

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Sunday, May 24, 2026

8:30 a.m. ET



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National Current Operations / Monitoring

New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Operations

- Chemical Release – Garden Grove, CA

Hazard Monitoring

- Excessive Rainfall / Flash Flooding — Lower Mississippi Valley to the Southeast and Ohio Valley

Disaster Declaration Activity

- No new declaration activity

Event Monitoring

- No new significant events



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Chemical Release – Garden Grove, CA

Situation: Response operations continue for a chemical spill at the GKN Aerospace facility involving methyl methacrylate, a flammable, toxic, and highly volatile substance used in acrylic plastics production. The evacuation zone covers a densely populated area with 50k residents, multiple public facilities—including schools, hospitals, nursing homes, fire and law enforcement stations—critical infrastructure, and essential services. Orange County Fire Authority, Garden Grove Police Department, and Orange County Health Care Agency have established Unified Command. Local response remains ongoing, with no reported injuries. [CalOES is embedded in the Orange County EOC. Interagency Modeling and Atmospheric Assessment Center \(IMAAC\) continues to develop worst-case scenario plume modeling for a potential methyl methacrylate release from the facility. \(R9 Administrator Update, as of 1:50 a.m. ET\)](#) Officials continue to plan for contingencies and novel solutions.

GKN Aerospace facility tanks #1, #2, and #4 are affected: [\(R9 Administrator Update, as of 1:50 a.m. ET\)](#)

- Tank #1: A malfunctioning valve remains unmitigated as the chemical reaction continues without a way to neutralize it.
- Tank #2: Is structurally sound. Inhibitor added to prevent polymerization and is being monitored
- Tank #4: Is structurally sound. An initial attempt to add inhibitor failed; the contents exceeded the 90-degree trigger temperature

Incident Projections: [\(R9 Administrator Update, as of 1:50 a.m. ET\)](#)

- The chemical reaction is expected to continue until there is a tank failure or contents leak
- Potential remains for tank #1 catastrophic rupture, resulting in immediate product release and exothermic blast
- Responders are constructing an underflow dam, deploying additional air monitoring equipment, and implementing secondary containment by diverting water flow

Lifeline Impacts: [\(R9 Administrator Update, as of 1:50 a.m. ET\)](#)

Safety and Security:

- Mandatory evacuations for approximately 40k (-10k) residents
- 5 EMS stations within evacuation area
- Preparations being made for 14-day mass care event

Food, Hydration, and Shelter: [\(ARC, as of 6:50 a.m. ET\)](#)

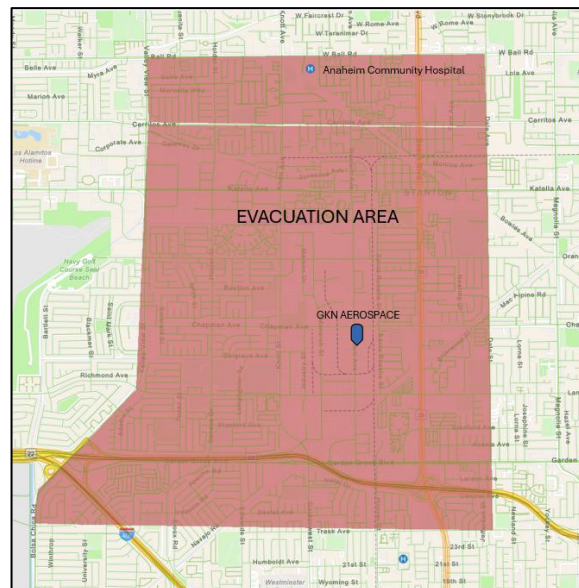
- 6 (+2) shelters open / 487 (+330) occupants

Safety and Security:

- Local hospital and 11 nursing homes in evacuation zone; [hospital patients and personnel relocating to DHS-Metropolitan in Norwalk](#)

Hazardous Materials:

- Air quality remains within normal limits; Potential for hazardous inhalation and exposure to highly volatile chemical vapors across a large area
- [Diking and secondary containment systems are being established.](#)



[\(R9 SPOTREP, as of 12:54 a.m. ET\)](#)

State / Local Response: [\(R9 Administrator Update, as of 1:50 a.m. ET\)](#)

- Local fire and HAZMAT teams are cooling the tank and [diverting or containing spillage \(OCFA, as of 12:45 p.m. ET, May 24\)](#)
- CA SEOC at Partial Activation (Wildfires [and HAZMAT](#)); Governor declared a State of Emergency (www.gov.ca.gov)

FEMA / Federal Response: [\(R9 Administrator Update, as of 1:50 a.m. ET\)](#)

FEMA Region 9:

- RWC is Monitoring; R-IMAT 1 deployed (DR-4909-HI), R-IMAT 2 deployed (DR-4910-MP)
- [California FIT acting LNO](#)
- [Deploying small team to CA SEOC to assist with contingency planning](#)

HQ: NWC is Monitoring

EPA: Deployed on-scene coordinators [and Air Monitoring Stations](#); [Environmental Response Team en route](#)

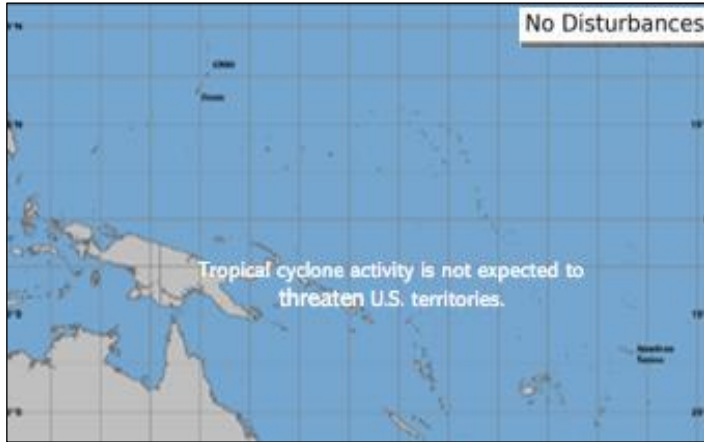
The NWC will continue to monitor in coordination with FEMA Region 9. The next update will be provided in the 5:00 p.m. ET National SITREP.



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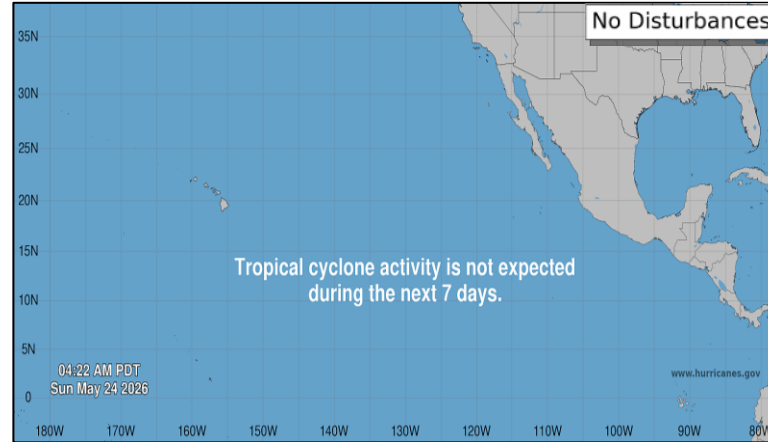
Tropical Outlook

Western Pacific



- No tropical cyclones threatening U.S. territories

Eastern and Central Pacific



- No tropical cyclones expected during the next 7 days

Atlantic



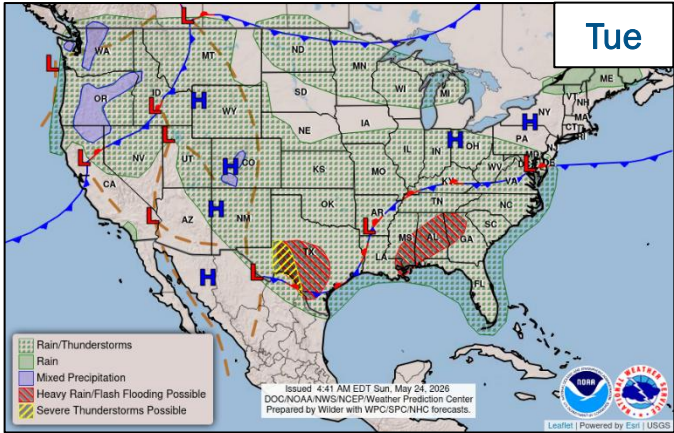
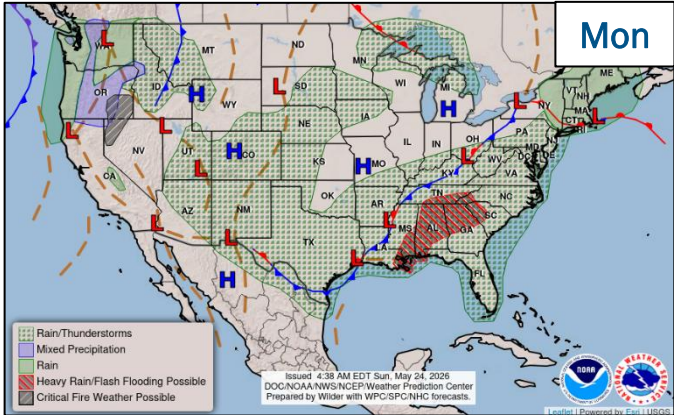
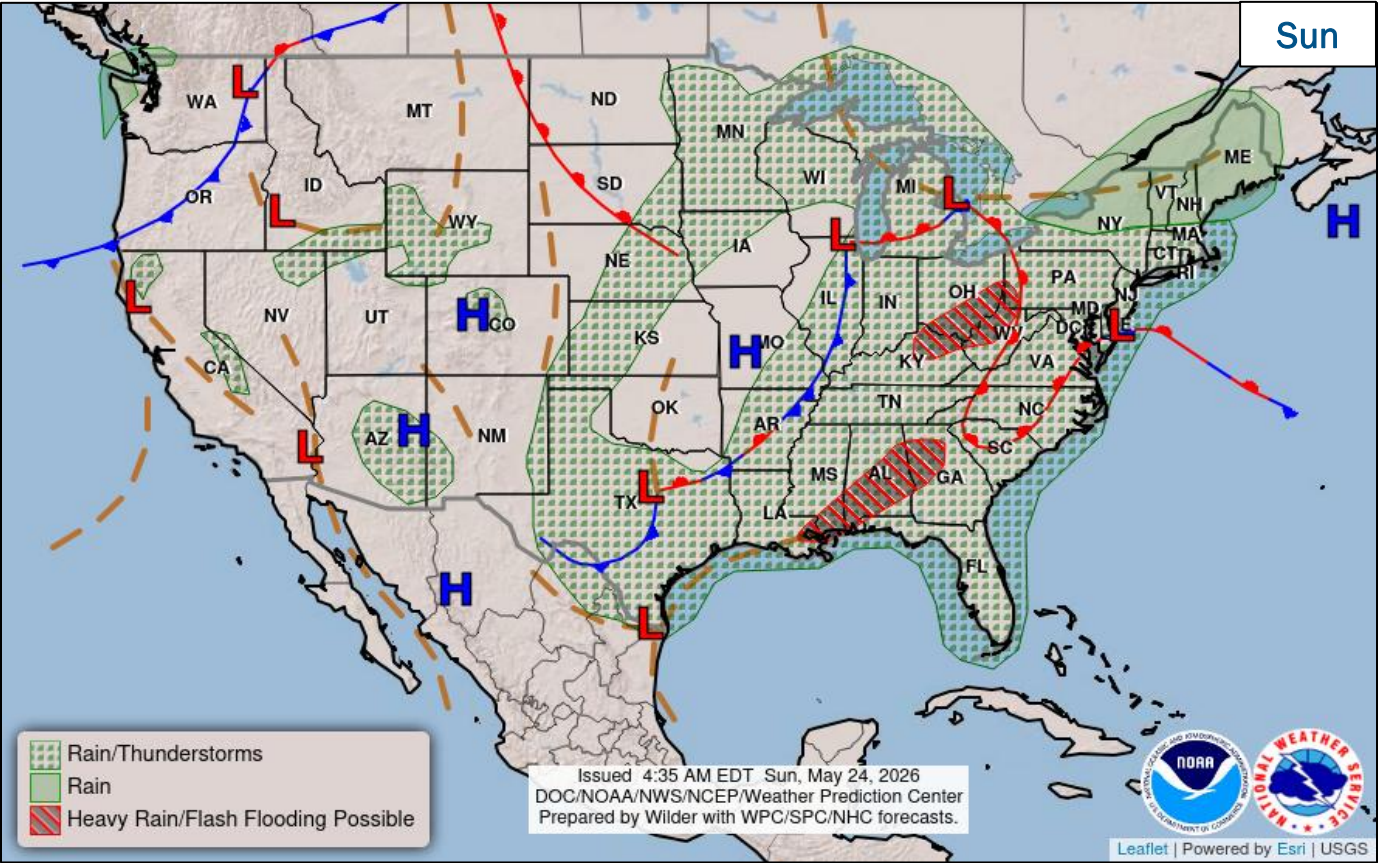
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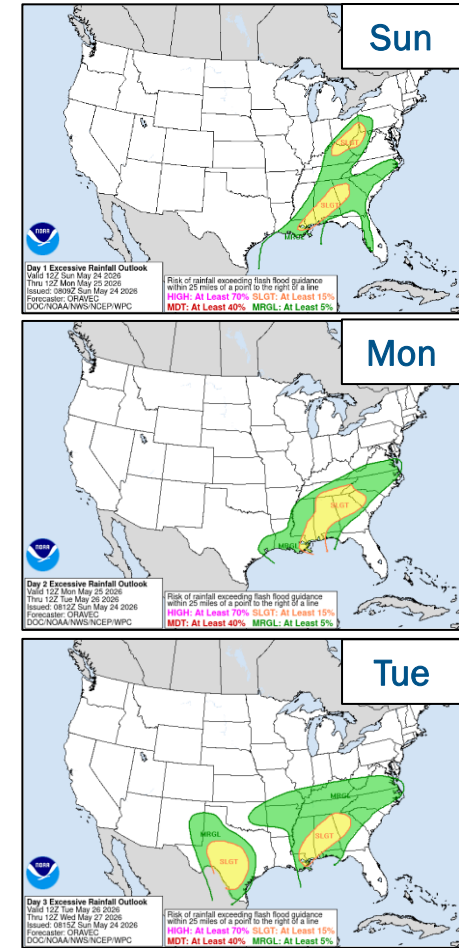
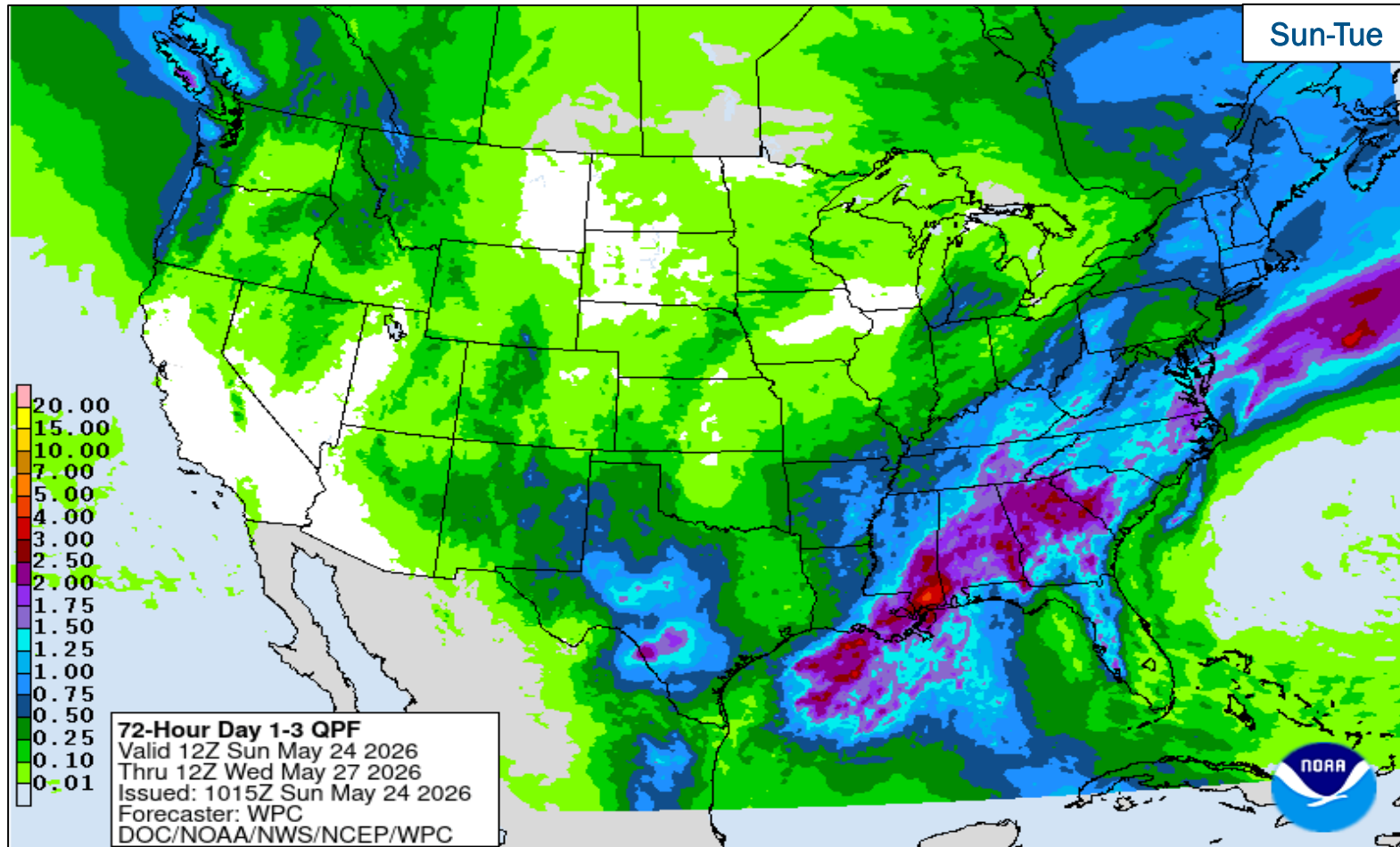
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Precipitation & Excessive Rainfall

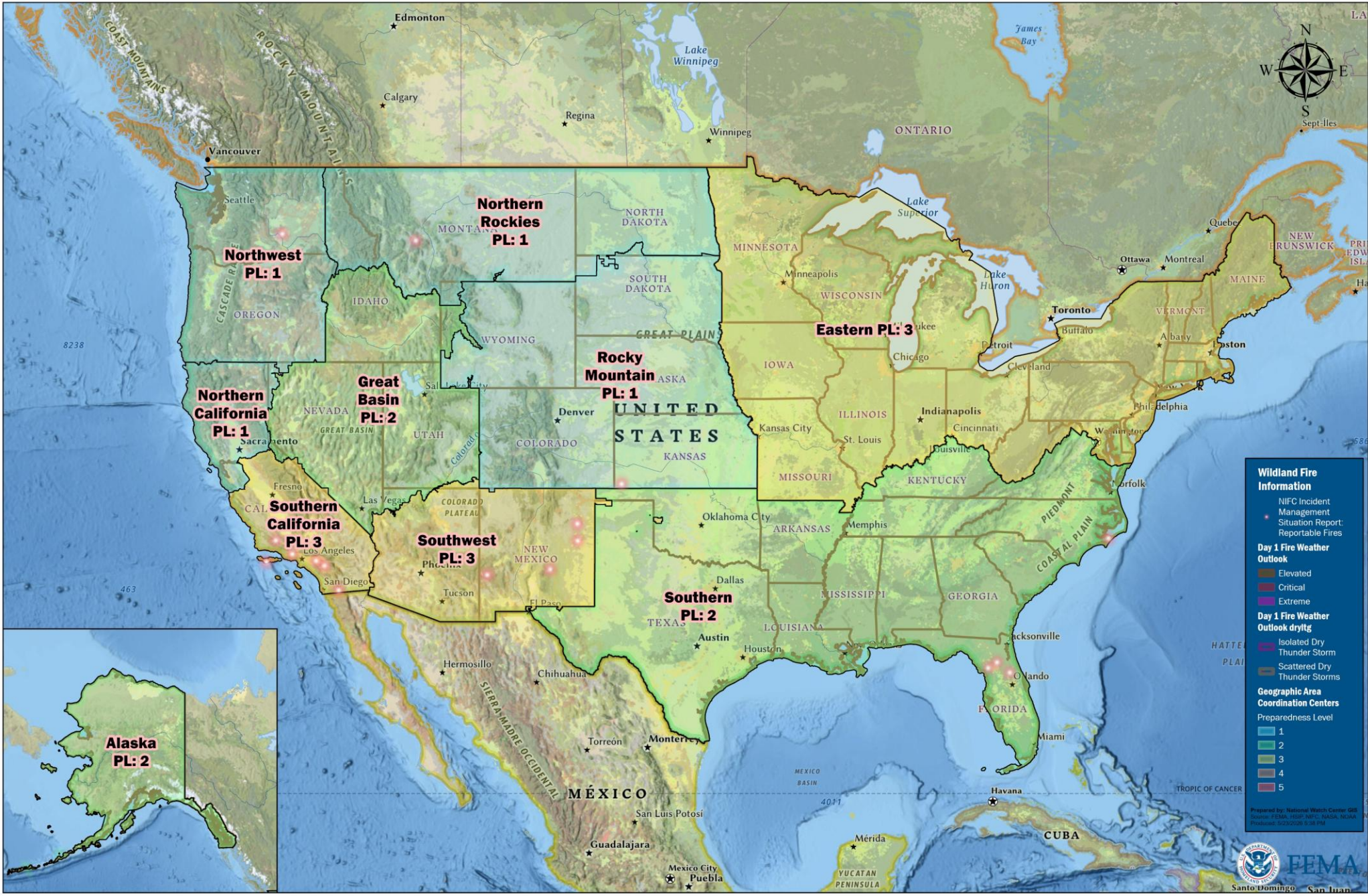


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INITIAL ATTACK ACTIVITY (24-hour period)	LIGHT (86 fires)
New Large Fires	2
Large Fires Contained	1
Uncontained Large Fires	16
Year-to-Date Acres Burned	2,353,840
Total Responders	5,239
Type 1 IMTs Deployed	0
Complex IMTs Deployed	1
FMAGS	Total
2026 (FYTD)	22
2025	75
3 Year Average	53

Preparedness Level: 2	
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 country; 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 nation's wildland firefighting resources committed
PL 5	Extremely high levels of fire activity; 80% of nation's firefighting resources committed





FEMA Common Operating Picture

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NWC NRCC

Watch FEMA Regions RRCC

●	Region 1	●
	Maynard	
●	Region 2	●
	Brooklyn	
●	Region 3	●
	Philadelphia	
●	Region 4	●
	Atlanta	
●	Region 5	●
	Chicago	
●	Region 6	●
	Denton	
●	Region 7	●
	Kansas City	
●	Region 8	●
	Denver	
●	Region 9	●
	Oakland	
●	Region 10	●
	Bothell	

Notes

Watches/RRCCs:

- NWC: Staffing
- R1 Watch: Staffing
- R2 Watch: Equipment
- R5 Watch: Staffing (Day Only)
- R9 Watch: Staffing
- R10 Watch: Staffing
- R7 RRCC: Staffing
- R9 RRCC: Staffing
- R10 RRCC: Staffing

State EOCs:

- DC: Summer 2026 Events
- FL: Previous Incidents
- AZ/GA/KS: Wildfires
- CA: Wildfires/HAZMAT
- AL/MS/TX: Severe Weather
- HI: Severe Weather/Earthquake
- GU/MP: TC Sinlaku
- AK: River Ice Monitoring

IMATs:

- NIMAT-Red: TC Sinlaku
- NIMAT-White: Staffing
- NIMAT-Blue: Staffing
- R1 IMAT: Staffing
- R3 IMAT: Staffing
- R4 IMAT-1/2: Staffing
- R6 IMAT-1/2: Staffing
- R10 IMAT: Staffing

Incident Workforce

19,565
Assigned a Disaster Title

6,363 / 33%
Deployed

6,000 / 31%
Available
to Deploy for 30 Days

7,202 / 36%
Remaining

Surge Capacity Force
7,688 / 0 / 768
Rostered / Deployed /
Est. Available to Deploy for 30 Days

Saturday
May 24, 2026
8:30 a.m. ET

REGIONAL BREAKDOWN				
	JFO	DR	EM	JRO
R1	0	0	0	0
R2	0	0	0	2
R3	1	1	0	0
R4	4	11	0	1
R5	0	0	0	0
R6	4	4	2	3
R7	0	0	0	0
R8	1	4	0	0
R9	0	2	2	0
R10	4	5	0	0



Alaska

CNMI
DR-4910-MP
• N-IMAT Red
• R9 IMAT-2
• SMT Tracy/Hawaii



Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands

Guam
EM-3644-GU
• ISB Delta
• SMT Tracy/Hawaii



Guam

Hawaii

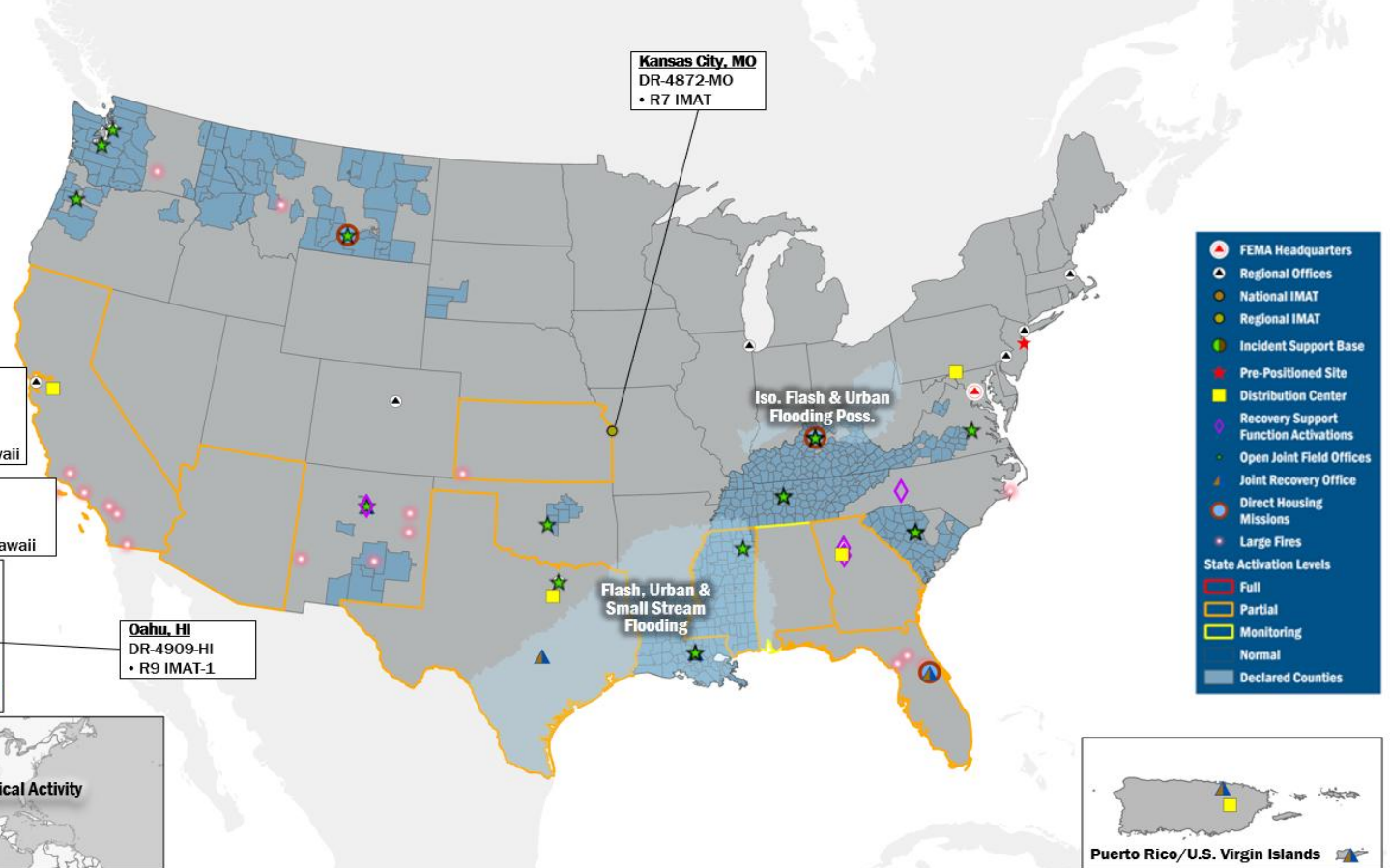
Oahu, HI
DR-4909-HI
• R9 IMAT-1



American Samoa



No Tropical Activity



- FEMA Headquarters
- Regional Offices
- National IMAT
- Regional IMAT
- Incident Support Base
- Pre-Positioned Site
- Distribution Center
- Recovery Support Function Activations
- Open Joint Field Offices
- Joint Recovery Office
- Direct Housing Missions
- Large Fires
- State Activation Levels
- Full
- Partial
- Monitoring
- Normal
- Declared Counties

National IMAT

MP Red
White
Blue
Gold
HS

Regional IMAT

Region 1
Region 2
2 Region 3
3 Region 4
Region 5
1 Region 6
MC Region 7
Region 8
HI MP Region 9
Region 10

Commodities & Equipment

CONUS	Distribution Centers			Housing	MHU	TTU
	Water	Meals	Gen.			
	DC Tracy, CA			THSS Selma, AL	66%	200%
	DC Atlanta, GA	36%	59%	THSS Cumberland, MD		
	DC Fort Worth, TX					
OCONUS	Distribution Centers			Systems		
	Water	Meals	Gen.	Laptops		
	DC Guam	96%	134%	Winchester, VA (DISC)	83%	
	DC Hawaii	62%	119%	Stockage levels are based on catastrophic planning factors by location.		
	DC Caribbean	86%	76%			

Logistics Staffing

Distribution Centers		Staff	Housing		Staff
CONUS	DC Tracy, CA	70%	THSS Selma, AL		65%
	DC Atlanta, GA	80%	THSS Cumberland, MD		73%
	DC Fort Worth, TX	54%			
	DC Greencastle, PA	89%	Systems		Staff
OCONUS	DC Guam	85%	Winchester, VA (DISC)		81%
	DC Hawaii	70%			
	DC Caribbean	92%			

SMT

Operational 6
Requires Augmentation 3
Deployed 2

MERS Det.

30/36 Operational	
Maynard	4/6
Frederick	6/6
Thomasville	6/6
Denton	6/6
Denver	4/6
Bothell	4/6

US&R

FEMA Support Staff
24% out of 38

Assigned 28
State-Deployed 0
FEMA-Deployed 0
Not Mission Capable 0
Available 28

FCO

Assigned 35
Not Mission Capable 2
Deployed 20 (13 FCO)
Available 13

Legend

Fully Mission Capable
Partially Mission Capable
Requires Augmentation
Deployed/Activated

Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments

Region	State / Location	Event	IA	Number of Counties		Start – End
			PA	Requested	Complete	
R5	MI	Severe Storms, Tornadoes, and Flooding Apr 10	IA	44	13	5/12 – TBD
			PA	0	0	N/A
R7	KS	Severe Storms Apr 26-27	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	5	0	TBD – TBD
	MO	Severe Storms May 16-29	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	11	0	5/27 – TBD



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Declaration Requests in Process – 26

State / Tribe / Territory – Incident Description	Type	IA	PA	HM	Requested
AZ – Severe Storms and Flooding – Appeal	DR		X	X	Oct 24
SCA ¹ – Severe Storms and Flooding	DR	X	X	X	Nov 26
SCA ¹ – Severe Storms and Flooding	DR	X	X	X	Dec 15
NVK ² – Severe Storms, Flooding, and Remnants of Typhoon Halong	DR		X	X	Jan 11
KY – Severe Winter Storm	DR		X	X	Feb 5
FPA & ST ³ – Severe Storm and Straight-Line Winds	DR	X		X	Feb 11
CTM ⁴ – Straight-Line Winds	DR	X		X	Feb 12
FBIC ⁵ – Severe Storms and Straight-Line Winds	DR	X		X	Feb 13
GA – Severe Winter Storm	DR		X	X	Mar 12
CN ⁶ – Severe Winter Storm	DR		X	X	Mar 18
DE – Severe Winter Storm	DR		X	X	Mar 23
NY – Severe Winter Storm	DR		X	X	Mar 25
MI – Severe Storm and Tornadoes	DR	X		X	Apr 1
HI – Severe Storms, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides	EM	X	X		Apr 7

¹San Carlos Apache Tribe / ²Native Village of Kipnuk / ³Fort Peck Assiniboine & Sioux Tribes / ⁴Crow Tribe of Montana / ⁵Fort Belknap Indian Community / ⁶Chickasaw Nation



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NJ – Severe Winter Storm	DR		X	X	Apr 7
MA – Severe Winter Storm and Snowstorm	DR		X	X	Apr 7
RI – Severe Winter Storm and Snowstorm	DR		X	X	Apr 7
NVA ⁷ – Severe Winter Storm	DR	X	X	X	Apr 16
ID – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides	DR		X	X	Apr 14
MWT ⁸ – Severe Winter Storm and Snowstorm	DR		X	X	Apr 22
PoA ⁹ – Severe Storms and Flooding – Appeal	DR		X	X	Apr 23
LLBO ¹⁰ – Fire – Appeal	DR		X	X	Apr 24
NE – Wildfires	DR		X	X	May 8
GU – Super Typhoon Sinlaku	DR	X	X	X	May 18
MS – Severe Storm	DR	X	X	X	May 19
WI – Severe Storms, Tornadoes, and Flooding	DR	X	X	X	May 22

⁷Native Village of Ambler / ⁸Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe / ⁹Pueblo of Acoma / ¹⁰Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe



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