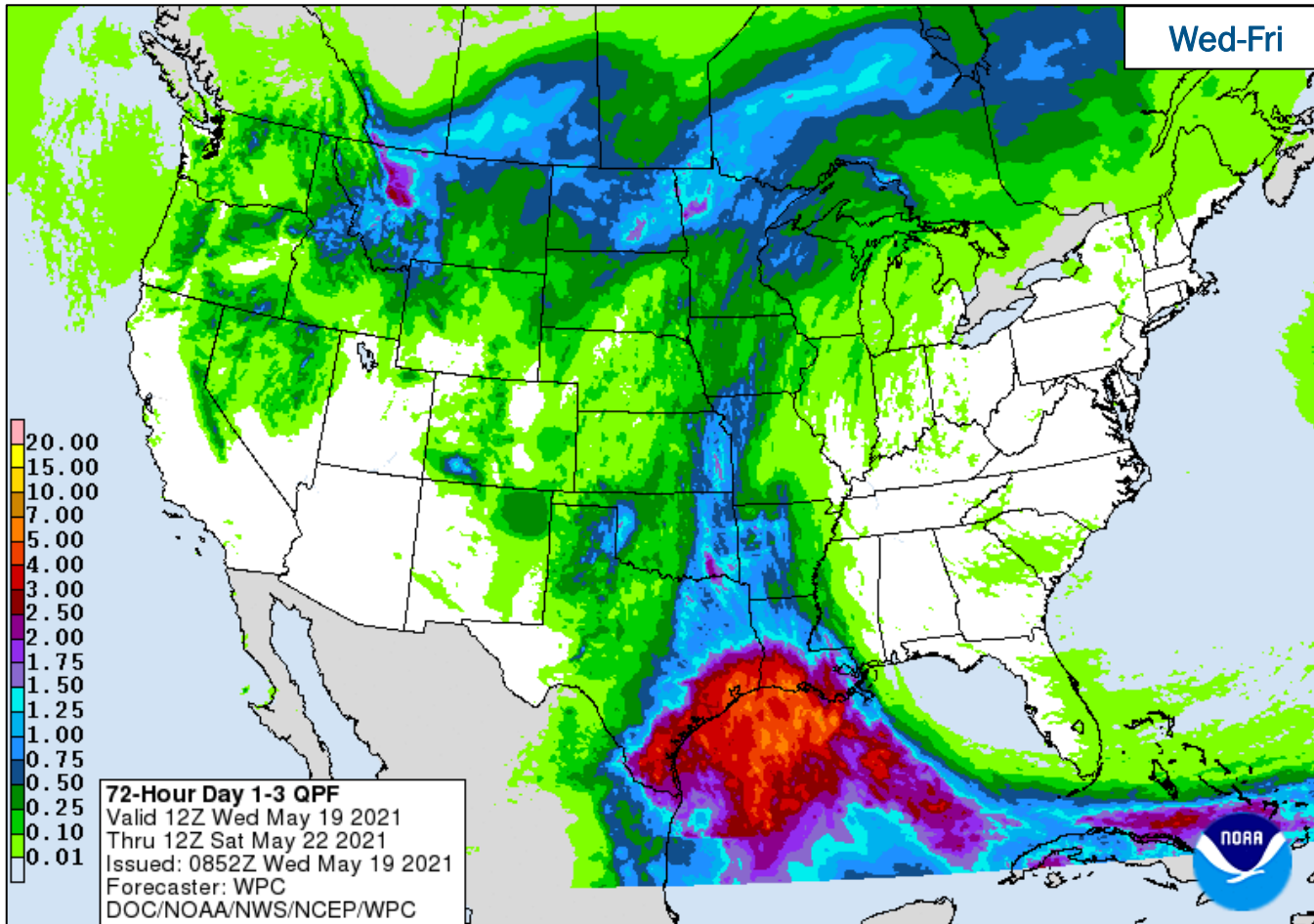
Severe Weather Outlook



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Precipitation & Excessive Rainfall

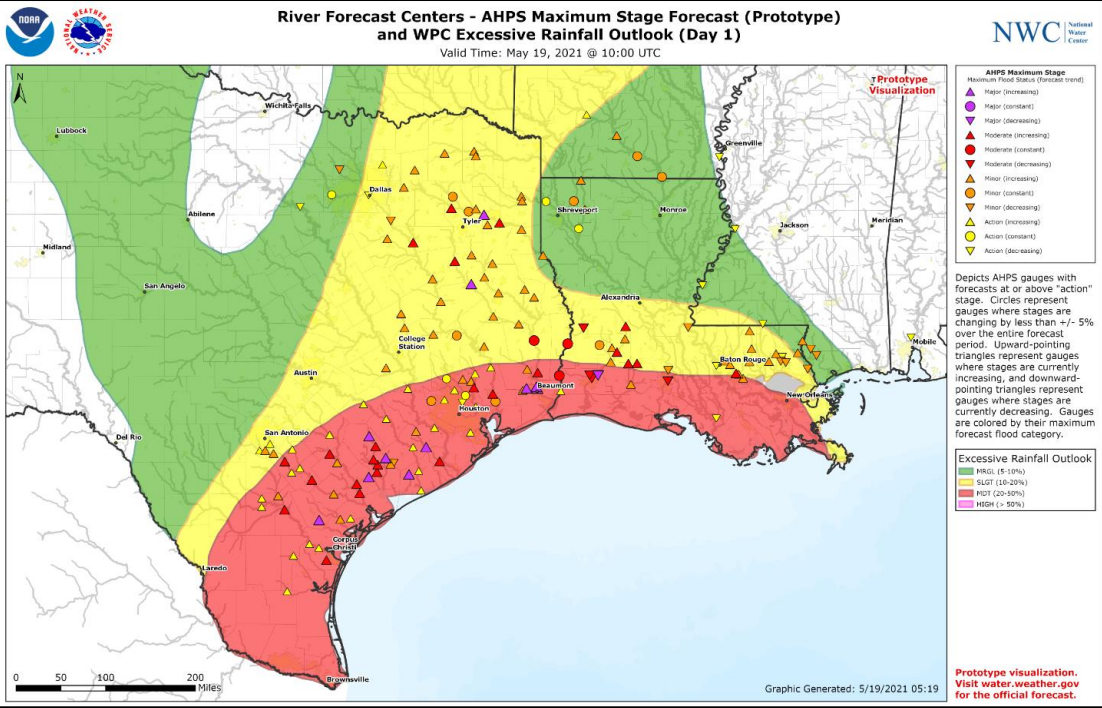


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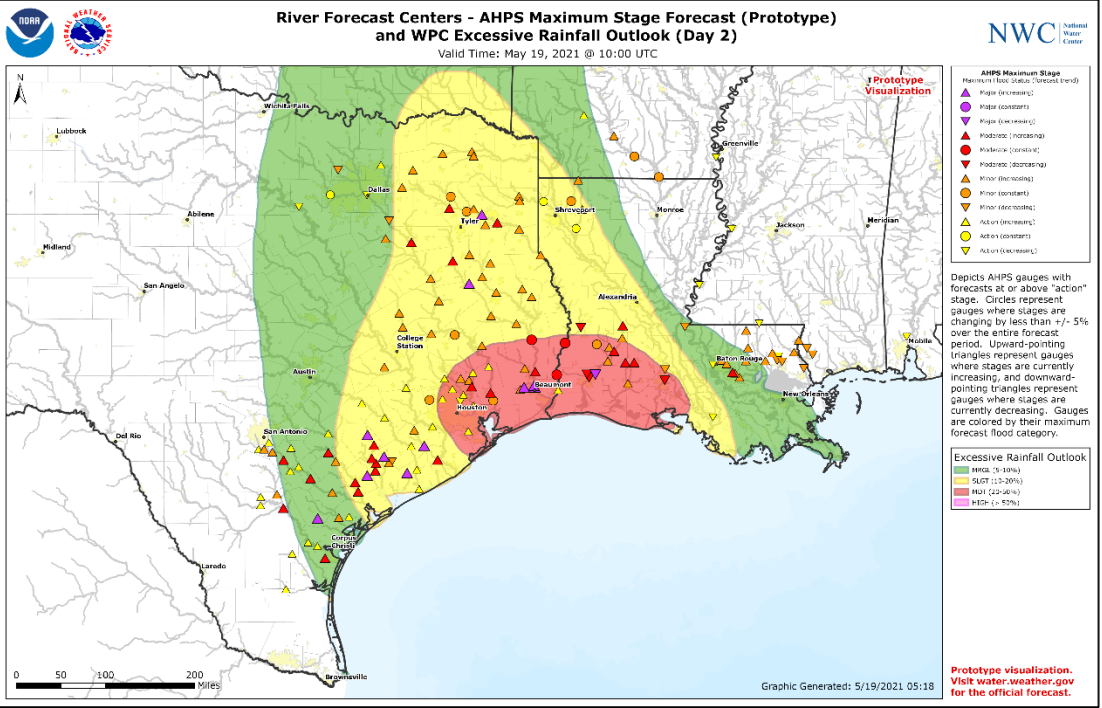
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Excessive Rainfall Outlook

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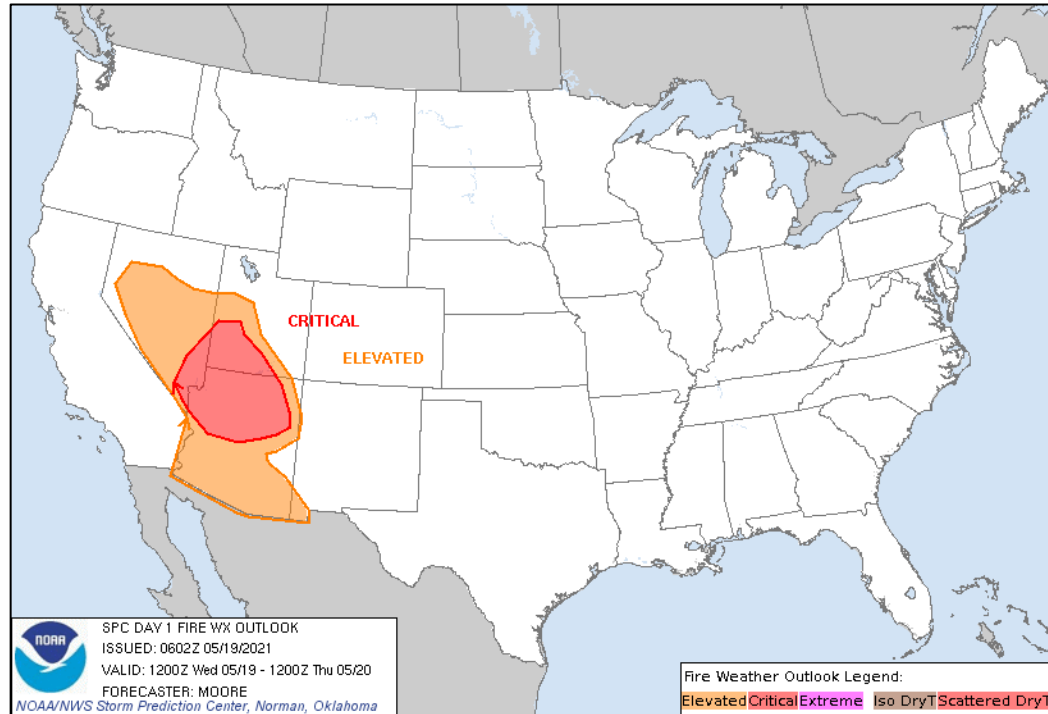
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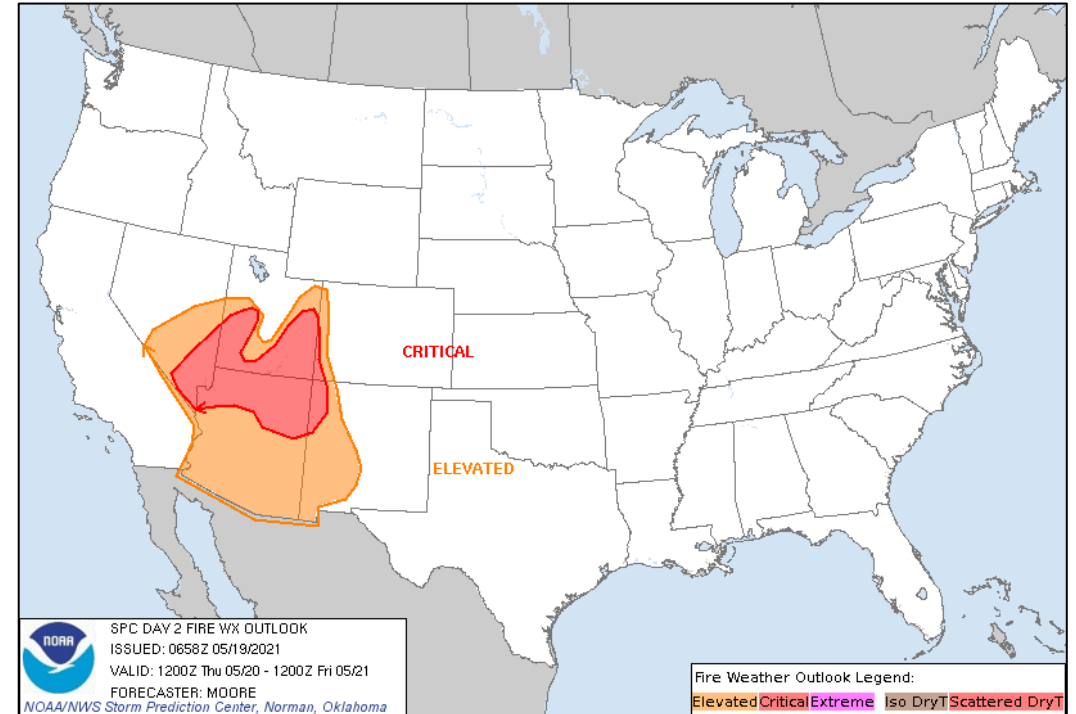
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Fire Weather Outlook



Today



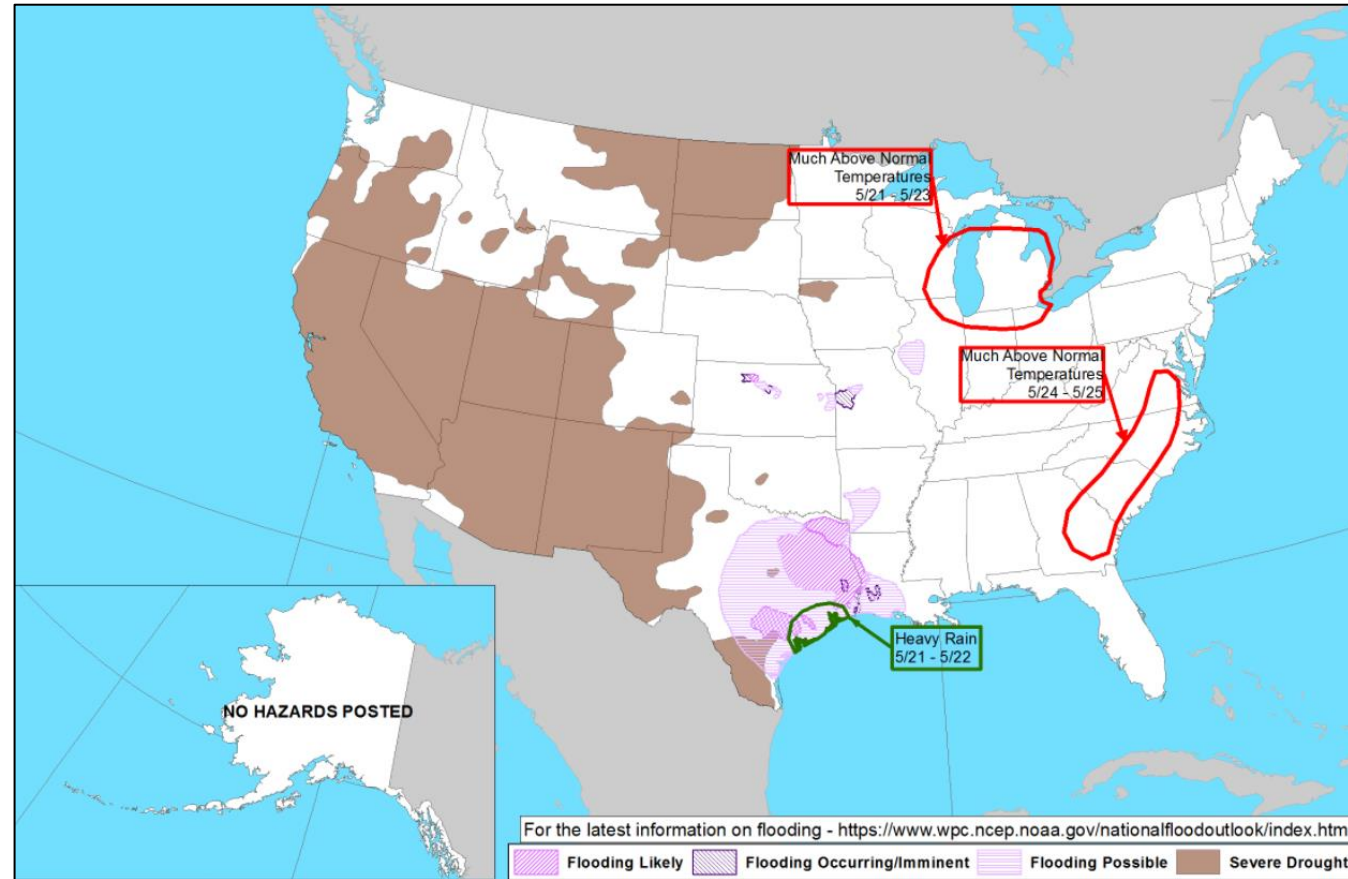
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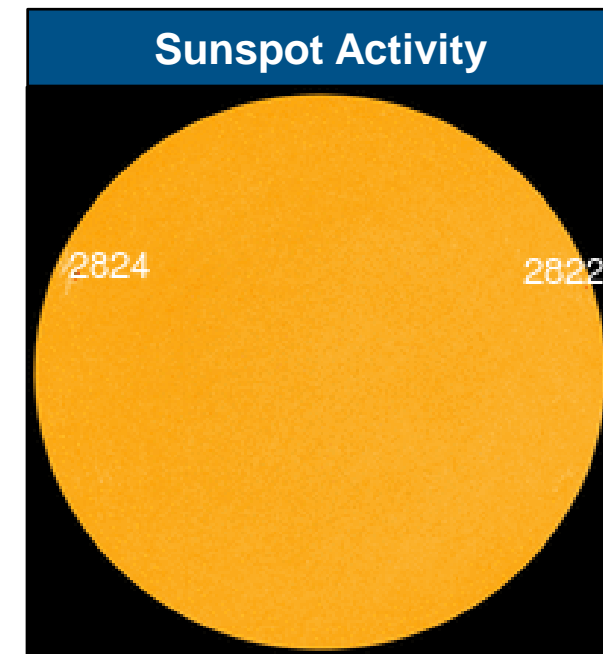
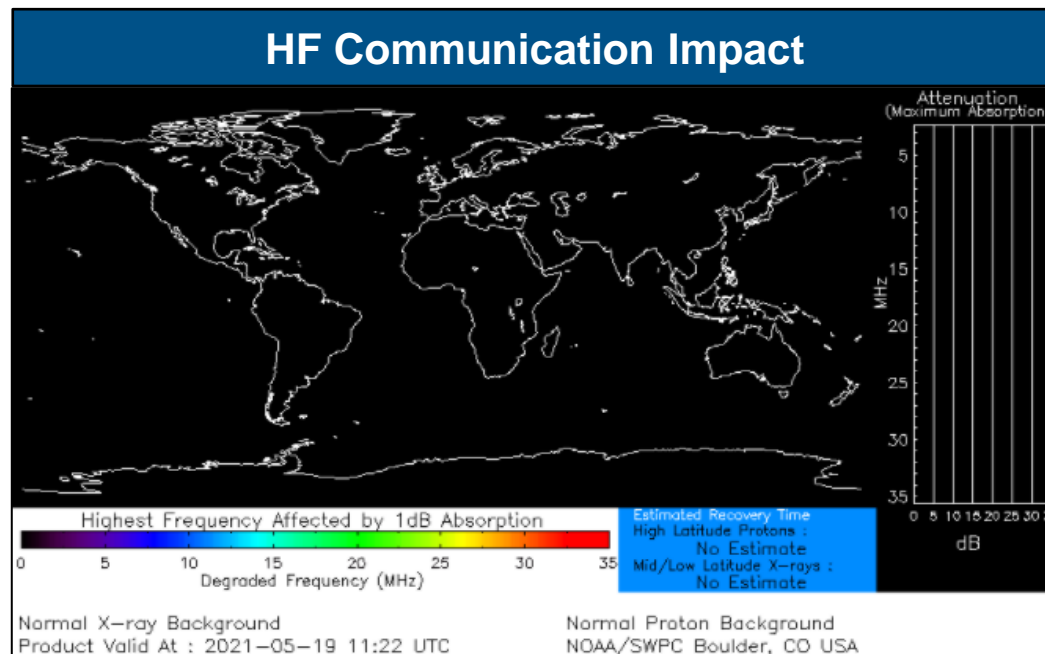
Hazards Outlook – May 21 - 25



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Space Weather Outlook

	Space Weather Activity	Geomagnetic Storms	Solar Radiation	Radio Blackouts
Past 24 Hours	None	None	None	None
Next 24 Hours	None	None	None	None
For further information on NOAA Space Weather Scales refer to: http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/noaa-scales-explanation For further information on Sunspot Activity refer to: https://www.swpc.noaa.gov/phenomena/sunspotssolar-cycle				



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Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments

Region	State / Location	Event	IA	Number of Counties		Start – End
			PA	Requested	Complete	
VI	AR	Severe Winter Weather Feb 10-20	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	17	8	4/20 – TBD



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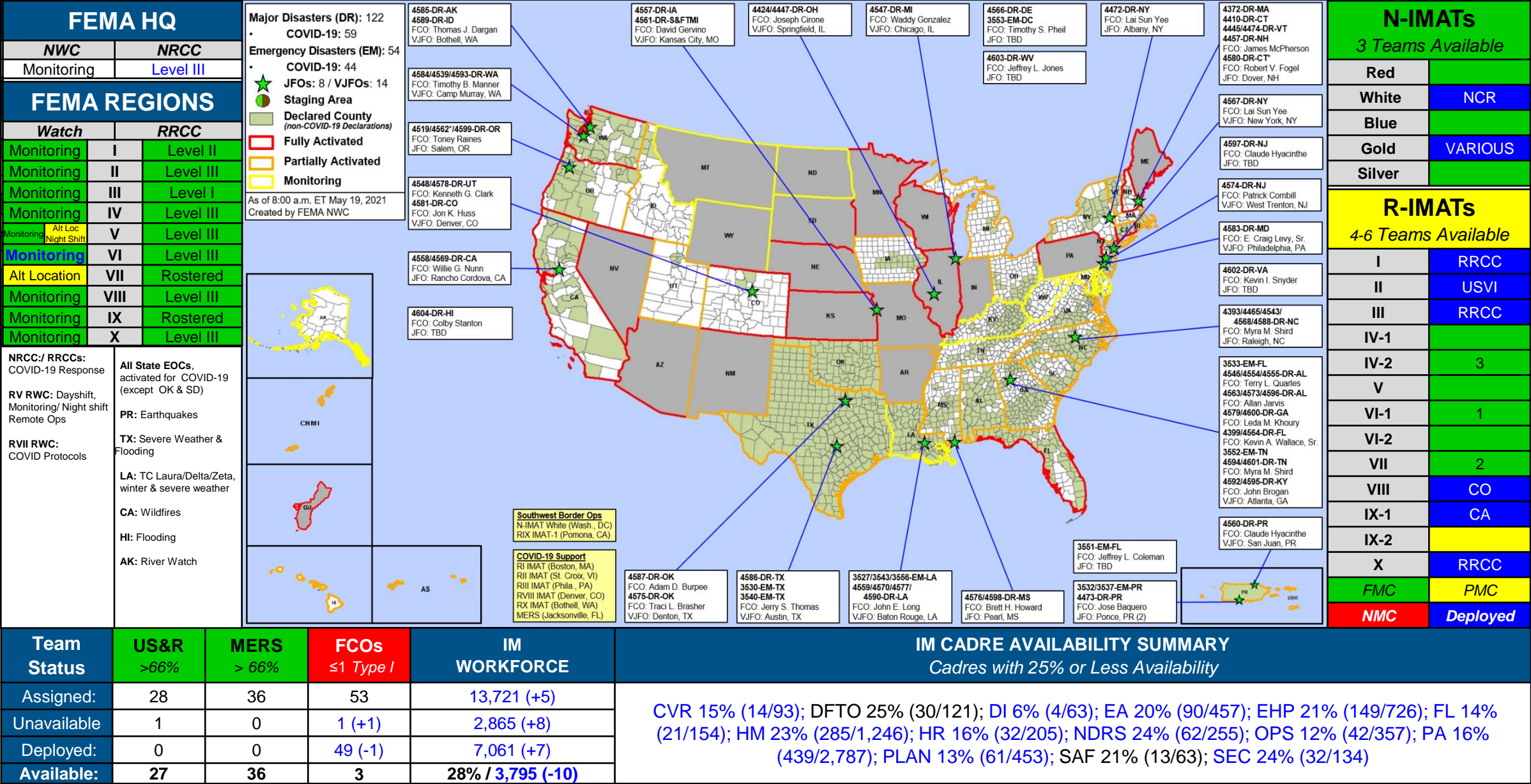
Declaration Requests in Process – 3

State / Tribe / Territory – Incident Description	Type	IA	PA	HM	Requested
WV – Severe Storms and Flooding	DR	X	X	X	4/30
WY – Severe Winter Storm and Snowstorm	DR		X	X	5/7
TX – Hurricane Hanna – Appeal	DR		X	X	5/12



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FEMA Common Operating Picture





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