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Daily Operations Briefing

Wednesday, February 18, 2015

8:30 a.m. EST

Significant Activity: Feb 17-18



Significant Events:

- Winter Weather: Southern Plains to Mid-Atlantic (FINAL)
- Train Derailment West Virginia (FINAL)

Significant Weather:

- Below normal temperatures across two-thirds of the eastern portion of the U.S.
- Critical Fire Weather Areas/Red Flag Warnings: None
- Space Weather: G1 Minor/observed over past 24hrs and predicted for next 24hrs

Tropical Activity: No significant activity

FEMA Readiness: No significant changes

Winter Weather – So. Plains to Mid-Atlantic (FINAL)



Situation:

- A winter storm brought significant snow, sleet and ice to portions of the central U.S.
- More than a foot of snow reported in parts of MO, southern IL and KY
- Sleet and ice up to one-half inch reported from eastern OK through the TN Valley

Impacts:

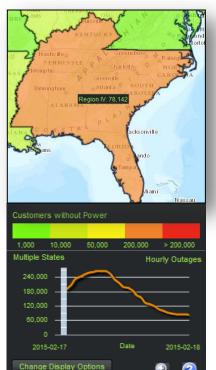
- No unmet needs and no requests for FEMA assistance
- ▲ Approx. 84K customers remain without power across Regions III, IV & VI (EAGLE-I, As of 5:00 am EST)
 - ▲ RIV: 78k(-98k) (GA 27k; SC 25k)
- ▲ A total of 27(-4) shelters open with 240 (+129) occupants: (ARC, as of 5:00 am EST)
 - ▲ Majority of shelter occupants in GA 5/124 (+85)
- ▲ 5 confirmed fatalities (TN-3; NC-1; GA-1)

Response:

- GA SEOC remains fully activated
- ▲ SEOCs in VA, TN, NC, MS, WV, and AR are partially activated; all other SEOCs at normal ops
- States of Emergency declared in MS, GA, TN, and Washington, DC

FEMA Response:

- NRCC is not activated; NWC is monitoring
- All FEMA Regions are at Normal Operations; LNOs deployed to GA, KY, MS, NC, SC & TN



FEMA RIV 24 Hr Outage Trend

*Note: Customer outage data is provided by the Department of Energy's EAGLE-I system. Comprehensive National coverage of all electrical service providers is not available.

Train Derailment – WV (FINAL)



Monday, Feb 16

CSX cargo train derailed, triggering explosions and a fire near town of Boomer (est. pop 615)

Impacts:

- No unmet needs and no requests for FEMA assistance
- One home destroyed; no serious injuries or fatalities reported
- ▲ All shelters are closed
- Evacuations remain in effect for area residents while the remaining fire is allowed to burn out
- Status of Montgomery Water Treatment Plant
 - On Feb 16 Water intakes were closed as a precaution while the water was tested for oil contamination
 - ▲ On Feb 17 Water quality testing indicated no oil contamination and the water treatment plant resumed operations
 - ▲ A boil water advisory remains in effect for approx. 2,000 customers as system is restarted

State/Local Response

- ▲ WV State EOC has returned to normal operations; no shortfalls reported
- · State & local officials providing water to those who may need it
- Governor declared a State of Emergency for Kanawha and Fayette counties

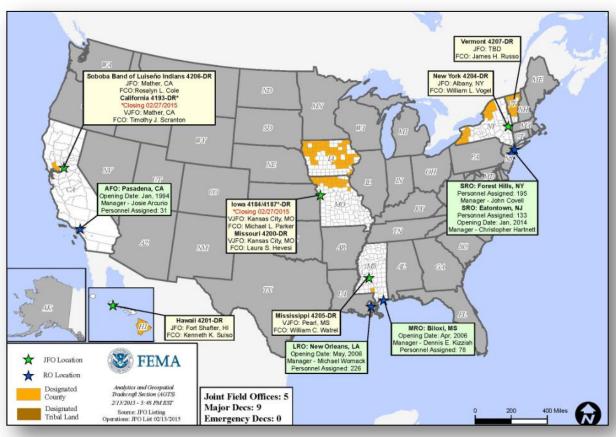
FEMA/Federal Response

- USCG is the lead agency for this incident; no requests for FEMA assistance
- FEMA Region III is at Normal Operations; an LNO remains deployed to the State EOC
- NRCC is not activated; NWC is Monitoring



Open Field Offices as of February 18





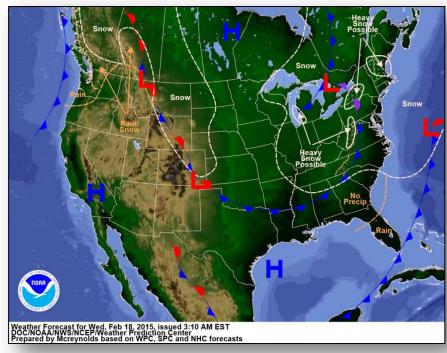
Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments

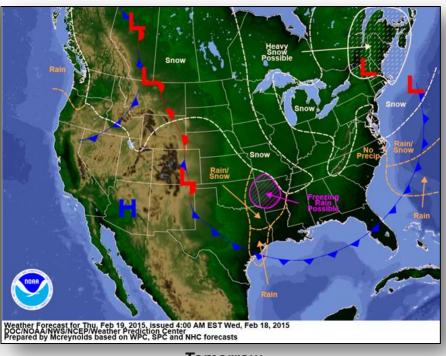


Region			IA/PA	Number o		
	State / Location	Event		Requested	Complete	Start – End
Ι	NH	January Blizzard January 25, 2015	PA	3	0	02/11/2015 – TBD
I	RI	January Blizzard January 25, 2015	PA	5	0	02/11/2015 – TBD
I	СТ	January Blizzard January 25, 2015	PA	3	0	02/24/2015 – TBD
I	MA	January Blizzard January 25, 2015	PA	10	0	02/17/2015 – TBD

National Weather Forecast



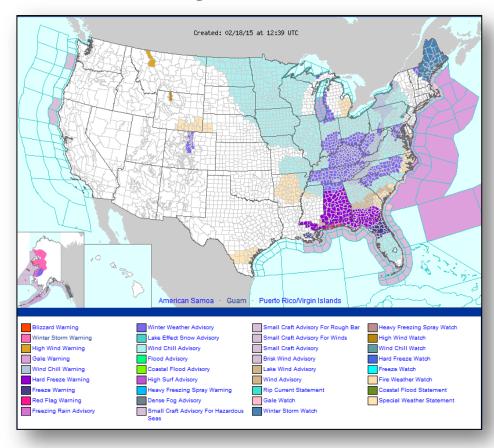




Today Tomorrow

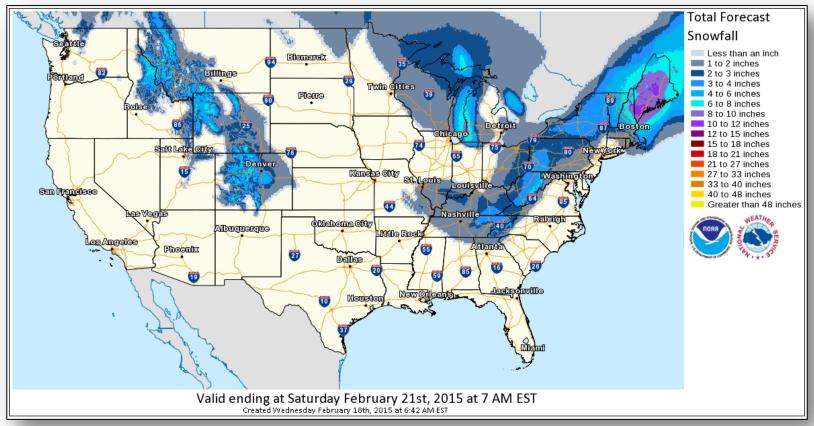
Active Watches/Warnings





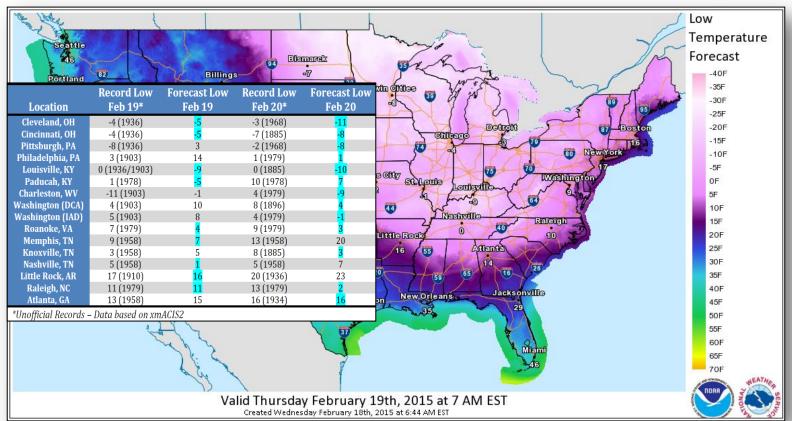
Total Forecast Snowfall





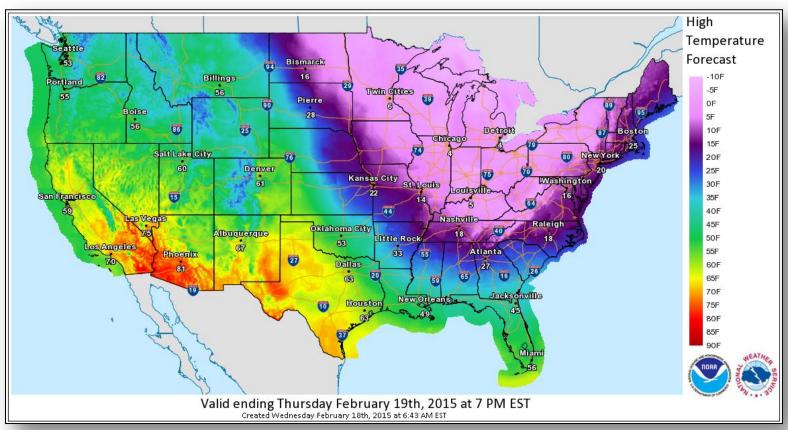
Low Temperatures





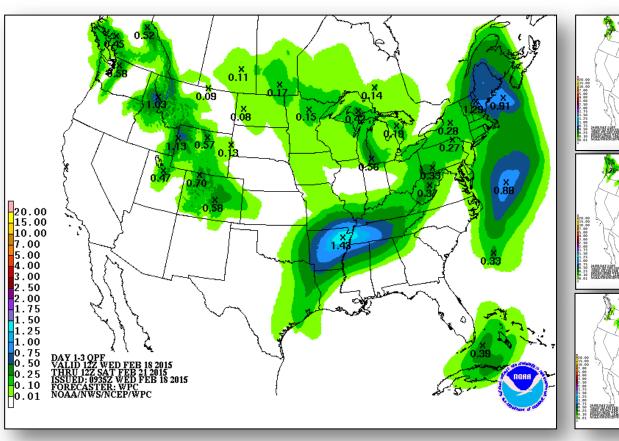
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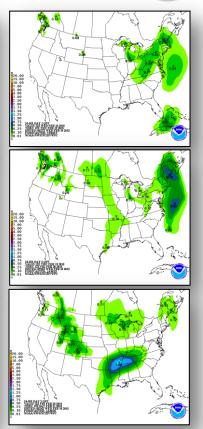




Precipitation Forecast – 3 Day







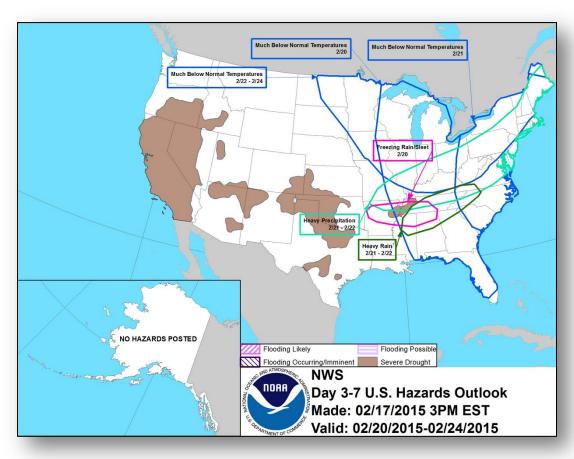
Day 1

Day 2

Day 3

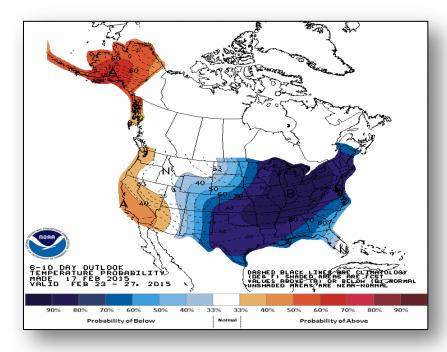
Hazard Outlook: Feb 20-24



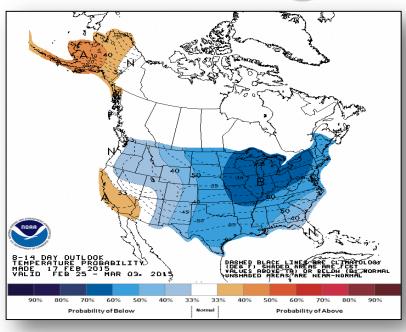


Temperature Outlook





February 23-27

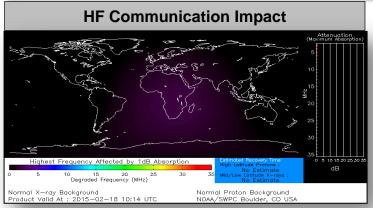


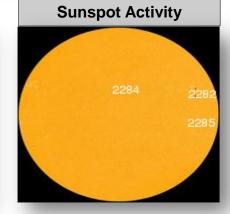
February 25- March 3

Space Weather



NOAA Scales Activity (Range: 1/minor to 5/extreme)	Past 24 Hours	Current	Next 24 Hours	
Space Weather Activity:	Minor	None	Minor	
Geomagnetic Storms	G1	None	G1	
Solar Radiation Storms	None	None	None	
Radio Blackouts	None	None	None	





FEMA Readiness – Deployable Teams /Assets



Deployable Teams/Assets											
Resource	Status	Total	FMC Available				Partially Available	Not Available	Detailed, Deployed, Activated	Comments	Rating Criterion
FCO		37	20	54%	0	1	16		OFDC Readiness: FCO Green Yellow Red Type 1 3+ 2 1 Type 2 4+ 3 2		
FDRC		10	10	100%	0	0	0		Type 3 4 3 2 FDRC 3 2 1		
US&R		28	27	96%	0	1	0	NM-TF1 (Red – Personnel shortages)	Green = Available/FMC Yellow = Available/PMC Red = Out-of-Service Blue = Assigned/Deployed		
National IMAT		3	1	33%	0	0	2	 IMAT East 1 – Deployed to FEMA HQ IMAT East 2 – Deployed to GA 	Green: 3 avail Yellow: 1-2 avail Red: 0 avail (Individual N-IMAT red if 50% of Section Chiefs and/or Team Leader is unavailable for deployment.)		
Regional IMAT		13	9	69%	0	3	1	Not Mission Capable (NMC): Regions IV-3, VI-1 & IX-1 Deployed Region IX-2 to CA	Green: 7 or more 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		60	59	98%	0	1	0		Green = 80 – 100% avail Yellow = 60 – 79% avail Red = 59% or below avail Readiness remains 95%		

FEMA Readiness – National/Regional Teams



National/Regional Teams													
Resource	Status	Total	FMC Available		_		_		Partially Available	Not Available	Deployed/ Activated	Comments	Rating Criterion
NWC		5	5	100%	0	0	Activated	Enhanced Watch (day shift only)	• Green = FMC				
NRCC		2	344	89%	0	44	Not Activated		• Yellow = PMC • Red = NMC				
HLT		1	N/A	N/A	0	0	Not Activated						
DEST							Not Activated						
RRCCs		10	10	100%	0	0	Not Activated						
RWCs/MOCs		10	10	100%	0	0	Not Activated	RIV RWC Returned to Watch/Steady State Feb 17					



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