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# Daily Operations Briefing

Tuesday, May 26, 2026

8:30 a.m. ET



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# National Current Operations / Monitoring

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## New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Operations

- Chemical Release – Garden Grove, CA

## Hazard Monitoring

- Heavy Rain/Flash Flooding – Southern Plains, Lower Mississippi Valley to the Mid-Atlantic
- Severe Thunderstorms– Southern Plains

## Disaster Declaration Activity

- Approval: Emergency Declaration – CA

## Event Monitoring

- No new significant events



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# Declaration Approval – California

**Declaration Type:** Emergency – FEMA-3646-EM-CA

**Date Requested:** May 23

**Date Approved:** May 25

**Incident:** Chemical Release

**Incident Period:** May 21 and continuing

**Provides:**

- **PA:** 1 county

**FCO:** Mark O'Hanlon



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# Chemical Release – Garden Grove, CA

**Situation:** A chemical release of Methyl Methacrylate (MMA) at the GKN Aerospace facility in Garden Grove prompted mandatory evacuations of about 50,000 people, which remain in effect. The immediate explosion risk has been eliminated, and the affected tanks are stable. Air quality monitoring shows no hazardous levels, and emergency shelters remain open for displaced residents. Federal and state agencies are coordinating response and planning for possible repopulation of the area. The incident command post has been relocated to Alamitos Racetrack in Cypress, and the situation is currently stable and under control (FEMA R9 SPOTREP – UPDATE #9, as of 12:00 a.m. ET, May 26)

**Lifeline Impacts:** (FEMA R9 SPOTREP – UPDATE #9, as of 12:00 a.m. ET, May 26)

## **Safety and Security:**

- 3 fire and 2 law enforcement stations within evacuation area
- 20 public schools are impacted with 6 schools used as shelters
- Mandatory evacuations remain

## **Food, Hydration, and Shelter:** (ARC, as of 6:50 a.m. ET, May 26)

- 9 shelters open / 412 (-589) occupants

## **Health & Medical:**

- California Department of Health reports no extraordinary healthcare needs for vulnerable populations and no structural or facility related issues; each facility is expected to safely repopulate
- Anaheim Community Hospital is in evacuation area; 88 patients evacuated
- 11 nursing homes in evacuation zone; 147 patients evacuated from 6 nursing homes

## **Water Systems:**

- Orange County Water District and Garden Grove Water located in the potential impact area

## **Energy:**

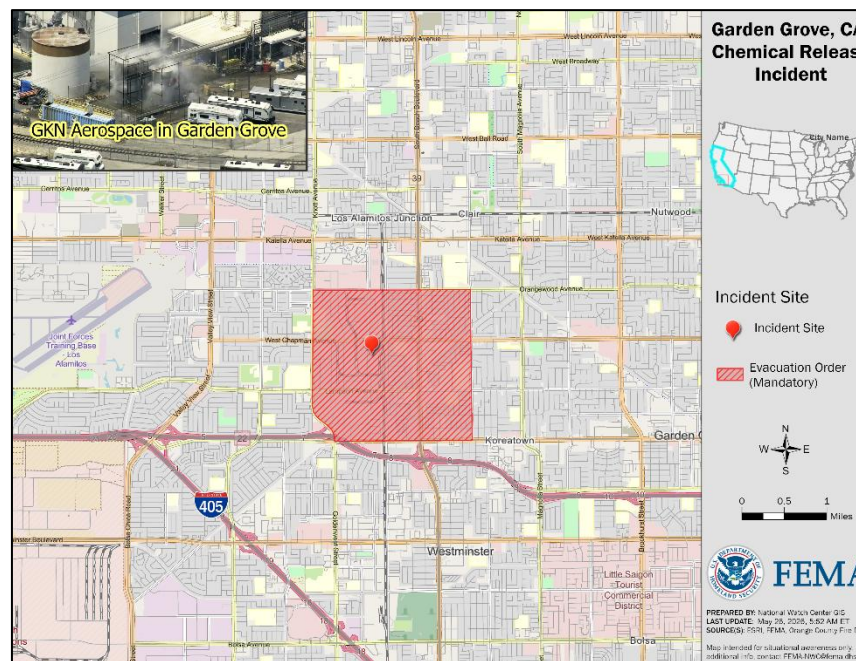
- Transmission and distribution lines are threatened
- Southern California Gas has stood up an incident command post

## **Transportation:**

- Surface streets are closed in the evacuation zone

## **Hazardous Materials:**

- Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) continues to cool tanks to mitigate further risks



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.

**State / Local Response:** (FEMA R9 SPOTREP – UPDATE #9, as of 12:00 a.m. ET, May 26)

- CA SEOC is at Partial Activation (Wildfires and HAZMAT)
- Governor declared a State of Emergency and requested an Emergency Declaration on May 23
- Emergency Declaration Request approved May 25

**FEMA / Federal Response:** (FEMA R9 SPOTREP – UPDATE #9, as of 12:00 a.m. ET, May 26)

## **FEMA Region 9:**

- Regional Watch is Monitoring; RRCC is Rostered
- FEMA R9 FIT acting LNO deployed to SEOC
- Deploying small team to CA SEOC to assist with contingency planning
- FEMA/EPA/State planning group to develop consequence management plans, if needed

**HQ:** NWC is Monitoring

**EPA:** Deployed on-scene coordinators and Environmental Response Team; 24 perimeter air monitors in place; all results to date indicate no detection of Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs)



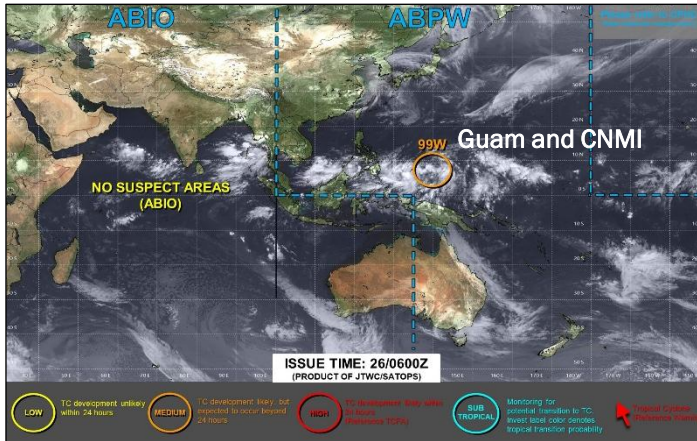
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# Tropical Outlook

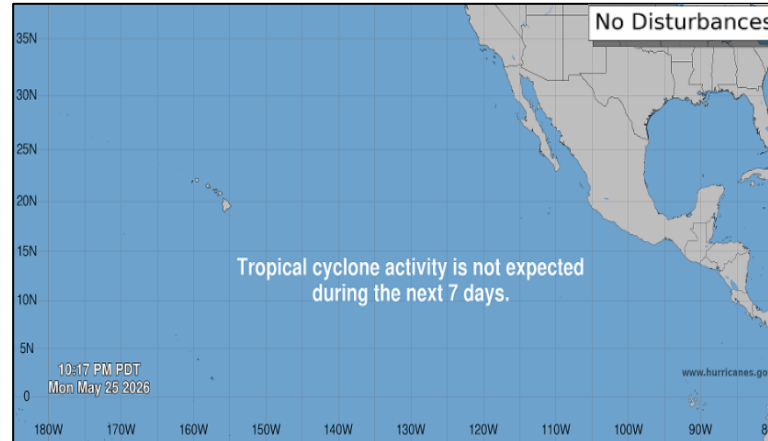
## Western Pacific



**Invest 99W:** (JTWC Advisory as of 2:00 a.m. ET, May 26)

- Located 87 miles SSE of Yap
- Potential for the development of a significant tropical cyclone within the next 24 hours remains medium
- Heavy rainfall and gusty winds are expected across much of Palau and western Yap State

## Eastern and Central Pacific



- No tropical cyclones expected during the next 7 days

## Atlantic



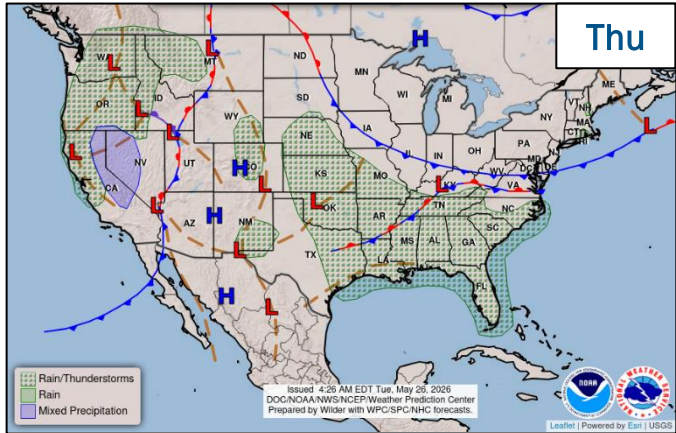
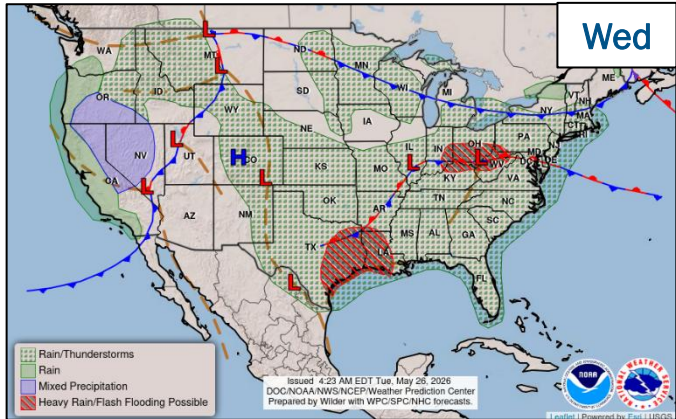
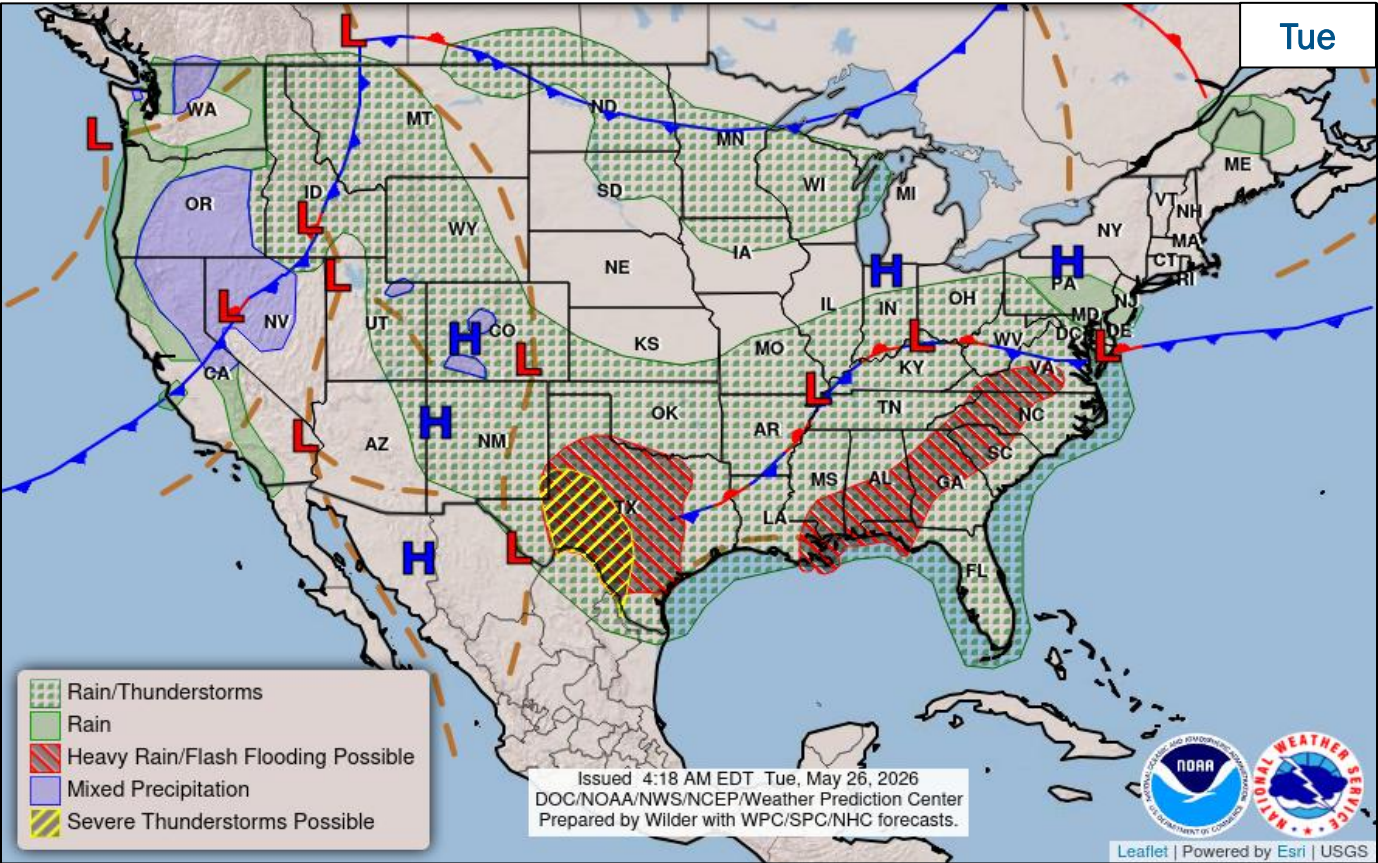
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# National Weather Forecast



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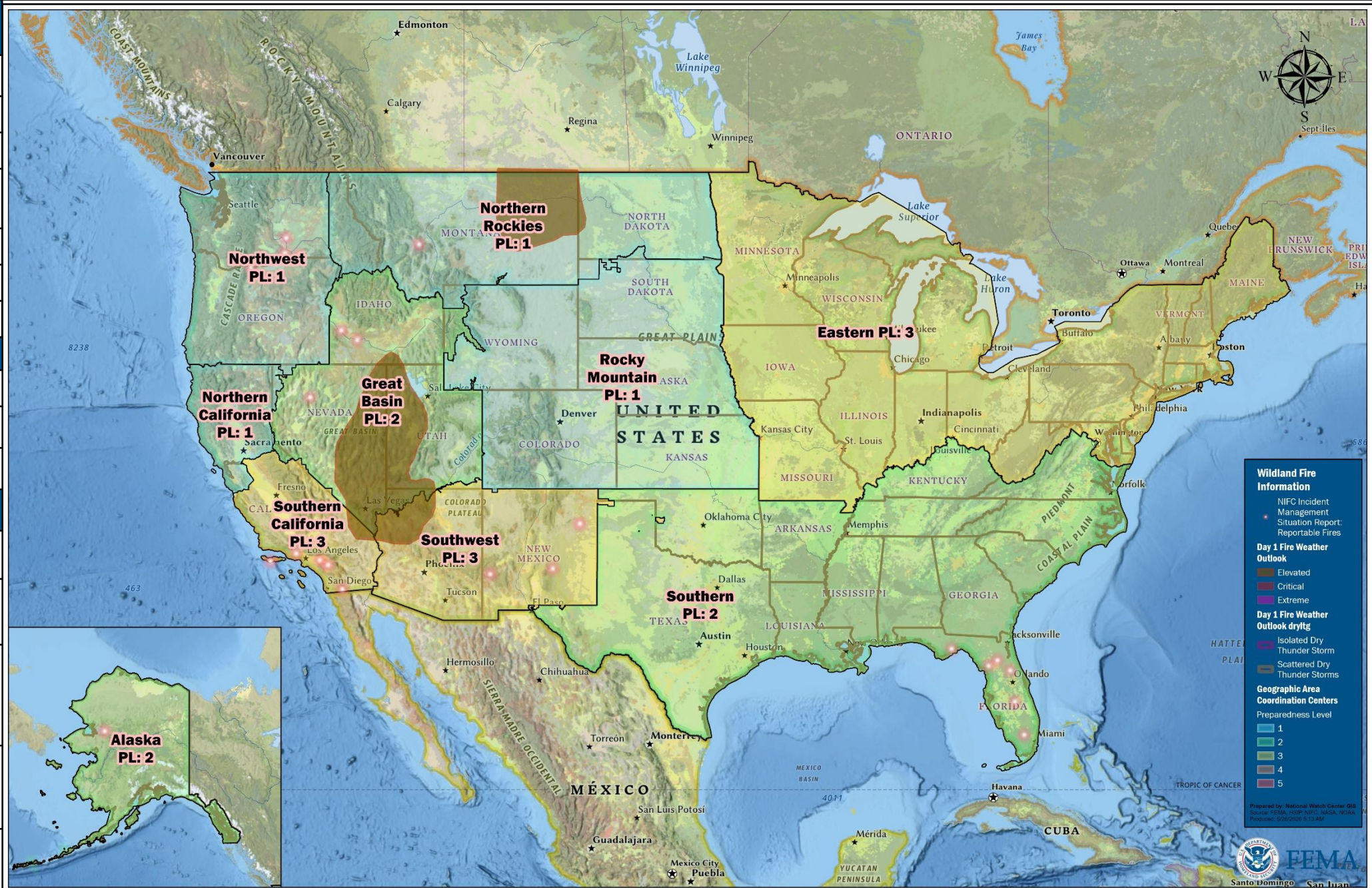
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National Fire Activity – May 26, 2026

| INITIAL ATTACK ACTIVITY<br>(24-hour period) | LIGHT<br>(84 fires) |
|---------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| New Large Fires                             | 6                   |
| Large Fires Contained                       | 5                   |
| Uncontained Large Fires                     | 18                  |
| Year-to-Date Acres Burned                   | 2,381,464           |
| Total Responders                            | 3,303               |
| 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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## FEMA HQ

Yellow Circle NWC Green Circle NRCC

## Watch FEMA Regions RRCC

- Yellow Circle Region 1  
Maynard
- Yellow Circle Region 2  
Brooklyn
- Green Circle Region 3  
Philadelphia
- Green Circle Region 4  
Atlanta
- Yellow Circle Region 5  
Chicago
- Green Circle Region 6  
Denton
- Green Circle Region 7  
Kansas City
- Green Circle Region 8  
Denver
- Yellow Circle Region 9  
Oakland
- Yellow Circle 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/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

**6,276 / 32%**  
Deployed

**6,073 / 31%**  
Available to Deploy for 30 Days

**7,216 / 37%**  
Remaining

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

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| 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



Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands



Guam



American Samoa

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

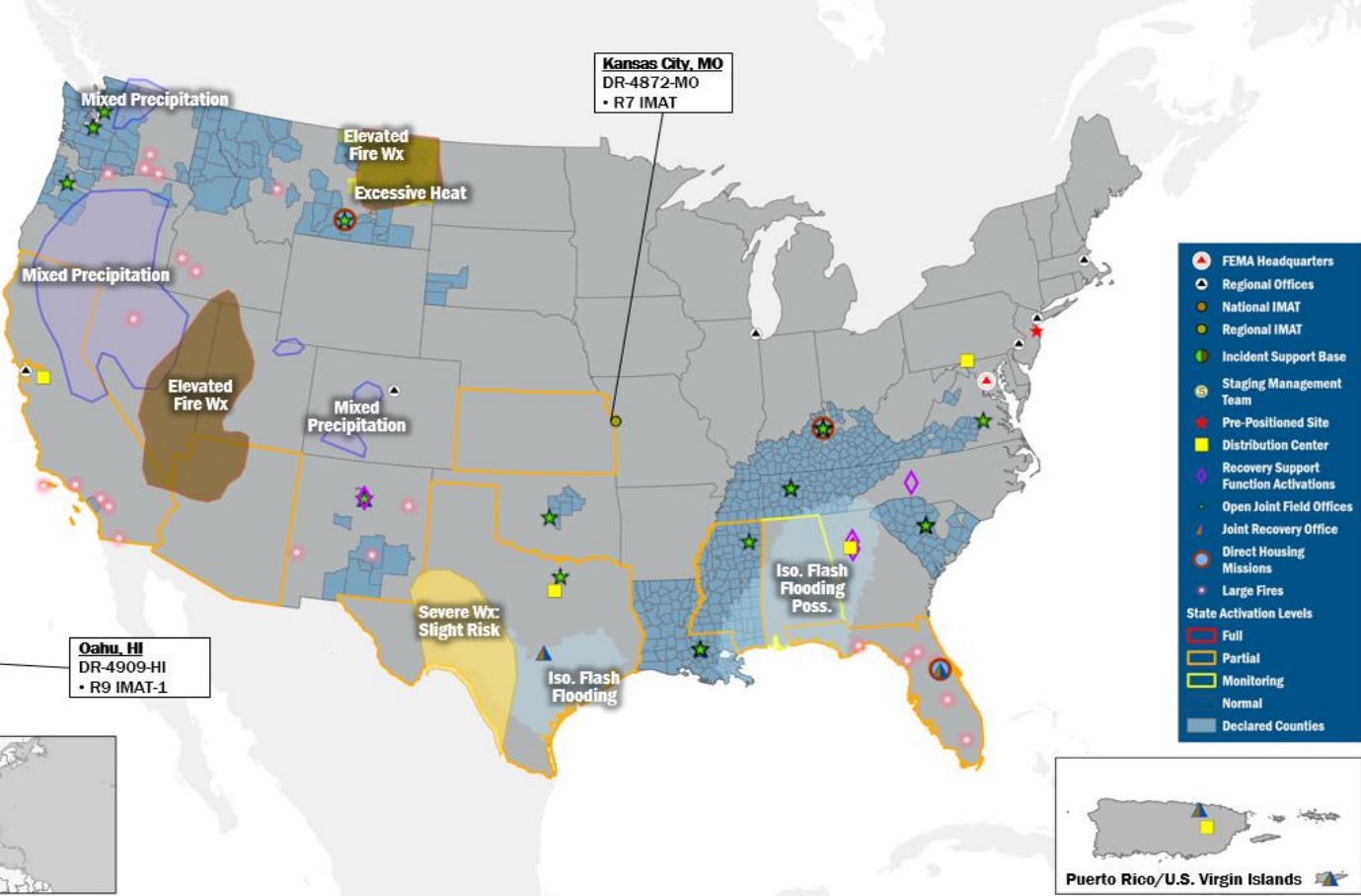
**Guam**  
EM-3644-GU  
• ISB Delta  
• SMT Tracy/Hawaii



Hawaii

**Oahu, HI**  
DR-4909-HI  
• R9 IMAT-1

No Tropical Activity



- FEMA Headquarters
- Regional Offices
- National IMAT
- Regional IMAT
- Incident Support Base
- Staging Management Team
- 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



Puerto Rico/U.S. Virgin Islands

## National IMAT

- MP Red
- Yellow Circle White
- Yellow Circle Blue
- Green Circle Gold
- Green Circle HS

## Regional IMAT

- Red Circle Region 1
- Green Circle Region 2
- Yellow Circle with 2 Region 3
- Yellow Circle with 3 Region 4
- Green Circle Region 5
- Red Circle with 1 Region 6
- Blue Circle with MC Region 7
- Green Circle Region 8
- Blue Circle with HI Blue Circle with MP Region 9
- Red Circle 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 | DC Greencastle, PA   |       |      | Systems 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%  |                                                                         |     |      |
|        |                      |       | 78%  |                                                                         |     |      |

## Logistics Staffing

| CONUS  | Distribution Centers |       | Housing               | Staff |
|--------|----------------------|-------|-----------------------|-------|
|        | Staff                | Staff |                       |       |
|        | DC Tracy, CA         | 70%   | THSS Selma, AL        | 65%   |
|        | DC Atlanta, GA       | 80%   | THSS Cumberland, MD   | 73%   |
|        | DC Fort Worth, TX    | 54%   |                       |       |
| OCONUS | DC Greencastle, PA   | 89%   | Systems Staff         |       |
|        | 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

- Green Circle Fully Mission Capable
- Yellow Circle Partially Mission Capable
- Red Circle Requires Augmentation
- Blue Circle 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<br>Apr 10 | IA | 44                 | 13       | 5/12 – TBD  |
|        |                  |                                                  | PA | 0                  | 0        | N/A         |
| R7     | KS               | Severe Storms<br>Apr 26-27                       | IA | 0                  | 0        | N/A         |
|        |                  |                                                  | PA | 5                  | 0        | TBD – TBD   |
|        | MO               | Severe Storms<br>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 <sup>1</sup> – Severe Storms and Flooding                              | DR   | X  | X  | X  | Nov 26    |
| SCA <sup>1</sup> – Severe Storms and Flooding                              | DR   | X  | X  | X  | Dec 15    |
| NVK <sup>2</sup> – Severe Storms, Flooding, and Remnants of Typhoon Halong | DR   |    | X  | X  | Jan 11    |
| KY – Severe Winter Storm                                                   | DR   |    | X  | X  | Feb 5     |
| FPA & ST <sup>3</sup> – Severe Storm and Straight-Line Winds               | DR   | X  |    | X  | Feb 11    |
| CTM <sup>4</sup> – Straight-Line Winds                                     | DR   | X  |    | X  | Feb 12    |
| FBIC <sup>5</sup> – Severe Storms and Straight-Line Winds                  | DR   | X  |    | X  | Feb 13    |
| GA – Severe Winter Storm                                                   | DR   |    | X  | X  | Mar 12    |
| CN <sup>6</sup> – 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     |

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



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# Declaration Requests in Process – 26 (cont'd)

| State / Tribe / Territory – Incident Description                             | Type | IA | PA | HM | Requested |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|----|----|----|-----------|
| 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 <sup>7</sup> – 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 <sup>8</sup> – Severe Winter Storm and Snowstorm                         | DR   |    | X  | X  | Apr 22    |
| PoA <sup>9</sup> – Severe Storms and Flooding – Appeal                       | DR   |    | X  | X  | Apr 23    |
| LLBO <sup>10</sup> – 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    |
| CA – Chemical Release – Approved                                             | EM   |    | X  |    | May 23    |

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



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