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## Daily Operations Briefing

Thursday, August 27, 2020

8:30 a.m. ET



## **Significant Incidents or Threats:**

- Heavy Rain and Flash Flooding possible – Texas, Louisiana, and Lower Mississippi Valley
- Severe Thunderstorms – Northern Plains, Great Lakes, Mid-Atlantic, and Northeast
- California Wildfires
- COVID-19

## **Tropical Activity:**

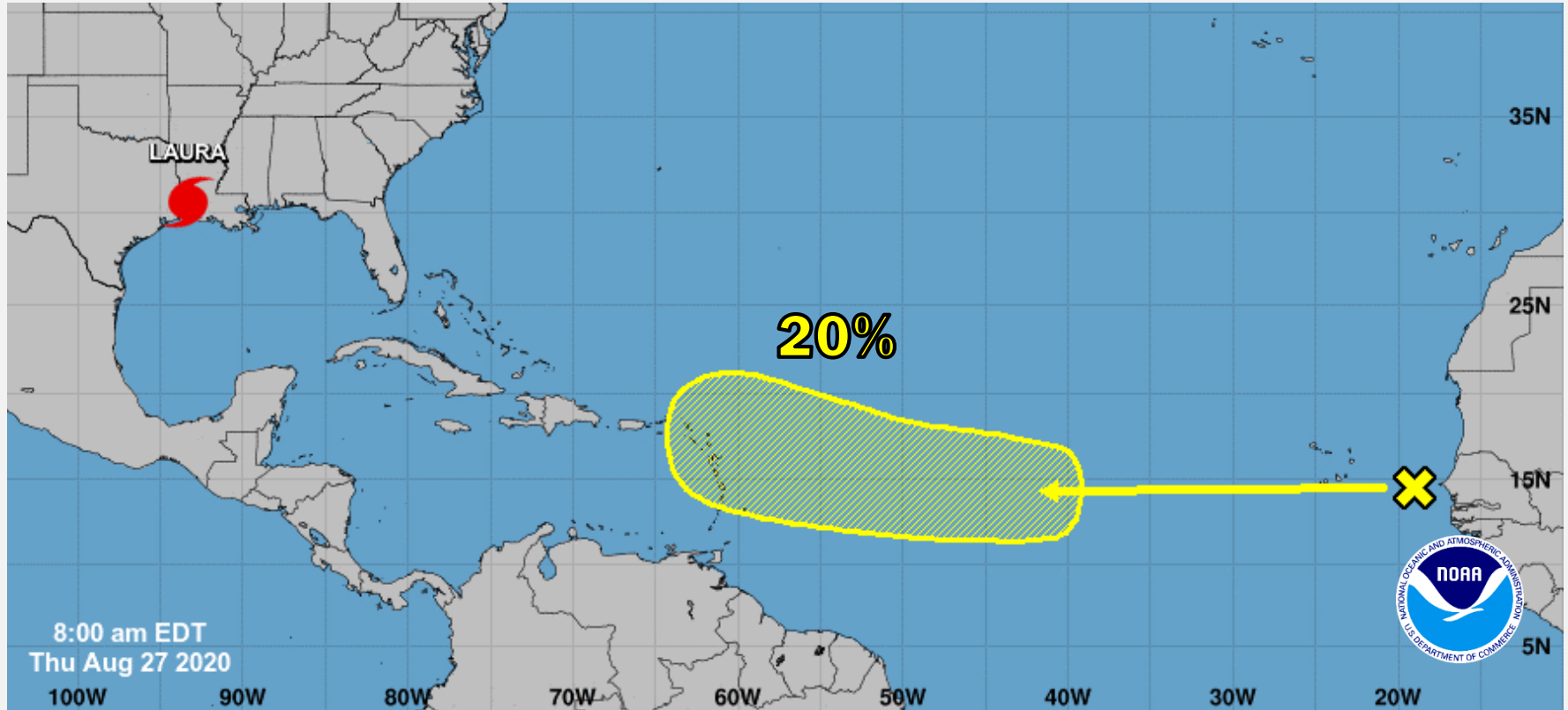
- Atlantic:
  - Hurricane Laura (CAT 2)
  - Disturbance 1: Low (20%)
- Eastern Pacific:
  - Tropical Cyclone Hernan
  - Tropical Cyclone Iselle
- Central Pacific: No activity affecting U.S. interests
- Western Pacific: No activity affecting U.S. interests

## **Declaration Activity:**

- Request: Emergency Declaration – Arkansas
- 5 Amendments issued

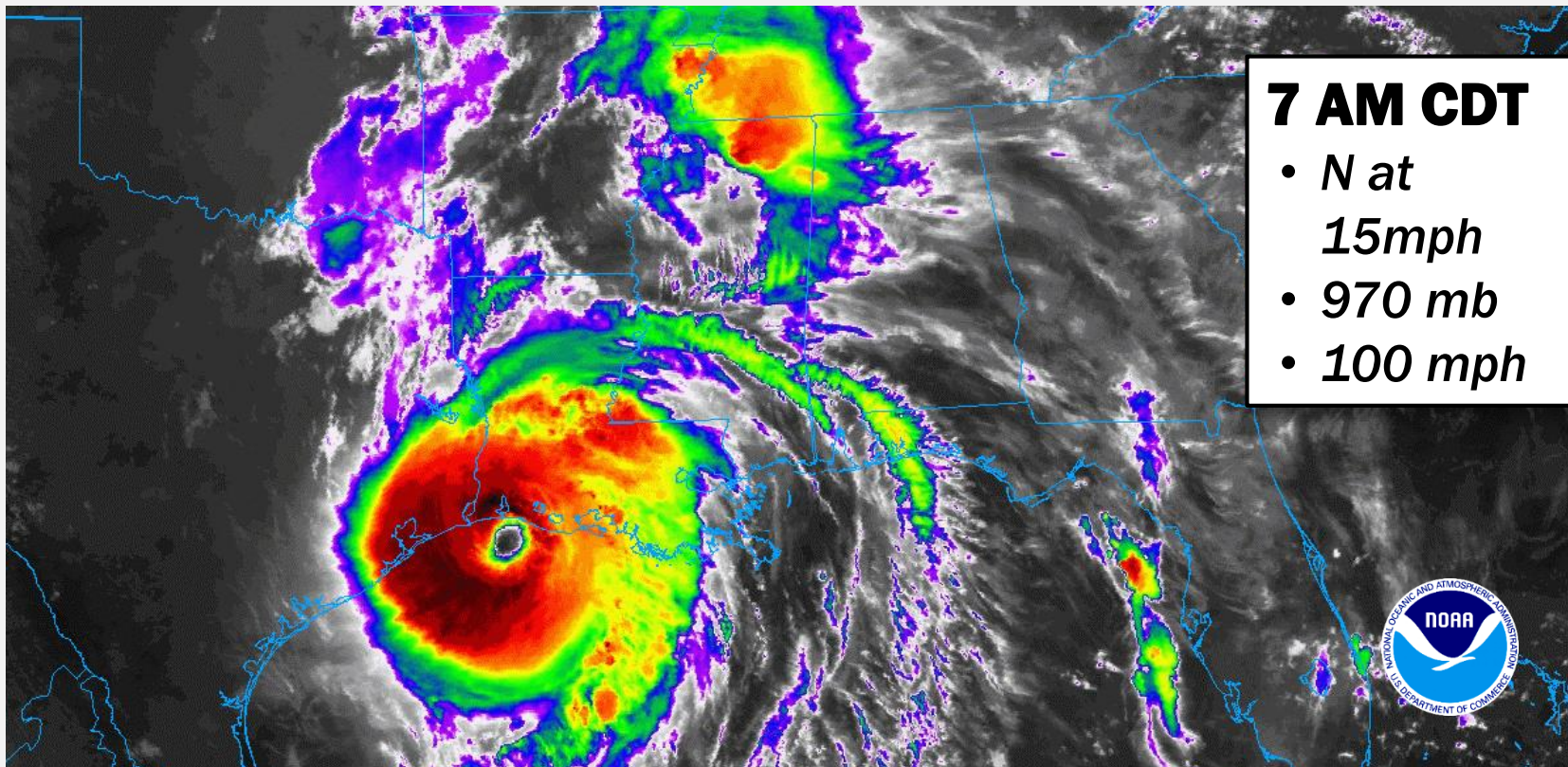
# Atlantic Overview

## TROPICAL OUTLOOK



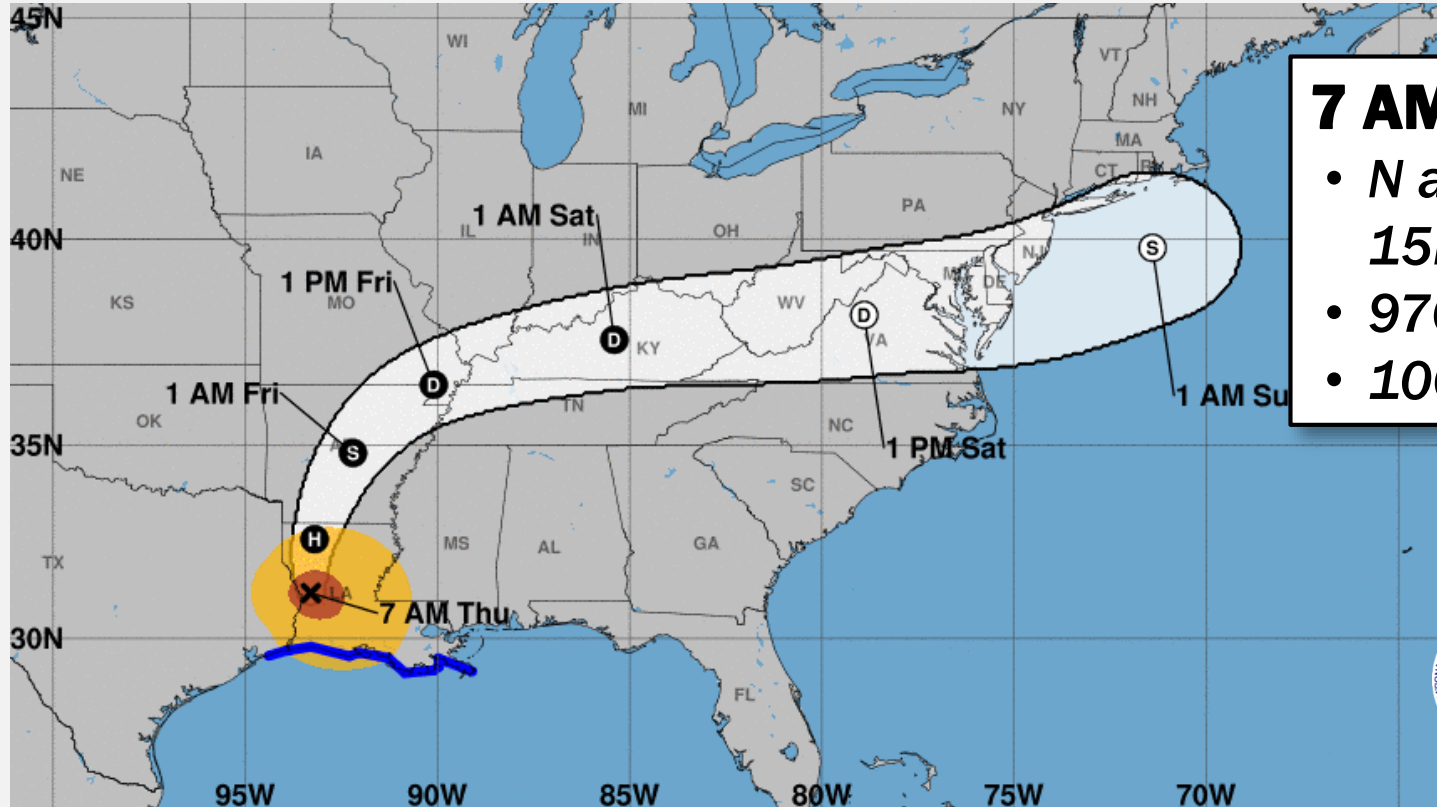
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## SATELLITE LOOP



# Hurricane Laura

## FORECAST TRACK



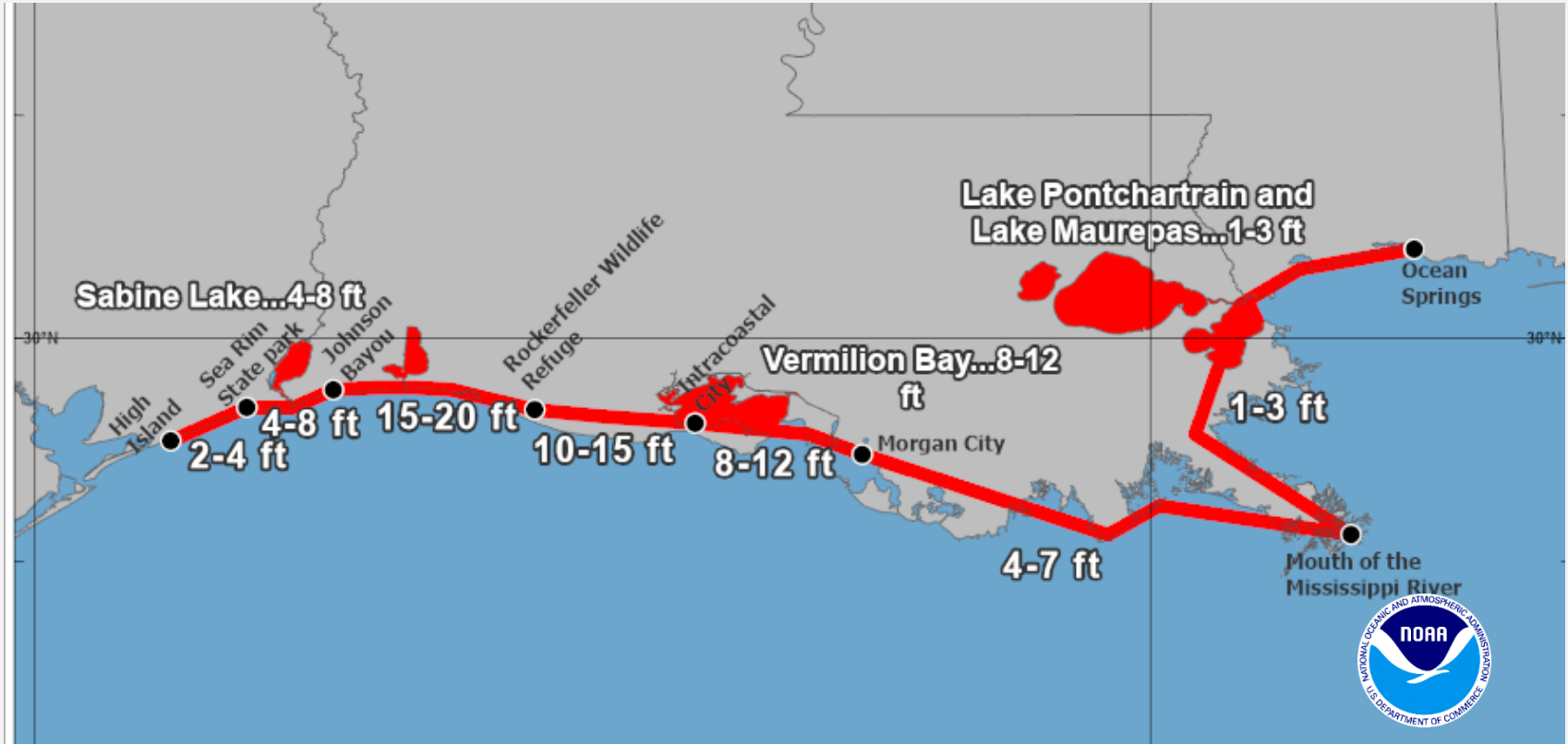
**7 AM CDT**

- *N at*  
*15mph*
- *970 mb*
- *100 mph*



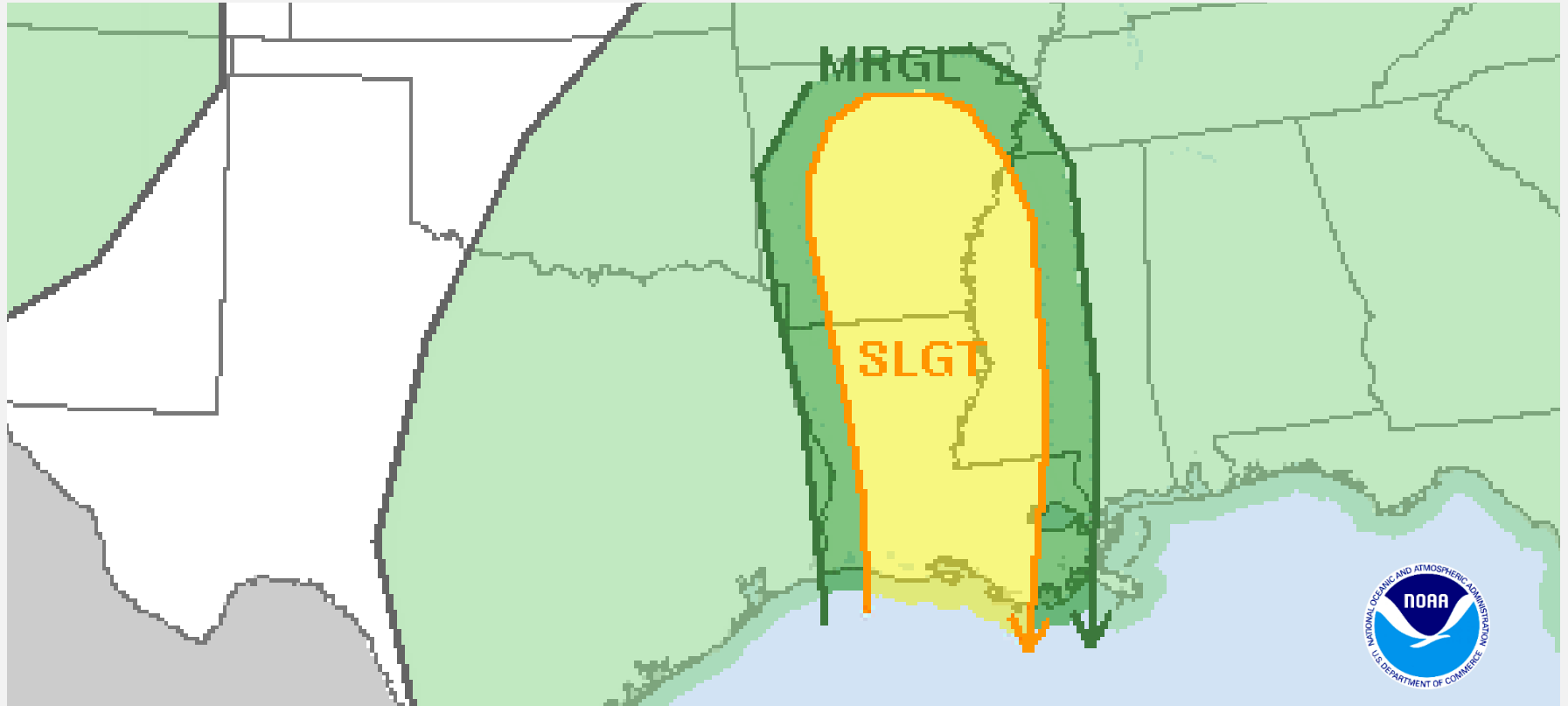
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## PEAK STORM SURGE FORECAST



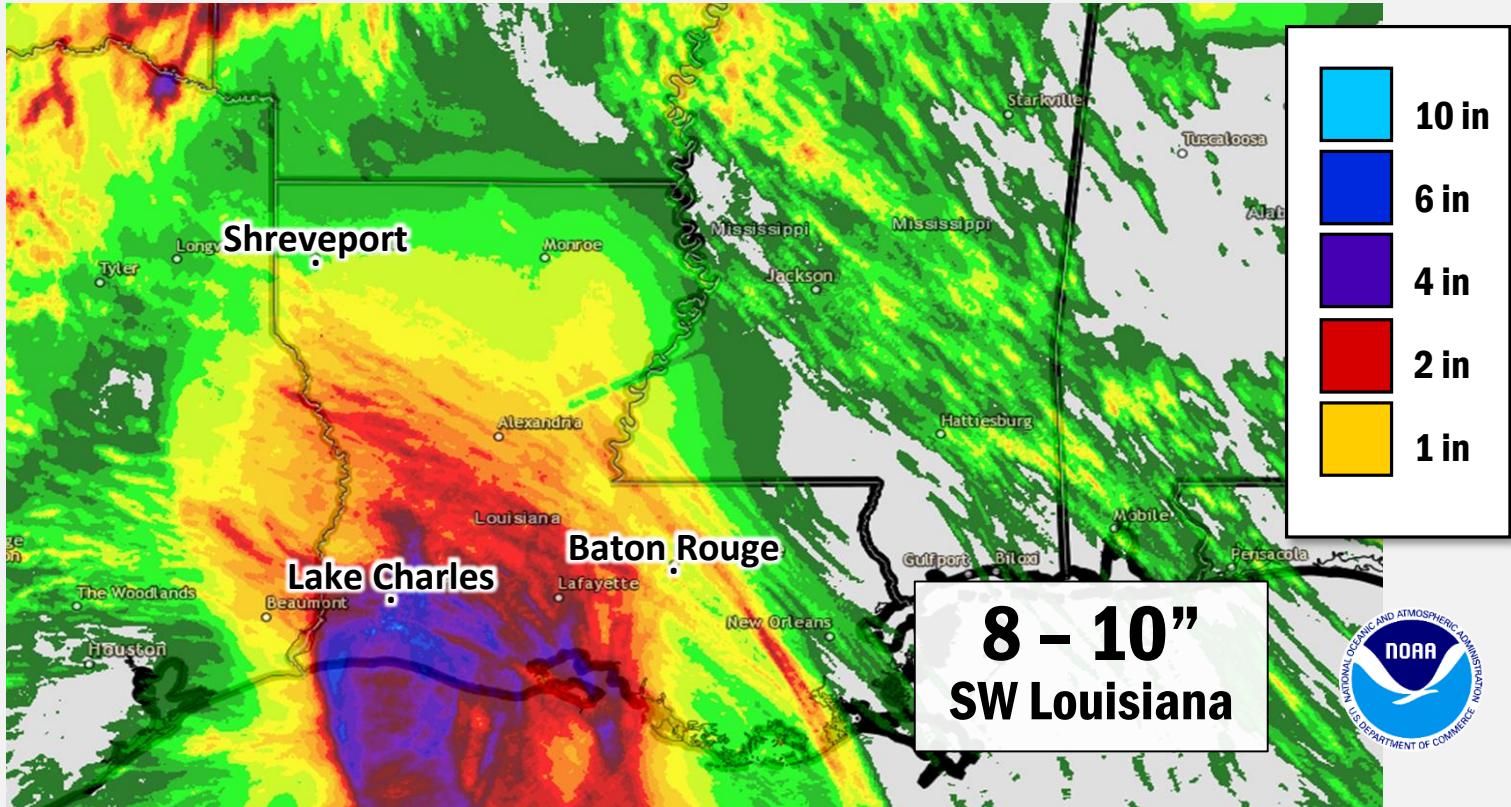
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## DAY 1 CONVECTIVE OUTLOOK



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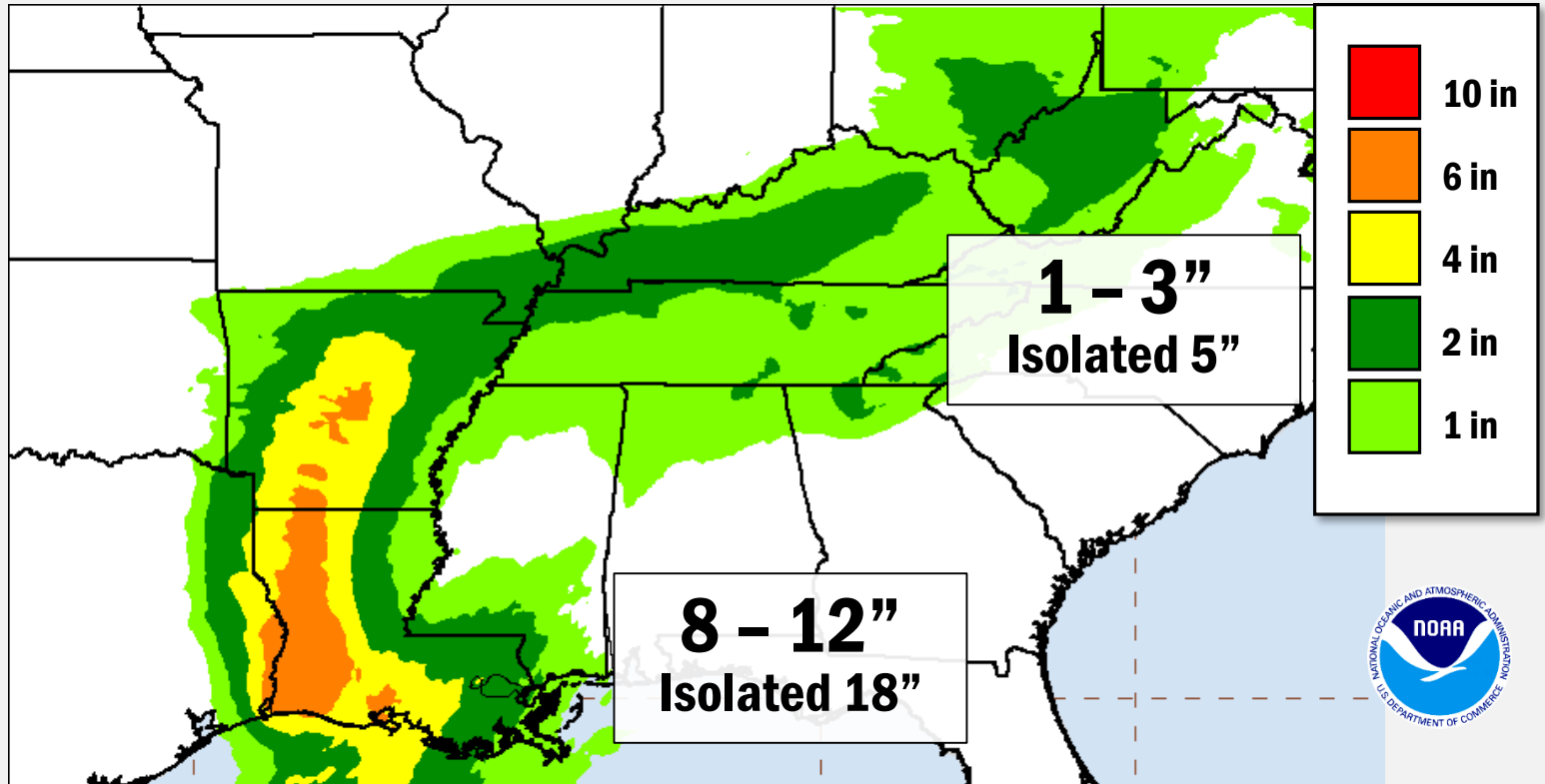
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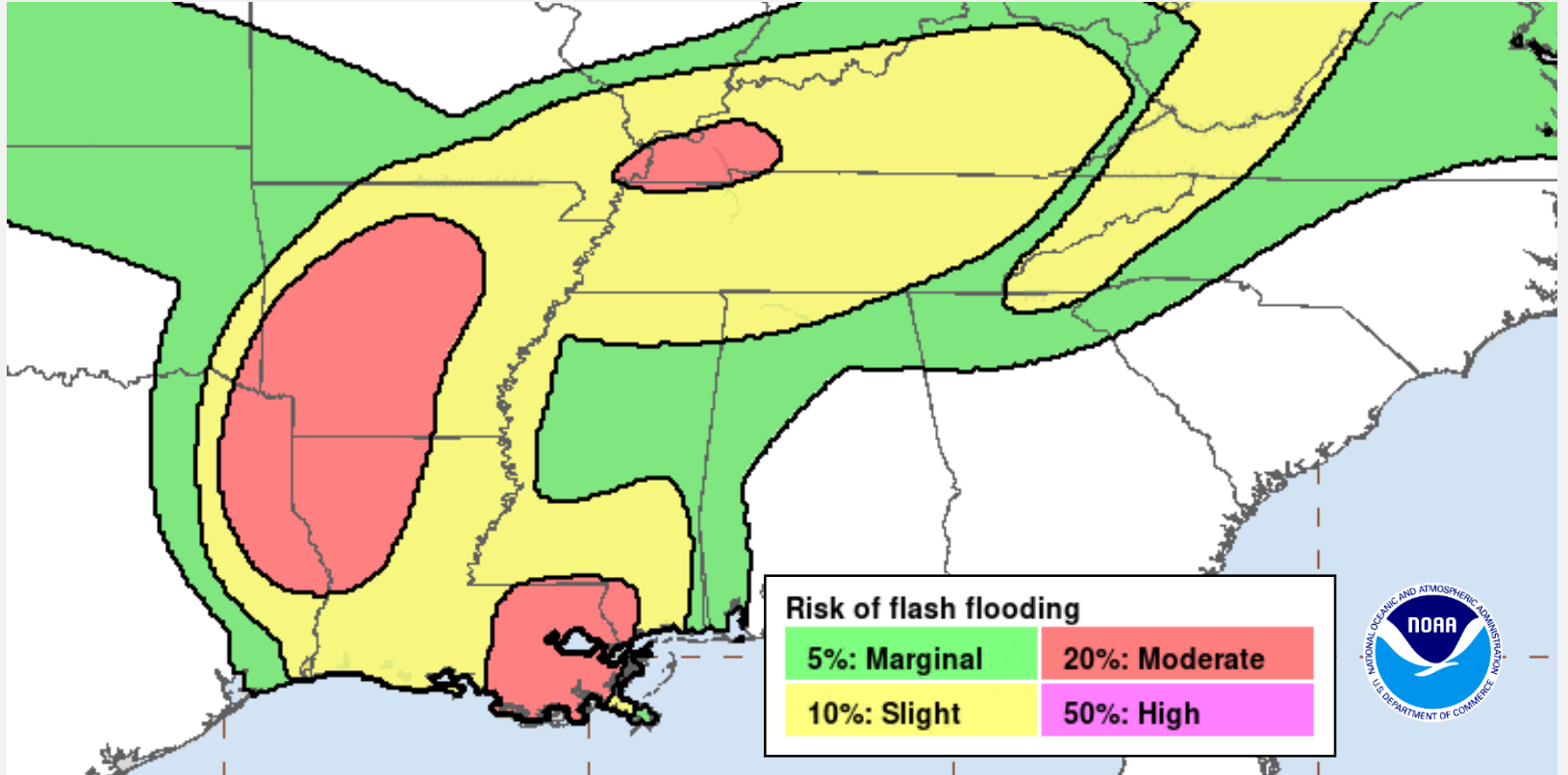
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## 3 DAY RAINFALL



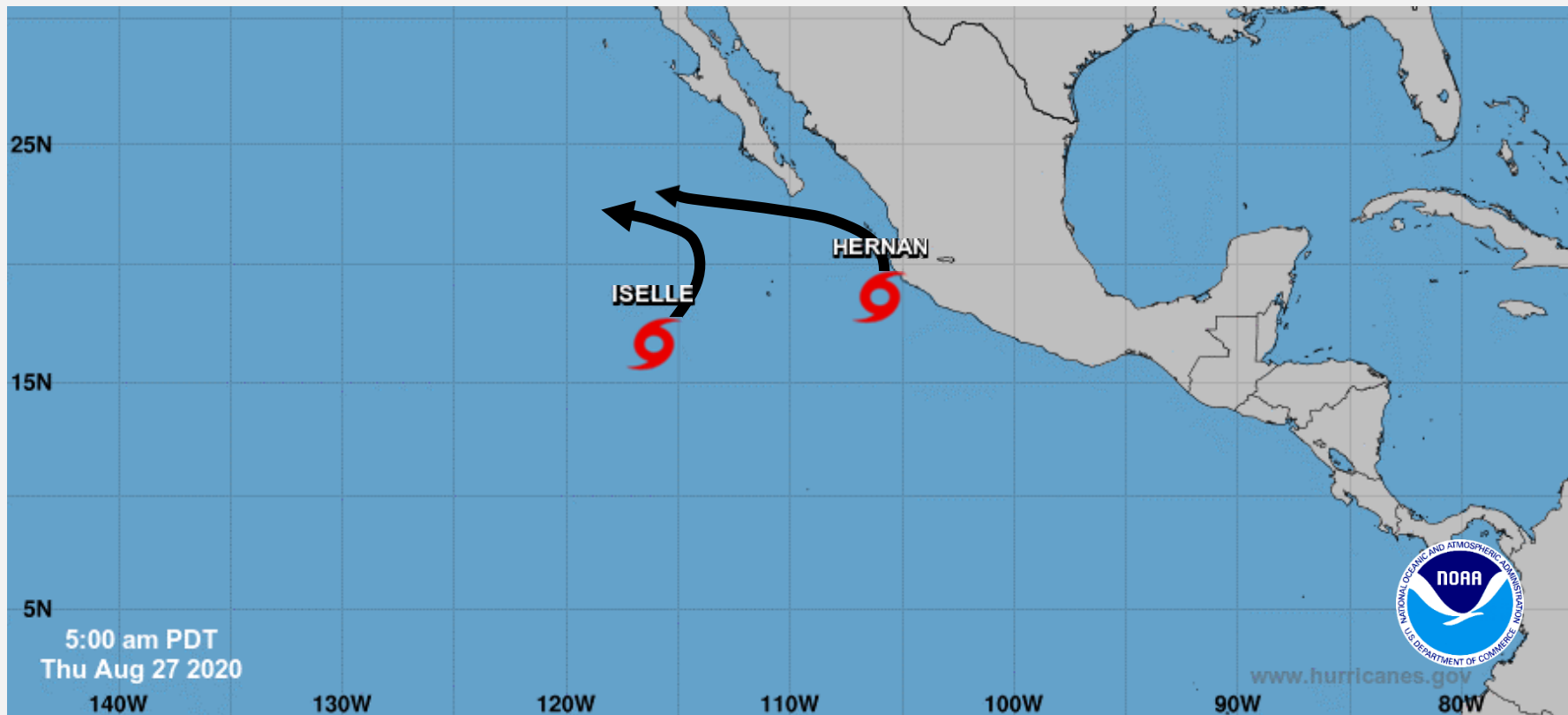
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## FLASH FLOOD POTENTIAL



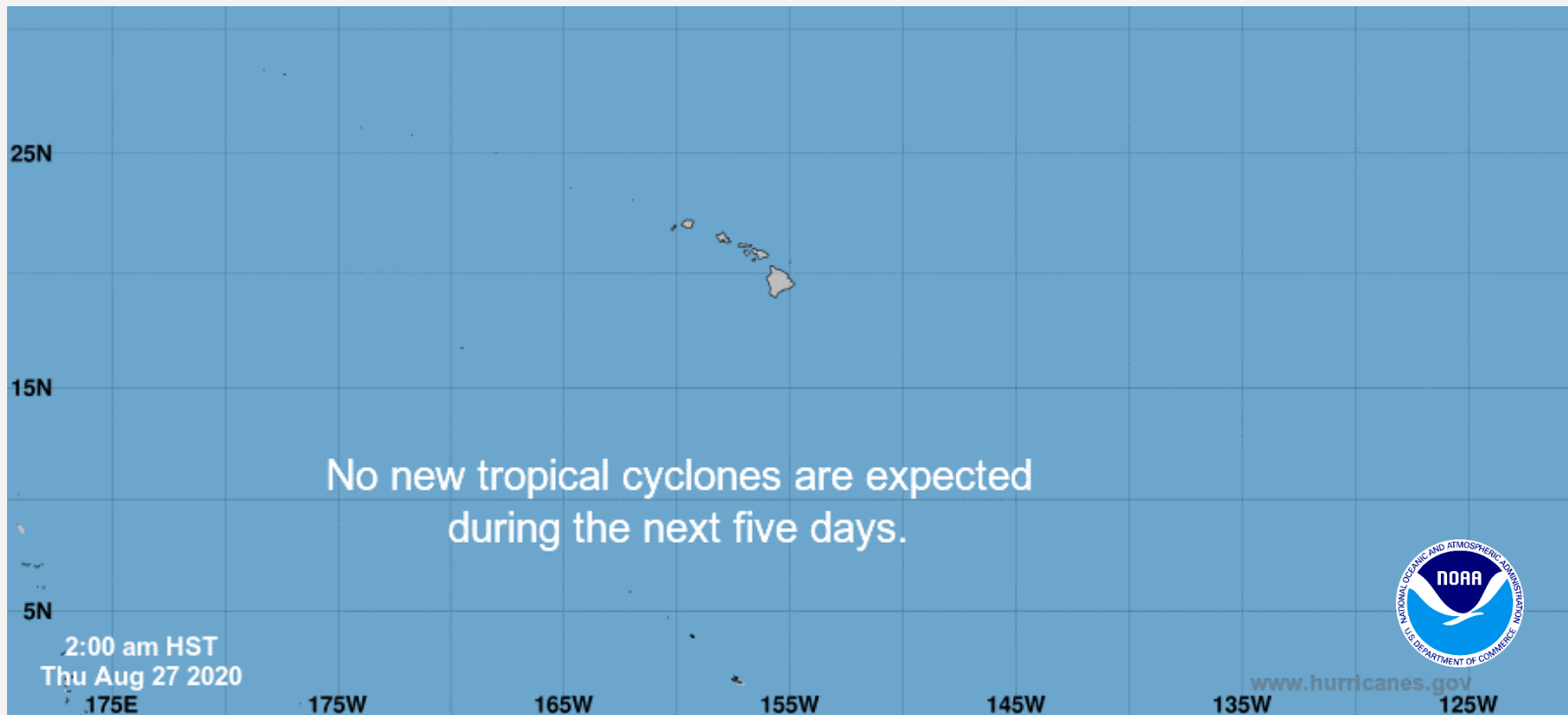
# East Pacific Overview

## TROPICAL OUTLOOK



# Central Pacific Overview

## TROPICAL OUTLOOK



# Tropical Cyclone Laura – Preparations/Response



## Situation:

Laura is a Category 2 Hurricane that made landfall near Cameron, LA at 2:00 a.m. ET. Rapid weakening is forecast, and Laura is expected to become a Tropical Storm later today.

## Lifeline Impacts

Safety and Security (FEMA NRCC SLB, as of 6:00 a.m. ET, Aug 27 & Region VI incident report as of Aug 26)

- Mandatory and voluntary evacuations in effect for 21 LA parishes and 11 TX counties
- LA Department of Corrections evacuated 3k offenders; TX Department of Justice evacuated 6 facilities

## Food, Water, Shelter

- FEMA Region VI Requests:
  - 2.2 million water bottles by 8/29; 843k received, 800k enroute
  - 1.2 million meals by 8/27; 507k received, 500k enroute
  - 2 Generator packs by 8/30; 0 received, 0 enroute
- TX: Salvation Army to serve 12.5k meals per day starting Friday
- Non-Congregate shelters open; 966 occupants
- Congregate Shelters
  - LA: 5 shelters; 105 occupants
  - TX: 6 shelters; 167 occupants

## Health and Medical

- 12 nursing homes evacuated in LA; 65 evacuated in TX
- LA: COVID testing sites inoperable; preparing to conduct COVID testing in shelters
- 1 LA hospital evacuated, 4 TX hospitals evacuated; Several hospitals sheltering in place in both states

## Energy

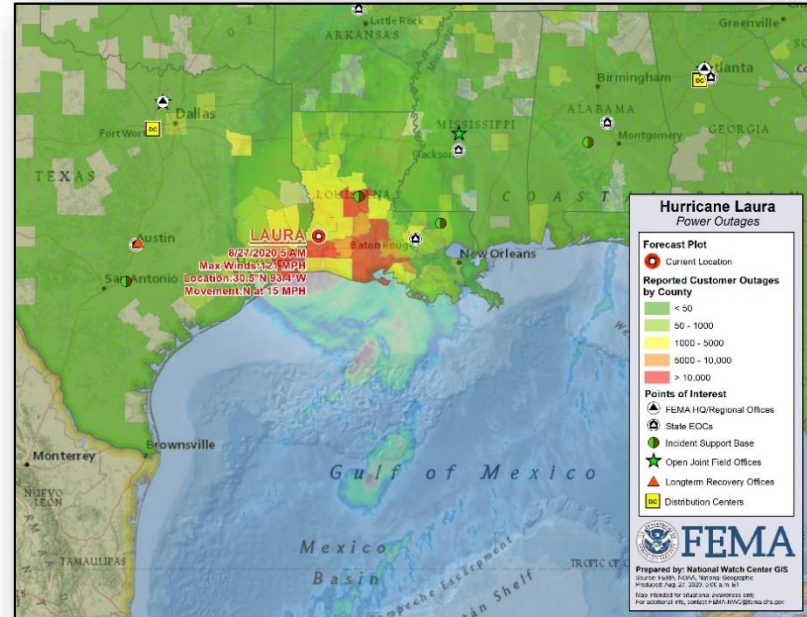
- Power Outages: (Eagle I as of 8:00 a.m. ET Aug 27)
  - LA: 396k (18.5%) customers without power
  - TX: 103k (0.85%) customers without power
- Personnel evacuated from 299 oil/gas production platforms in the Gulf of Mexico

## Communications

- LA: Activated 911 rollover plans
- TX: AT&T/FIRSTNET staged deployable network to provide cell service to first responders

## Transportation

- Commercial ports from New Orleans to Freeport TX are closed
- TX: 2 bridges between Bridge City and Port Arthur are closed
- LA: All airports open



# Tropical Cyclone Laura – Preparations/Response



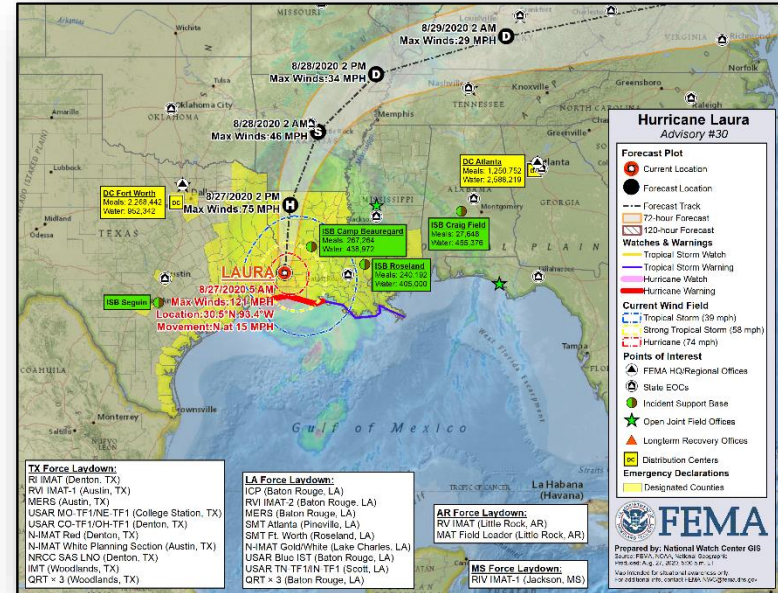
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## State/Local Preparations/Response:

- MS, LA, & TX EOCs at Partial Activation; State of Emergency declared
- TX: Governor mobilized National Guard

## Federal Preparations / Response:

- NRCC at Level I, 24/7 / NWC at Enhanced Watch (RNC Aug 24-27)
  - N-IMAT Gold deployed to Lake Charles, LA; N-IMAT Red deployed to Denton, TX
- Region I IMAT deployed to TX
- Region II RRCC at Level III
  - IMAT deployed to USVI
- Region IV RRCC Available
  - IMAT-1 deployed to MS; IMAT-2 on standby for AL
  - LNO providing virtual support to MS; LNO providing support to Tribal Nations
- Region V IMAT deployed to AR
- Region VI RRCC at Level II with select ESFs
  - IMAT-1 deployed to Austin, TX
  - IMAT-2 deployed to Baton Rouge, LA
- Logistics HQ: SMT Atlanta deployed to Camp Beauregard, LA, SMT Fort Worth deployed to Roseland, LA, and National ISB Team deployed to Craig Field, AL
- MERS deployed to USVI, PR, Baton Rouge, LA, and Austin, TX
  - Additional MERS assets pre-staged for post storm support in LA
- US&R Staged in LA and TX
  - TN TF1 & IN TF1 staging in Scott, LA
  - MO TF1 & NE TF1 staged in College Station, TX;
  - Two type 1 US&R task forces activated and enroute to Denton, TX
  - Two type 1 and four type 3 US&R task forces activated and enroute to Baton Rouge, LA
  - Four type 3 US&R task forces on Alert Orders
- USCG staged air and watercrafts in AL and LA
- USACE deploying teams to LA & TX
- Emergency Declarations approved for PR, LA, MS, and TX



# California Wildfires – Response



## Situation:

There are 367 fires currently burning across CA, 24 are classified as Major Fires. 6 have FMAGS approved and are reporting a combined **1.4 millions** acres burned, **80k** homes threatened and 1k homes destroyed. Air Quality Alerts in effect for 11 counties.

Lifeline Impacts: (FEMA Region IX Tri-Fold #7, as of Aug 27)

## Safety and Security

- Evacuations: Mandatory and Voluntary in effect for 19 counties
- 30 NG arrived in Napa County to escort evacuees

## Food, Water, Shelter

- Shelters:
  - Congregated: **16 (+1)** open shelters; **840 (-489)** occupants
  - Non-Congregated: **3,041 (+987)** occupants in 807 rooms (+219)

## Health and Medical

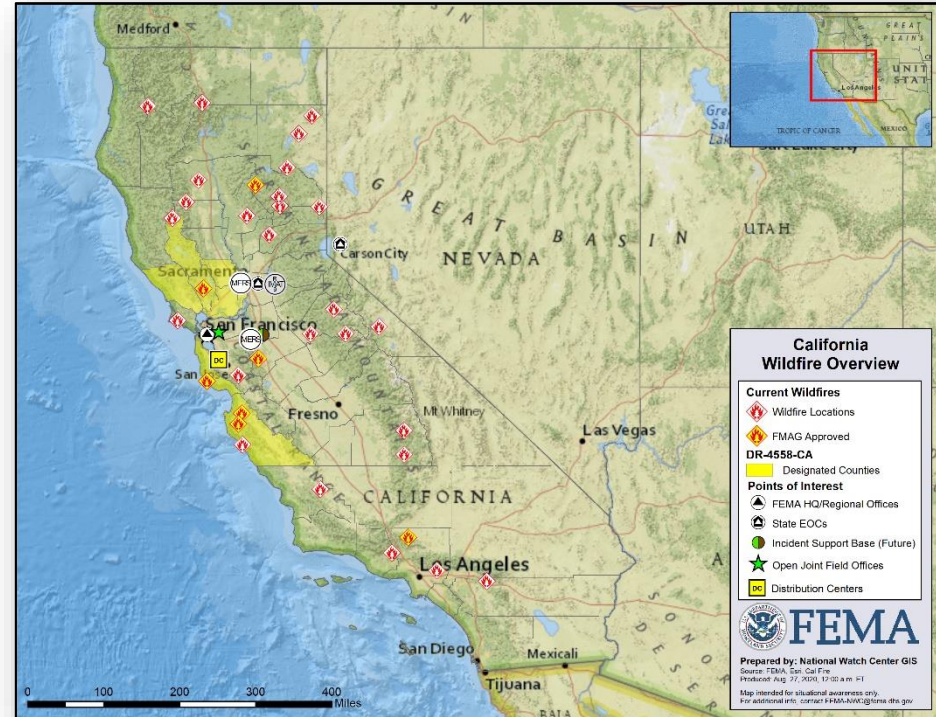
- 6 confirmed fatalities

## State / Local Response:

- State of Emergency declared Aug 19<sup>th</sup>
- CA EOC at Full Activation (Wildfires & COVID-19)

## FEMA Response:

- FEMA-4558-DR-CA approved on Aug 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Region IX IMAT-1 deployed to CA (Wildfires)
- MERS assets deployed to Tracy, CA and enroute to Mather, CA
- NWC and Region IX RWC continue to monitor



# Wildfire Summary



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Fire Name (County, ST)	FMAG #	Acres Burned	Percent Contained	Evacuations	Structures (Homes / Other)			Fatalities / Injuries
					Threatened	Damaged	Destroyed	
Grizzly Creek Fire (Garfield & Eagle counties, CO)	5334-FM-CO	32,302 (+242)	61%	M: 0	H: 4,258	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 14 (+2)
				V: 0	O: 1,053	O: 0	O: 3	
River Fire (Monterey County, CA)	5329-FM-CA	48,424	58% (+15%)	M: 596 (+17)	H: 181	H: 11 (+1)	H: 13	0 / 0
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 2	O: 17	
LNU Lightning Fire Complex (Napa County, CA)	5331-FM-CA	360,868 (+4,542)	33% (+16%)	M: 79,917	H: 30,000	H: 210	H: 716	5 / 4
				V: 0	O: 500	O: 62 (+16)	O: 364 (+102)	
Carmel Fire (Monterey County, CA)	5333-FM-CA	6,695	55% (+15%)	M: 1,152 (-373)	H: 349 (-113)	H: 6	H: 50	0 / 0
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 1	O: 23	
CZU Lightning Fire Complex (Santa Cruz and San Mateo counties, CA)	5336-FM-CA	81,137 (+1,497)	19%	M: 77,833 (+1)	H: 24,323	H: 39 (+9)	H: 409 (+90)	1 / 0
				V: 0	O: 0	O: 22 (+9)	O: 181 (+57)	
SCU Lightning Fire Complex (Santa Clara and Stanislaus counties, CA)	5338-FM-CA	367,371 (+1,599)	30% (+10%)	M: 7,000 (+677)	H: 20,000	H: 6	H: 20 (+2)	0 / 5
				V: 0	O: 65	O: 0	O: 17 (+4)	
Sheep Fire (Lassen County, CA)	5339-FM-CA	28,980 (+1,569)	16%% (+13%)	M: 1,000	H: 2,040	H: 1	H: 9	0 / 0
				V: 0	O: 155	O: 0	O: 17	
Griffin Fire (Gila County, AZ)	5340-FM-AZ	60,075 (+22,006)	28% (-4%)	M: 20 (-380)	H: 189 (-61)	H: 0	H: 0	0 / 0
				V: 0	O: 4 (+4)	O: 0	O: 0	

(Evacuations: M = Mandatory / V = Voluntary  
Structures: H = Homes and Mixed Commercial/Residential / O = Non-residential Commercial/Other Minor Structures)



# COVID-19 Update



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**Situation:** Upward trajectory in COVID-19 case count continues across 4 states, with 2 (-1) states in a plateau status, and 50 (+1) states on a downward trajectory. 22,624 (-59) Federal employees deployed / activated; 1,982 (-1) FEMA employees deployed.

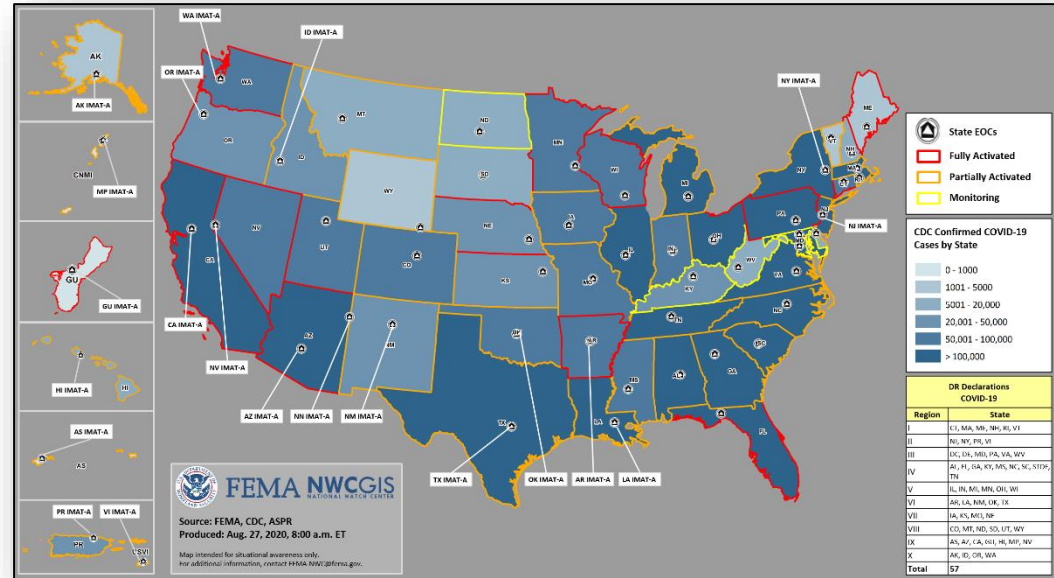
Nationwide Testing: 79,611,982 (+1,606,085) cumulative as of Aug 26

COVID-19 positive cases continue to increase globally (CDC COVID-19 update as of Aug 26)

- Confirmed Cases of COVID-19
  - United States: 5,752,653 (+37,086)
  - Worldwide: 23,752,965 (+210,183)
- Deaths caused by COVID-19
  - United States: 177,759 (+1,142)
  - Worldwide: 815,038 (+4,588)

## Response:

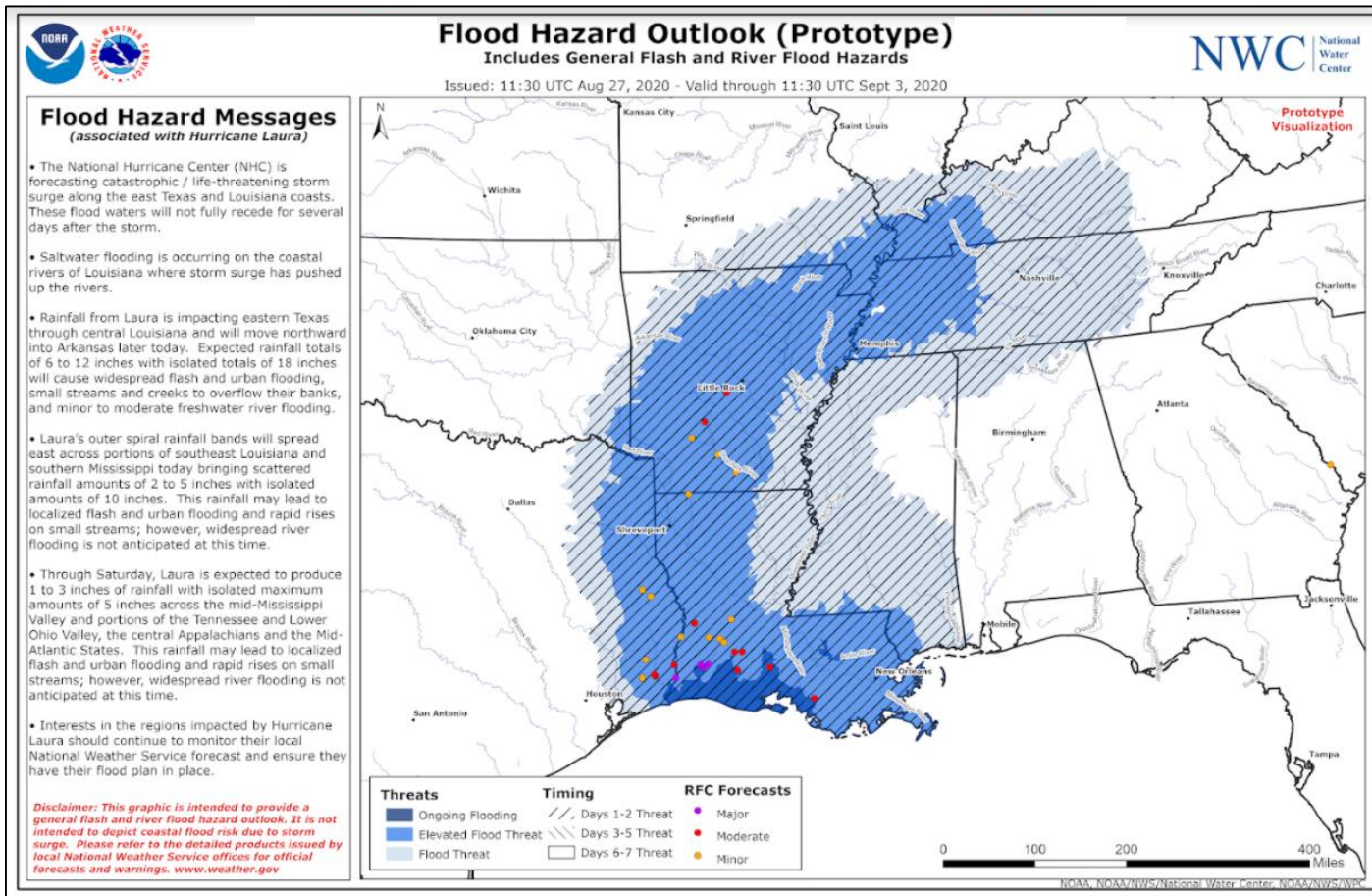
- NRCC at Level I
- Region VI RRCC is at Level II
- Regions I, II, III, V, & X RRCCs at Level III
- Regions IV, VII, VIII, & IX RRCCs are rostered
- Regions VII, VIII & IX COVID-19 response being worked from the Virtual JFO
- NWC, all RWCs, and MOCs are monitoring



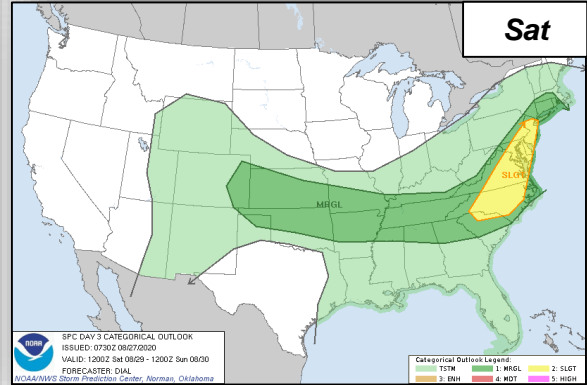
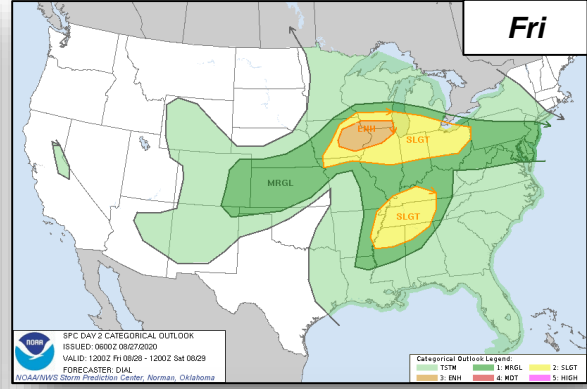
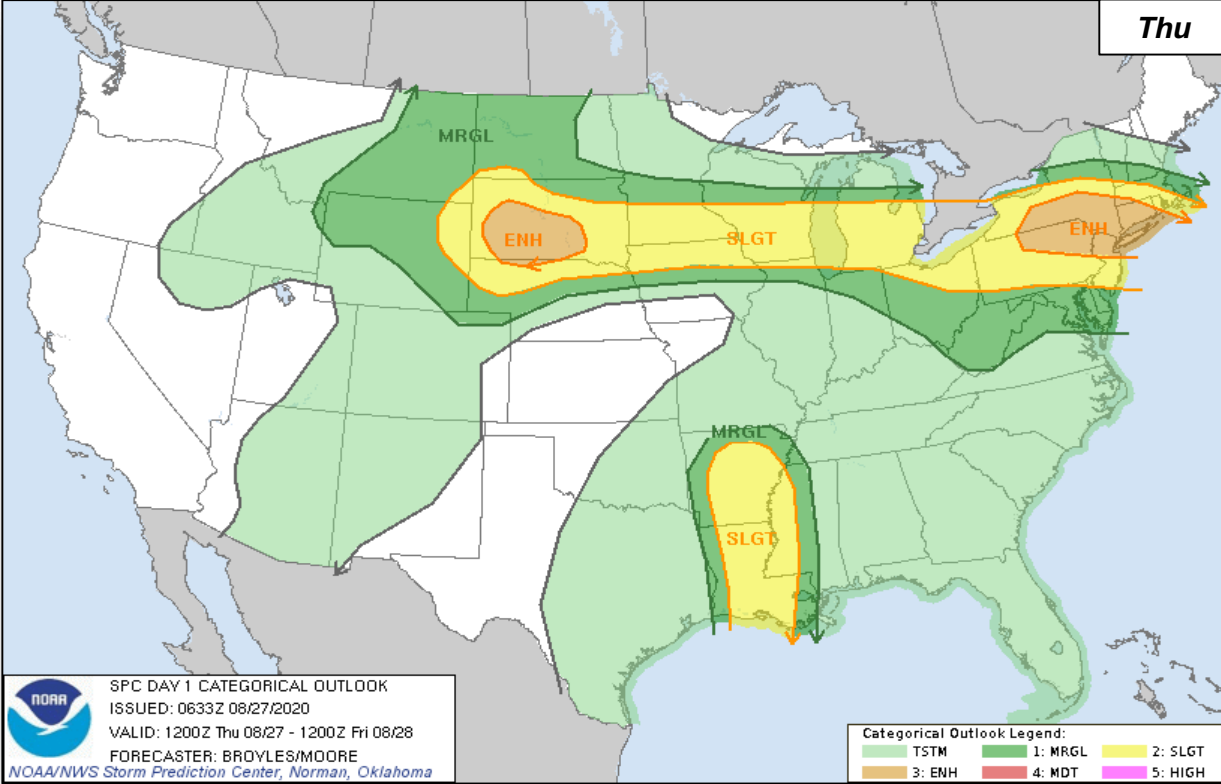
# Flood Hazard Outlook



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# Severe Weather Outlook



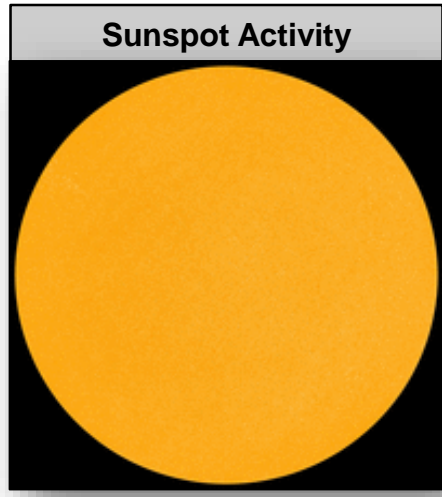
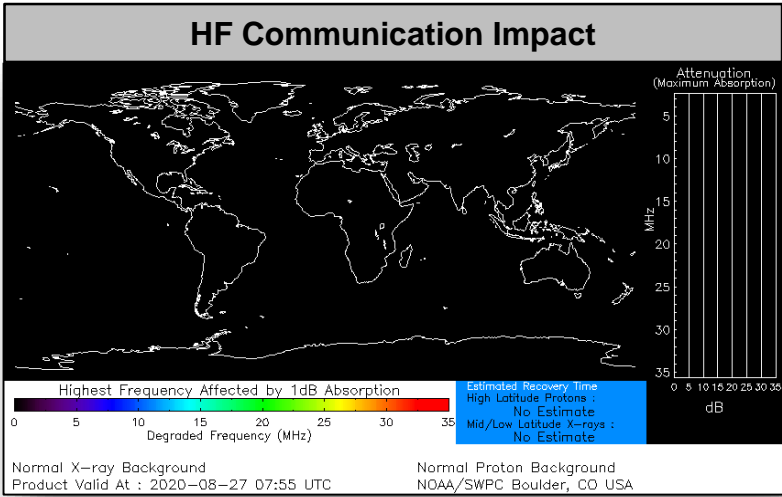
# Space Weather



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	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 Sun Spot Activity refer to: <https://www.swpc.noaa.gov/phenomena/sunspotssolar-cycle>



# Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments



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Region	State / Location	Event	IA/PA	Number of Counties		Start – End
				Requested	Complete	
I	CT	Tropical Storm Isaias Aug 4, 2020	IA	8	0	TBD
			PA	8	0	TBD
II	NY	Tropical Storm Isaias Aug 4, 2020	IA	0	0	TBD
			PA	8	0	8/25 – TBD
III	DE	Tropical Storm Isaias Aug 4-5, 2020	IA	2	0	8/20 – TBD
			PA	3	0	8/20 – TBD
III	MD	Tropical Storm Isaias Aug 4-5, 2020	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	5	0	8/21 – TBD
IV	NC	Hurricane Isaias Aug 3, 2020	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	14	0	8/18 – TBD
VI	TX	Hurricane Hanna Jul 25, 2020 and continuing	IA	6	6	7/29 – 8/20
			PA	6	0	7/29 – TBD
VII	IA	Derecho Aug 10, 2020 and continuing	IA	27	0	8/15 – TBD
			PA	16	0	8/15 – TBD

# Declaration Request



**Declaration:** Emergency Declaration – Arkansas  
**Requested:** August 26, 2020

**Incident:** Hurricane Laura

**Incident Period:** August 26, 2020 and continuing

**Includes:**

- **PA Only:** Statewide



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# Declaration Requests in Process – 6



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State / Tribe / Territory – Incident Description	Type	IA	PA	HM	Requested
Poarch Band of Creek Indians – COVID-19 Pandemic	DR	X	X		May 15
LA – Severe Storm and Tornadoes	DR		X	X	Jul 10
Sac & Fox Tribe of the Mississippi of Iowa – Severe Weather	DR	X	X	X	Aug 14
Puerto Rico – Tropical Storm Isaias	DR	X			Aug 21
Florida – Tropical Storm Laura	EM		X		Aug 21
Arkansas – Hurricane Laura	EM		X		Aug 26

# Declaration Amendments



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Declaration	Number	Issued	Action
FEMA-3538-EM-LA	2	26 Aug	Adds 29 parishes for reimbursement for eligible emergency protective measures
FEMA-3533-EM-FL	1	26 Aug	Closes the incident period effective 4 Aug 2020
FEMA-3534-EM-NC	1	26 Aug	Closes the incident period effective 4 Aug 2020
FEMA-3537-EM-PR	1	26 Aug	Closes the incident period effective 23 Aug 2020
FEMA-3540-EM-TX	3	26 Aug	Provides emergency protective measures (Cat B), including direct Federal assistance, under the Public Assistance program for 3 counties



# FEMA Common Operating Picture



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FEMA HQ	
<b>NWC</b>	<b>NRCC</b>
Enhanced	Level I

FEMA REGIONS		
WATCH	RRCC	
Monitoring	I	Level III
Monitoring	II	Level III
Monitoring	III	Level III
Monitoring	IV	Rostered
Monitoring	V	Level III
Monitoring	VI	Level II
Alt. Location	VII	Rostered
Monitoring	VIII	Rostered
Monitoring	IX	Rostered
Monitoring	X	Level III

**Notes:**

- NRCC / RRCCs activated for COVID-19
- NRCC: Level I, 24/7
- NWC: (RNC Aug 24-27)
- Region IV: RNC
- Region VI: TC Laura
- CT: Isaias
- PR: Earthquakes & TC Laura
- CA: Wildfires
- IA: Derecho
- AL, FL, MS, LA, TX: TC Laura
- All EOCs activated for COVID-19

**Major Disasters (DR): 109**  
**Emergency Disasters (EM): 107**  
**JFOs: 9 / VJFOs: 16**

- ★ Staging Area
- Distribution Center (DC)
- Declared County (non-COVID-19 Declarations)
- Fully Activated
- Partially Activated
- Monitoring

As of 8:00 a.m. ET August 27, 2020  
 Created by FEMA NWC

**Region X COVID DRs**

4481-DR-WA/4499-DR-OR  
 4533-DR-AK/4534-DR-ID  
 FCO: Michael F. O'Hare  
 VJFO: Bothell, WA  
 RIX IMAT

4519-DR-OR  
 FCO: Dolph A. Diemont  
 VJFO: Salem, OR

**Region VIII COVID DRs**

4498-DR-CO/4508-DR-MT  
 4509-DR-ND/4525-DR-UT  
 4527-DR-SD/4535-DR-WY  
 FCO: Lee K. dePalo  
 VJFO: Denver, CO

4558-DR-CA  
 FCO: Willie G. Nunn  
 JFO: TBD  
 RIX IMAT-1, MERS (3)

4548-DR-UT  
 FCO: Kenneth G. Clark  
 4553-DR-ND  
 FCO: James R. Stephenson  
 VJFO: Denver, CO  
 RVIII IMAT

**Region IX COVID DRs**

4482-DR-CA/4495-DR-GU  
 4510-DR-HI/4511-DR-MP  
 4523-DR-NV/4524-DR-AZ  
 4537-DR-AS  
 FCO: Robert J. Fenton  
 VJFO: Oakland, CA

4549-DR-HI  
 FCO: Colby Stanton  
 JFO: TBD

4451-DR-MO closing Aug 28  
 4552-DR-MO  
 FCO: John Brogan  
 VJFO: Kansas City, MO

**Region VI COVID DRs**

4484-DR-LA  
 4485-DR-TX  
 4518-DR-AR  
 4529-DR-NM  
 4530-DR-OK  
 FCO: George A. Robinson  
 VJFO: Denton, TX

4544/4556-DR-AR  
 FCO: Roland Jackson  
 VJFO: Denton, TX

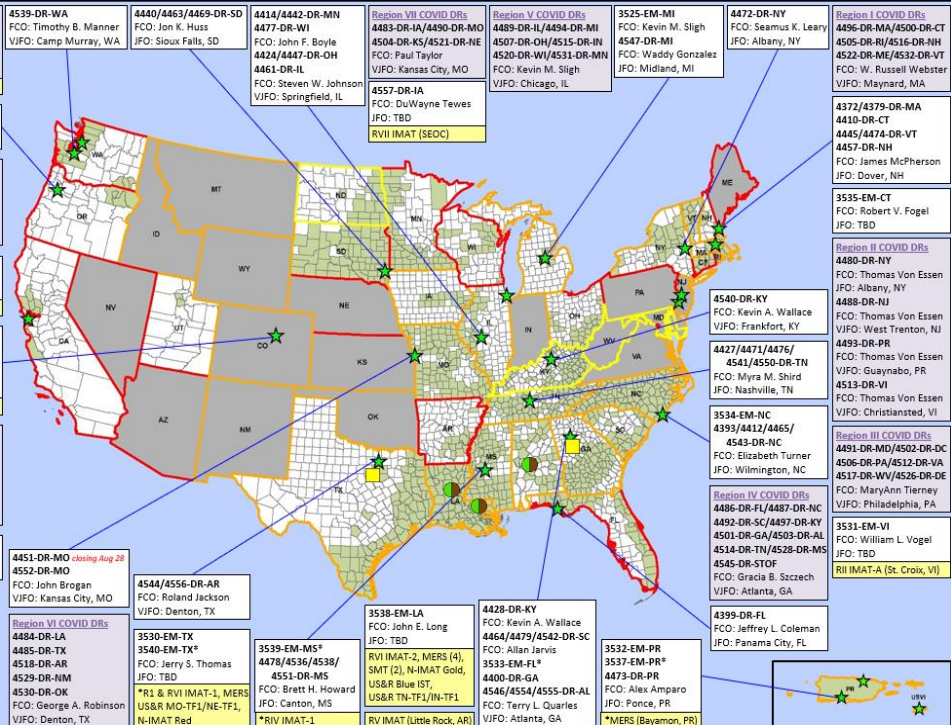
3530-EM-TX  
 3540-EM-TX\*  
 FCO: Jerry S. Thomas  
 JFO: TBD  
 \*RI & RVII IMAT-1, MERS  
 US&R MO-TF1/NE-TF1, N-IMAT Red

4544/4556-DR-AR  
 FCO: John E. Long  
 JFO: TBD

3539-EM-MS\*  
 4478/4536/4538/  
 4551-DR-MS  
 FCO: Brett H. Howard  
 JFO: Canton, MS  
 \*RVII IMAT-1

4428-DR-KY  
 FCO: Kevin A. Wallace  
 4464/4479/4542-DR-SC  
 FCO: Allan Jarvis  
 3533-EM-FL\*  
 4400-DR-GA  
 4546/4554/4555-DR-AL  
 FCO: Terry L. Quarles  
 VJFO: Atlanta, GA

3532-EM-PR  
 3537-EM-PR\*  
 4473-DR-PR  
 FCO: Alex Amparo  
 JFO: Ponce, PR  
 \*MERS (Bayamon, PR)



N-IMATs	
1 Team	
Red	TX
Blue	On Alert
Gold	LA
R-IMATs	
≤ 3 Teams	
I	TX
II	USVI
III	
IV-1	MS
IV-2	
V	AR
VI-1	TX
VI-2	LA
VII	IA
VIII	(3) VJFO
IX-1	CA
IX-2	
X	RRCC
FMC	PMC
NMC	Deployed

Team:	US&R	MERS	FCOs	FDRCs	IM WORKFORCE
Status	<33%	>66%	≤1 Type I	= 2	
Assigned:	28	36	48 (+1)	10	13,869 ▲
Unavailable	9 (-1)	0	3	0	2,997 ▲
Deployed:	12 (+8)	9 (+3)	40	8	5,922 ▲
Available:	7 (-7)	27 (-5)	5 (+1)	2	4,950 / 36% ▼

IM CADRE AVAILABILITY SUMMARY
Cadres with 25% or Less Availability
CVR 24% (19/78); EA 23% (109/470); EHP 20% (130/659); FL 18% (28/158); FM 21% (51/246); LOG 23% (310/1,321); OPS 10% (33/320); PA 22% (688/3,115); PLAN 18% (85/460); SAF 13% (7/55)



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