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Daily Operations Briefing

Wednesday, May 27, 2015

8:30 a.m. EDT

Significant Activity – May 26 – 27



Significant Events: Flooding/Severe Weather – Southern Plains

Tropical Activity:

- Atlantic – Tropical cyclone activity not expected next 48 hours
- Eastern Pacific – Area 1 (Low, 20%); Area 2 (Low, 10%)
- Central Pacific – Tropical cyclone activity not expected next 48 hours

Significant Weather:

- Moderate risk for severe thunderstorms possible – central into northeast Texas
- Slight risk of severe thunderstorms possible – from Upper Mississippi Valley into the Southern Plains
- Flash flooding possible – Southern Plains to Lower/Middle Mississippi valley
- Rain & thunderstorms – Northern Intermountain/Northern Plains, Southwest to Southeast, Great Lakes to Ohio/Tennessee valleys
- Critical fire weather/Red Flag Warnings – None
- Space Weather: Past 24 hours: no space weather storms observed; next 24 hours: none predicted

Declaration Activity:

- [Major Disaster Declaration Approved: Oklahoma](#)
- [Major Disaster Declaration Request: Maryland](#)

Flooding/Severe Weather – Southern Plains



Situation:

- Flooding continues across portions of the Southern Plains
- No shortfalls or requests for immediate FEMA assistance

Texas Impacts/Response:

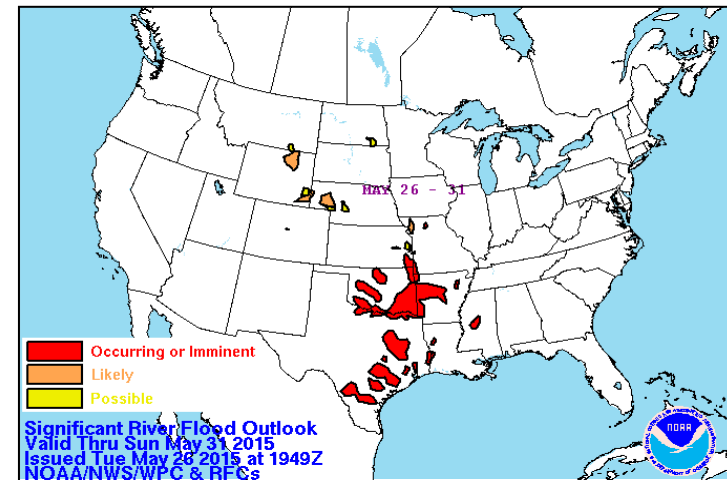
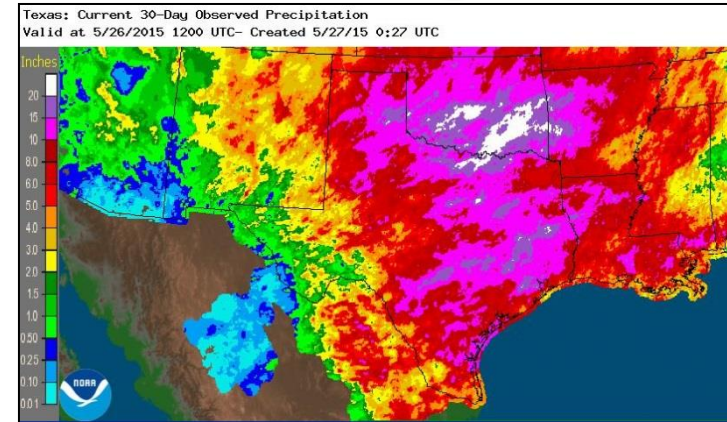
- TX EOC remains at Level I – Full Activation; no shortfalls reported
- Unknown number of fatalities/injuries/missing (*RVI Executive Summary, 10:00 pm EDT, May 26*)
- 11 ARC shelters open with 154 (*ARC, 5:00 am EDT, May 27*)
- Preliminary damages assessments are ongoing
- Approx. 58,000 (-1,000) customers without power (*DoE Eagle-I as of 8:00 am EDT May 27*)

Oklahoma Impacts/Response:

- State EOC remains at Level III (Monitoring); no shortfalls reported
- 11 fatalities and 49 injuries since May 5, 2015 (*OK Chief Medical Officer / Dept. of Health*)
- 2 ARC shelters open with 2 occupants (*ARC, 5:00 am EDT May 27*)
- Preliminary damages assessments are ongoing
- Approx. 2,400 customers are without power (*DOE 8:00 am EDT May 27*)

FEMA Region VI Response:

- RRCC Activated to Level III (1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. EDT)
- RWC is Enhanced Watch (8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. EDT)
- 4 LNOs /DCE Planner at the TX SEOC; 1 LNO to OK (LNOs on standby for AR/LA)
- IMAT Deploying to OK today in support of FEMA-4222-DR



Hurricane Preparedness Week



Be Prepared – Get A PLAN! Know Your Evacuation Zone

Hurricane Hazards:

- The primary hazards from hurricanes are storm surge flooding, inland flooding from heavy rains, destructive winds, tornadoes, and high surf and rip currents
- While hurricanes pose the greatest threat to life and property, tropical storms and depressions can also be devastating

Vital resources:

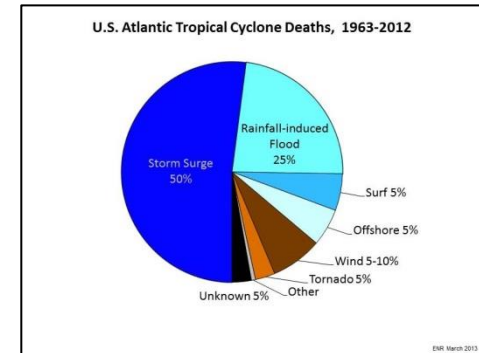
- [Tropical Cyclone Preparedness Guide](#) (PDF)
- [Hurricanes.gov](#), which provides critical hurricane advisories and marine forecasts
- [Weather.gov](#) for the latest forecasts for your part of the country
- [Ready.gov](#) for additional preparedness information
- [National Hurricane Center Outreach Resources](#)
- [Weather-Ready Nation Kids](#) (PDF)
- [Ready.gov Kids](#)

NATIONAL HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS WEEK
MAY 24 TO 30, 2015

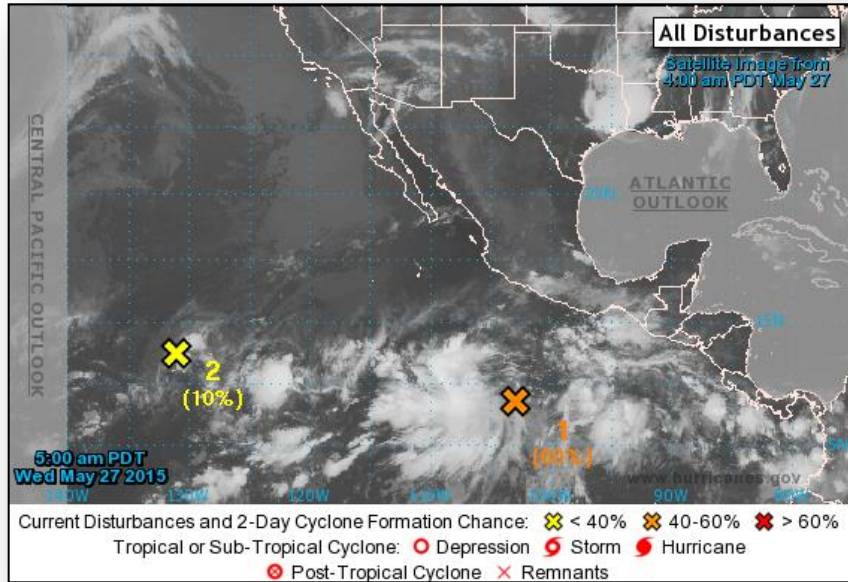
The graphic features a central image of a hurricane with various icons around it: a globe, a house, a plane, a person, a map, and a first aid kit. Below the hurricane is a table of the week's schedule.

Sun	May 24	Hurricane Basics
Mon	May 25	Storm Surge
Tues	May 26	Wind
Wed	May 27	Inland Flooding
Thur	May 28	Forecast Process
Fri	May 29	Get a Plan
Sat	May 30	After the Storm

hurricanes.gov/prepare & ready.gov



2-Day Tropical Outlook – Eastern Pacific



Area 1 (as of 2:00 a.m. EDT)

- Disorganized showers and thunderstorms located several hundred miles south of the coast of Mexico are associated with a broad area of low pressure
- Moving slowly WNW to NW
- Tropical depression is likely to form by late this week
- Probability of tropical cyclone development:
 - Next 48 hours: Medium (60%)
 - Next 5 days: High (90%)

Area 2 (as of 2:00 a.m. EDT)

- Nearly stationary area of low pressure located about 1,500 miles west-southwest of the southern tip of Baja California
- Environmental conditions are expected to become less favorable over the next day or so
- Probability of tropical cyclone development:
 - Next 48 hours: Low (Near 10%)
 - Next 5 days: Low (10%)



Central Pacific 2015 Season Outlook

5-8 Tropical Cyclones

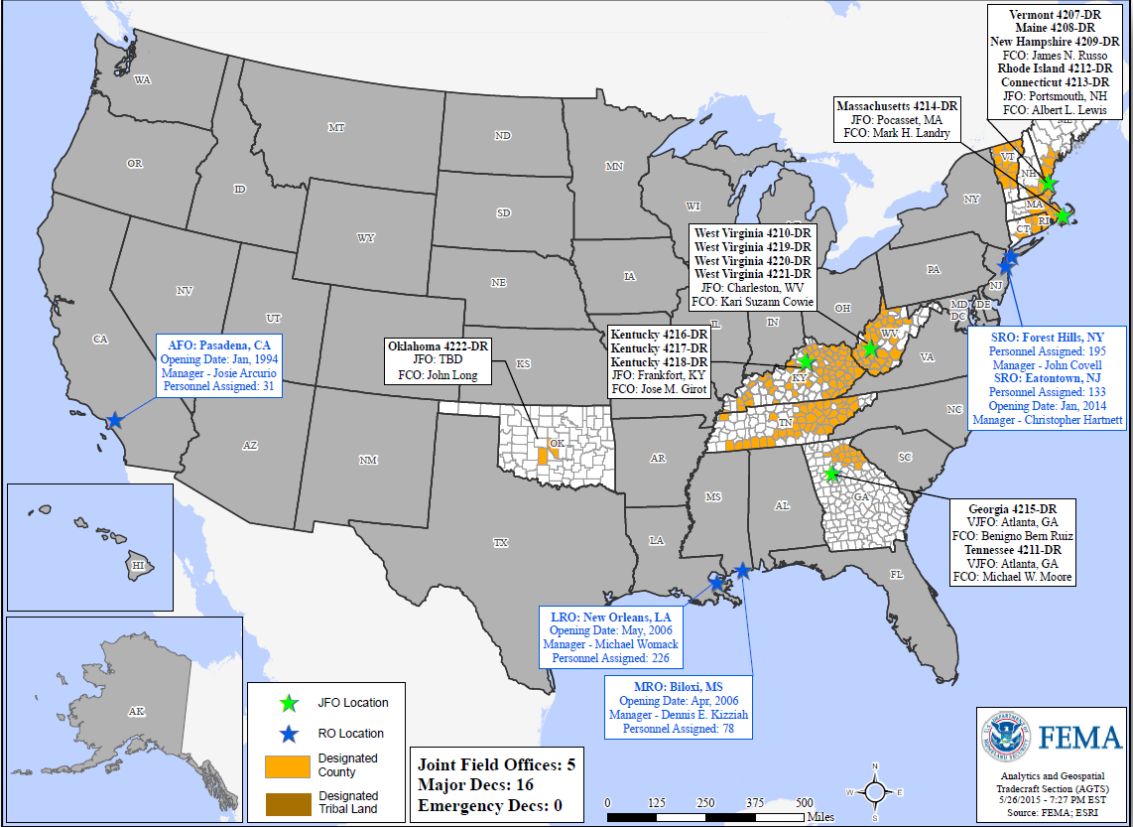
70% Above Normal Season

25% Normal Season (4-5 TCs)

5% Below Normal Season

El Niño conditions expected to strengthen during the season

Open Field Offices as of May 27



Disaster Requests & Declarations



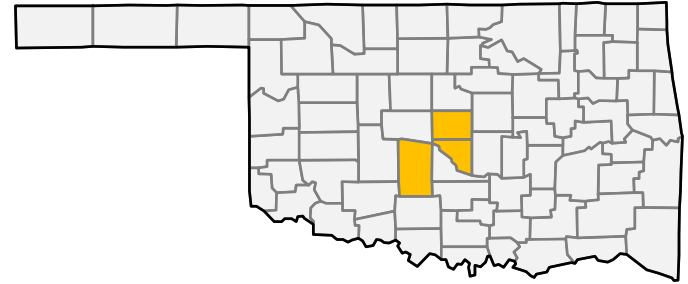
Declaration Requests in Process		Requests APPROVED (since last report)	Requests DENIED (since last report)
1	Date Requested	1	0
OK – DR Severe Storms, Tornadoes, Straight-line Winds, Flooding	May 19, 2015	Declared May 26, 2015	
MD – DR Civil Unrest, Fires, Vandalism	May 22, 2015		

Major Disaster Declaration – Oklahoma



FEMA-4222-DR-OK

- A Major Disaster Declaration was declared May 26, 2015 for the state of Oklahoma
- For Severe Storms, Tornadoes, Straight-line Winds & Flooding that occurred May 5-10, 2015
- Provides:
 - Individual Assistance for 3 counties
 - Hazard Mitigation statewide
- FCO John Long



■ IA Declared Counties

Major Disaster Declaration Request – MD



May 21, 2015

- Request for a Major Disaster Declaration
- For the State of Maryland due to Civil Unrest, Fires, and Vandalism during the period of April 25 to May 1, 2015
- Requesting:
 - Public Assistance categories B and E (emergency protective measures and buildings/equipment)
 - Hazard Mitigation statewide



- State of Maryland Agencies
- ★ City of Baltimore

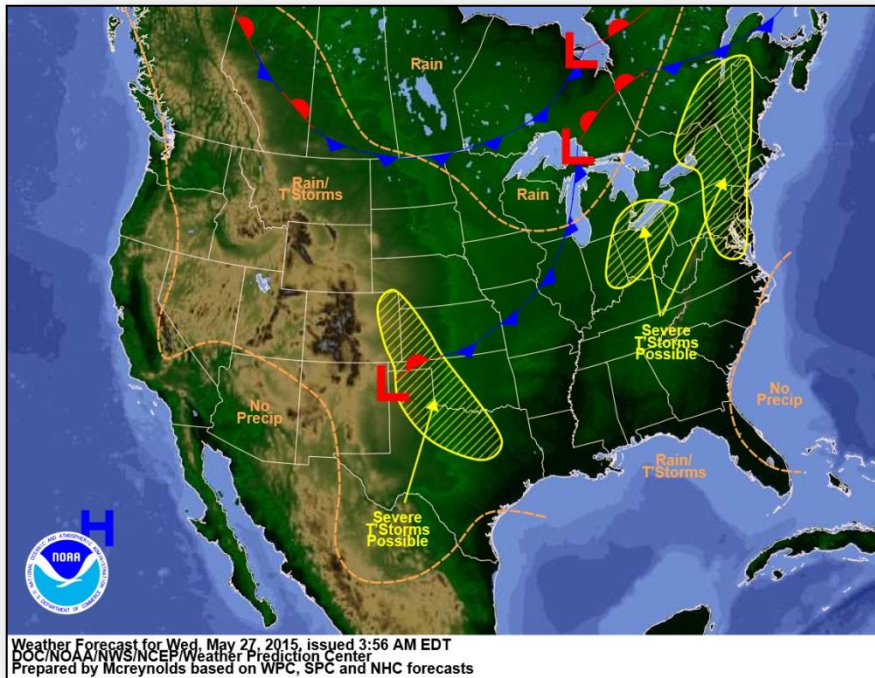
B	E
Emergency Protective Measures	Buildings and Equipment

Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments

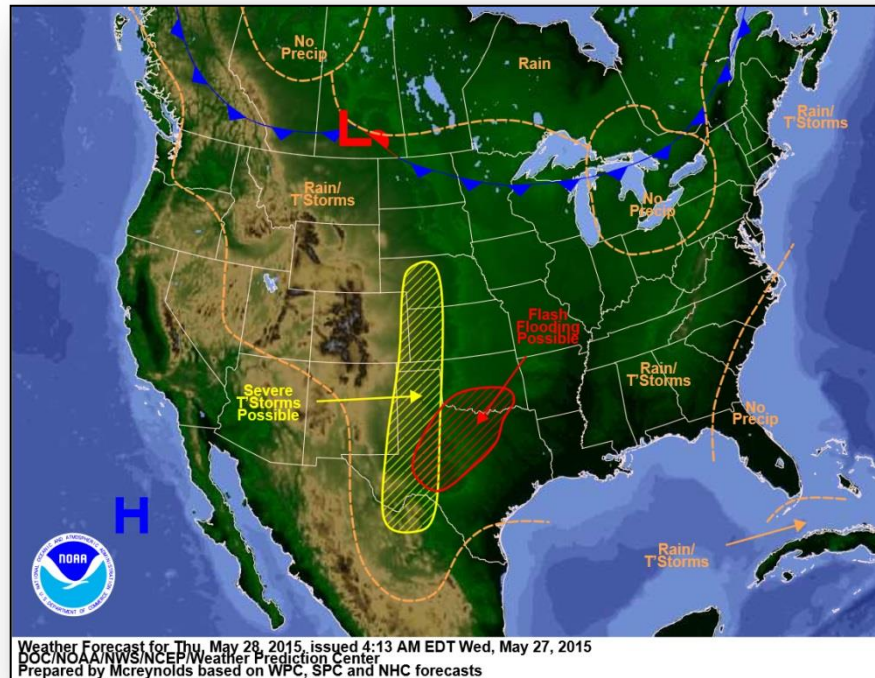


Region	State / Location	Event	I/PA	Number of Counties		Start – End
				Requested	Complete	
VI	OK	Severe Storms and Flooding May 4-11, 2015	IA	4	4	5/14 – 5/15
			PA	31	0	5/19 – TBD
VII	NE	Severe Storms May 3-11, 2015	PA	10	0	5/25 – 05/29

National Weather Forecast

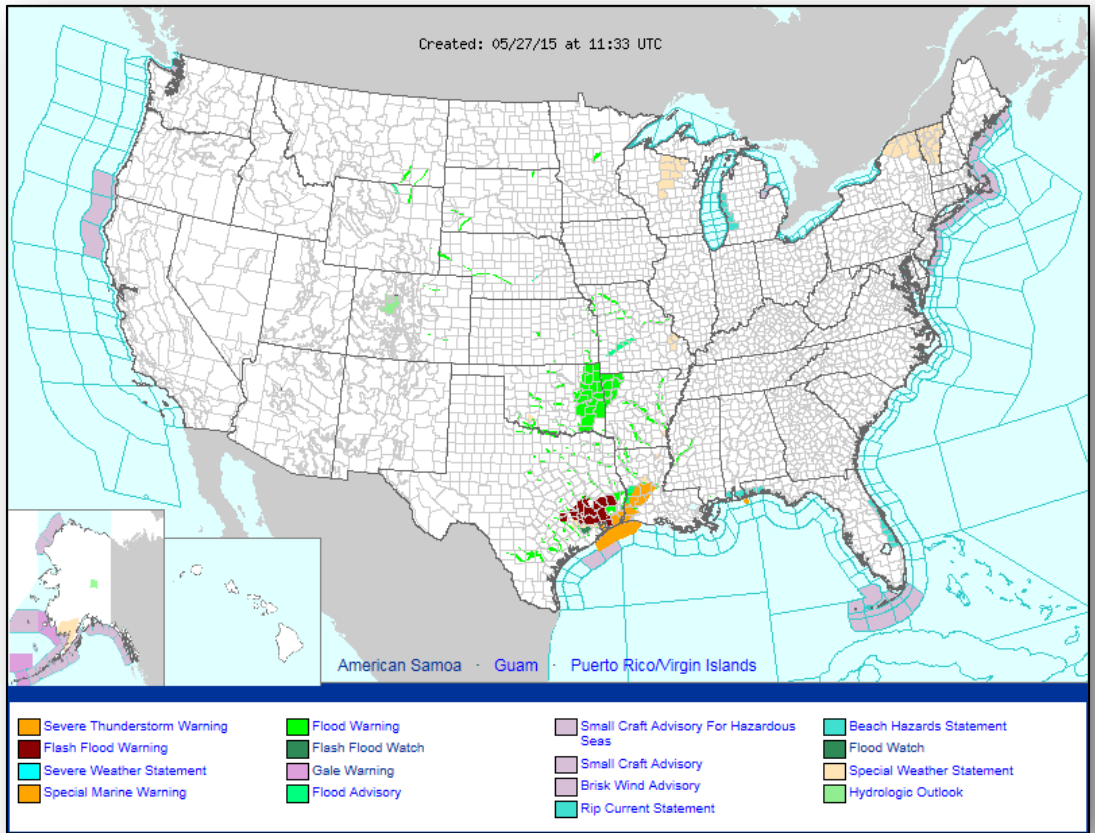


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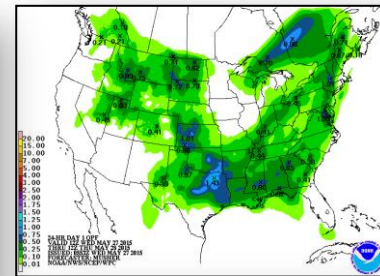
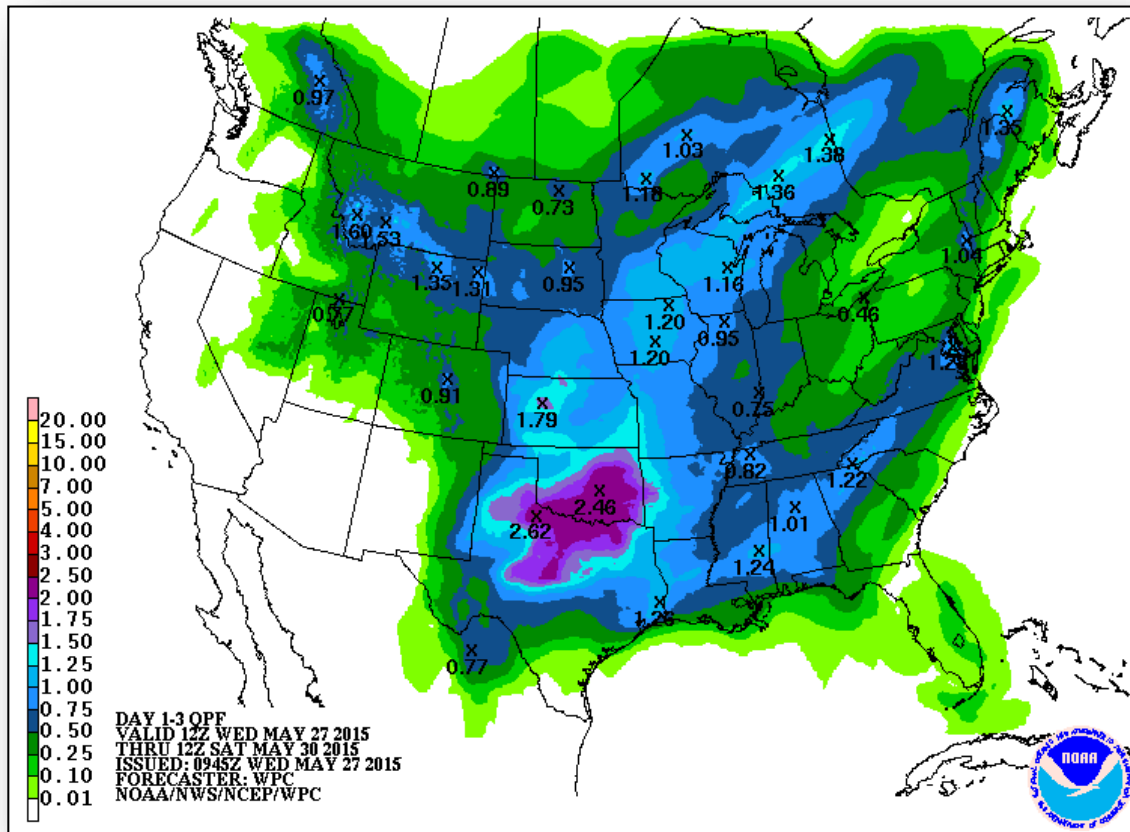


Tomorrow

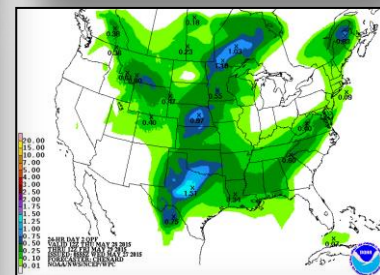
Active Watches/Warnings



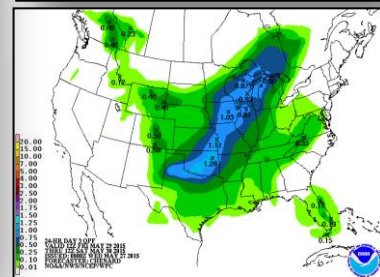
Precipitation Forecast, 1 – 3 Day



Day 1

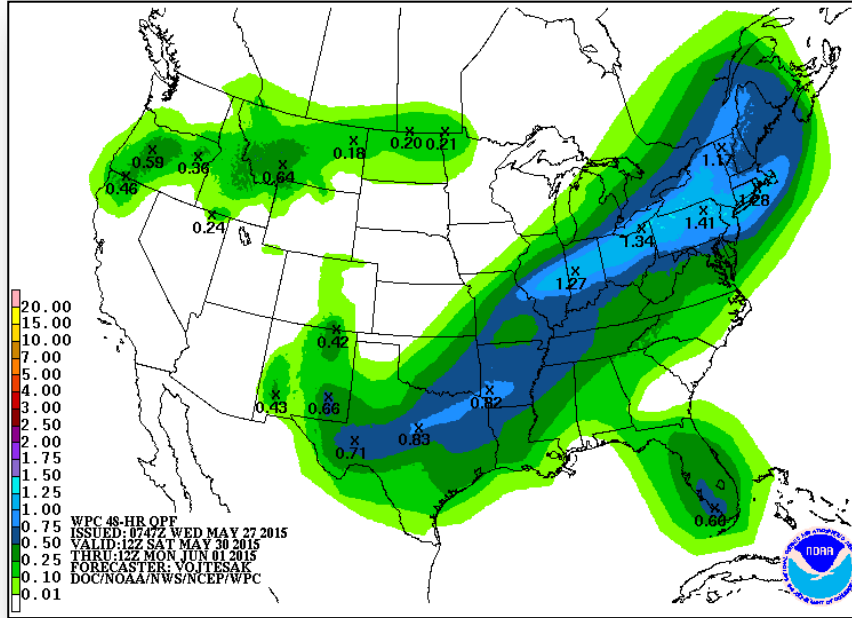


Day 2

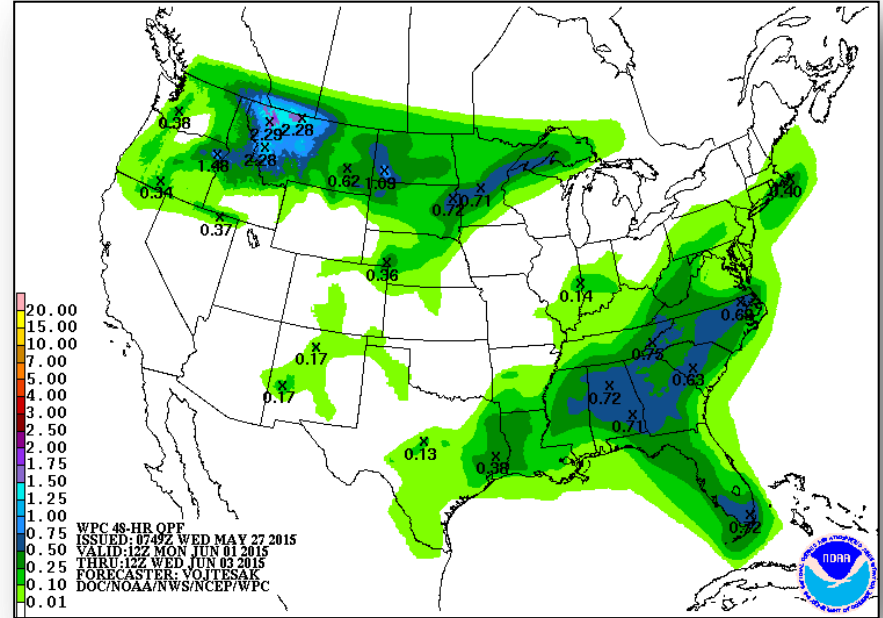


Day 3

Precipitation Forecast

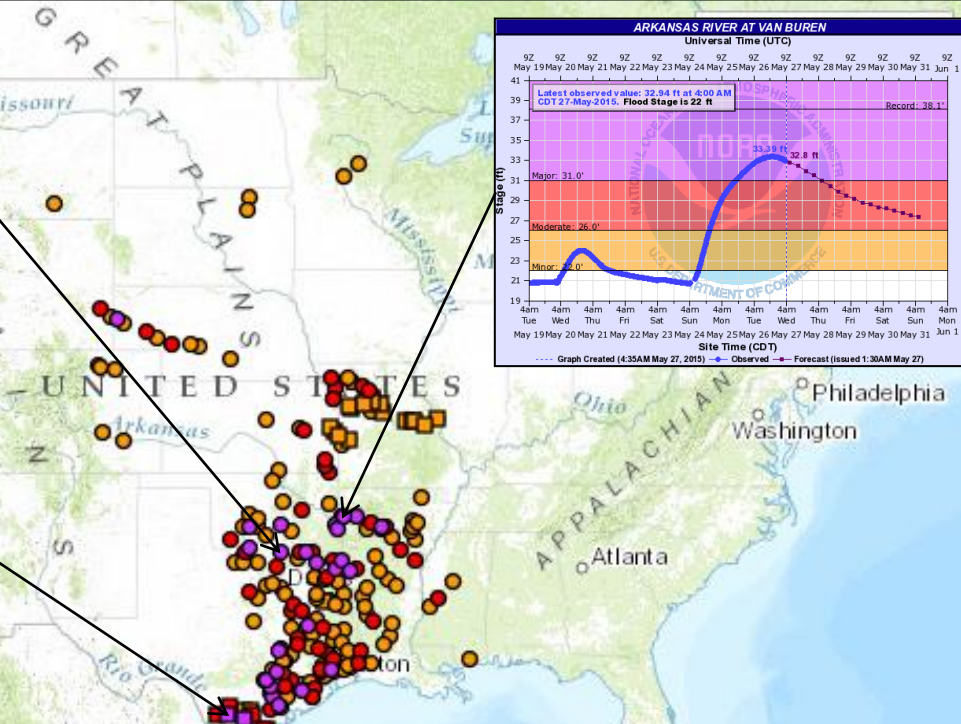
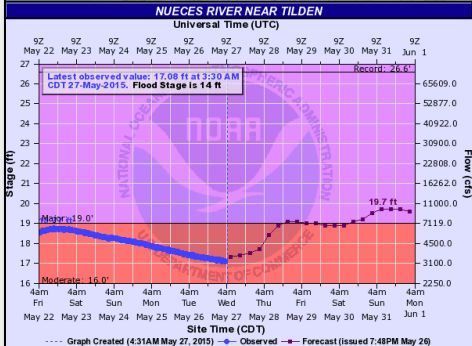
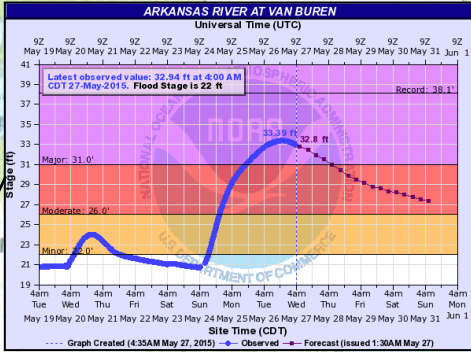
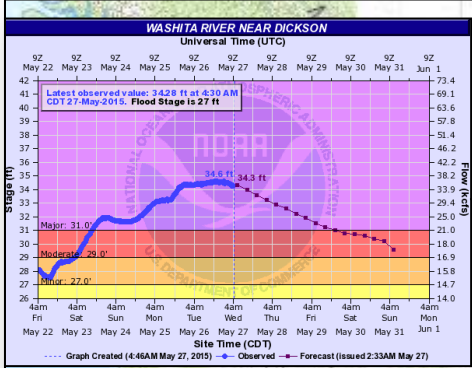


Days 4-5



Days 6-7

River Forecast

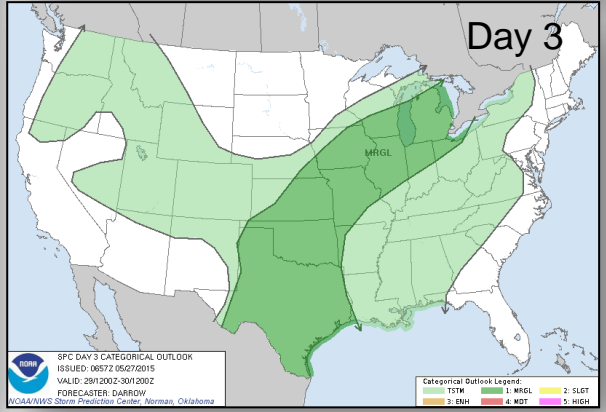
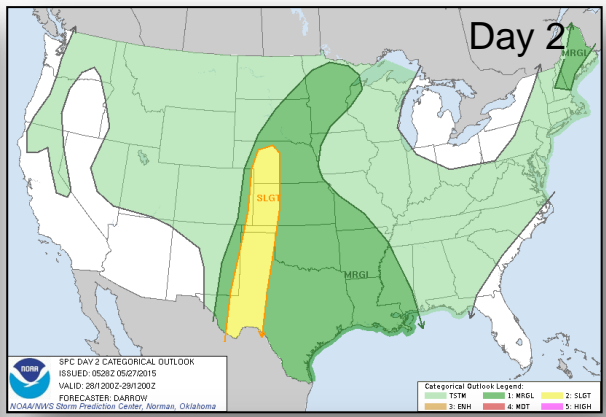
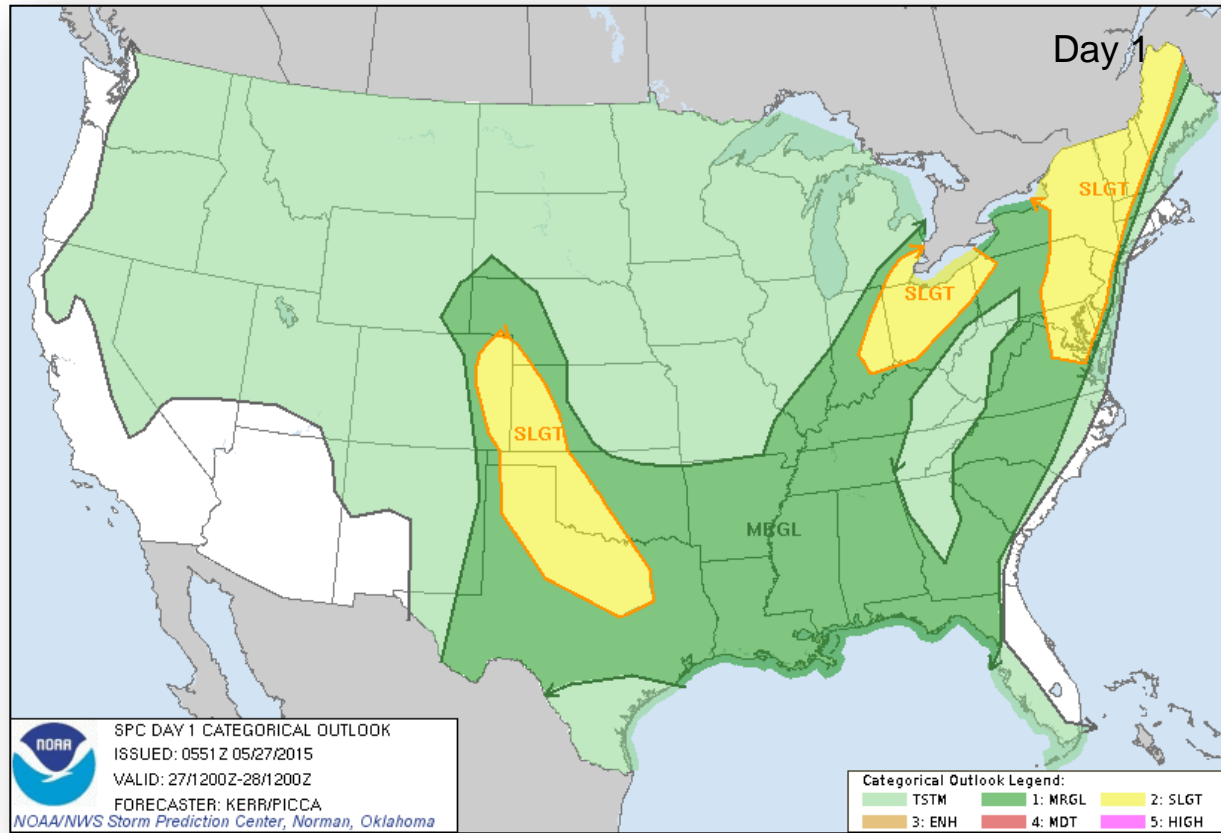


- 27 Gauges: Major Flooding
- 56 Gauges: Moderate Flooding
- 123 Gauges: Minor Flooding



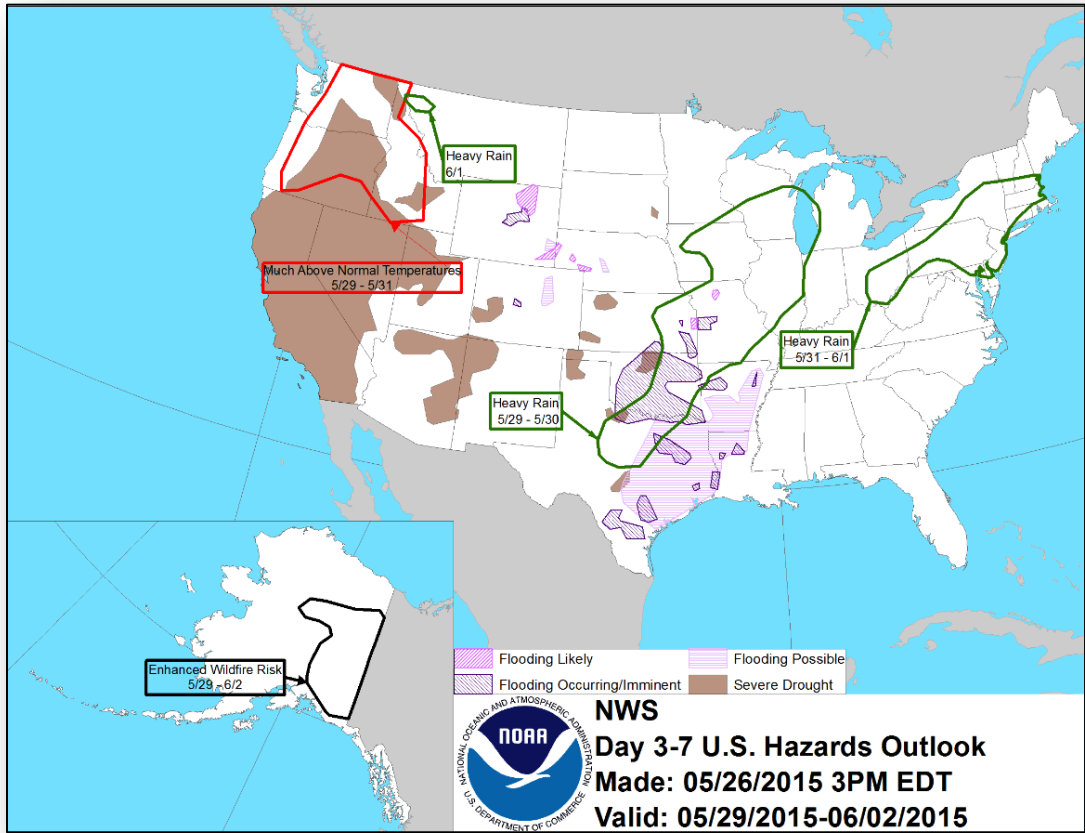
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Severe Weather Outlook, Days 1 – 3



Categories ■ Thunderstorms ■ Marginal Risk ■ Slight Risk ■ Enhanced Risk ■ Moderate Risk ■ High Risk

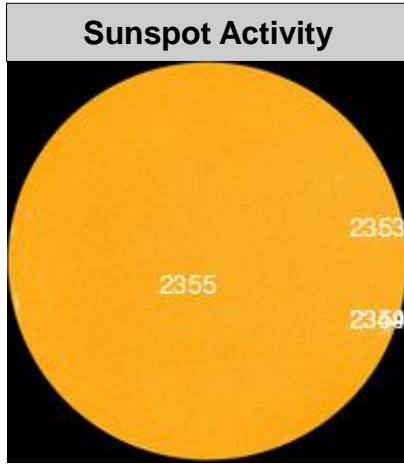
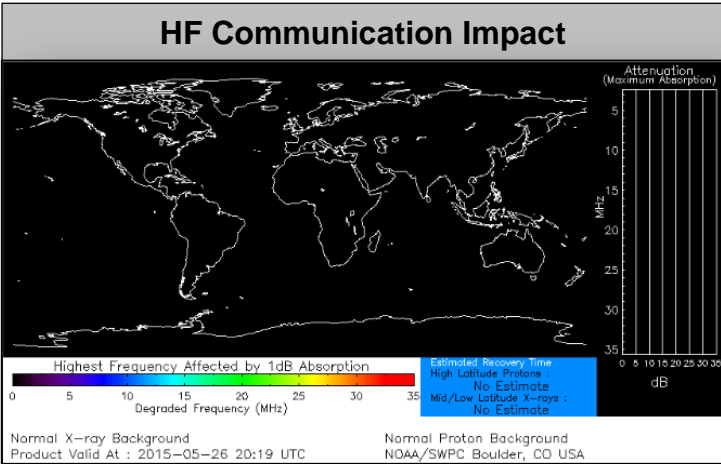
Hazard Outlook, May 29 – June 2



Space Weather



None	Past 24 Hours	Current	Next 24 Hours
Space Weather Activity:	None	None	None
• Geomagnetic Storms	None	None	None
• 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	15	41%	0	2	20		OFDC Readiness: FCO Green Yellow Red Type 1 3+ 2 1 Type 2 4+ 3 2 Type 3 4 3 2 FDRC 3 2 1
FDRC		9	9	100%	0	0	0		
US&R		28	26	93%	1	1	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NM-TF1 (Red) – Personnel shortages • OH-TF1 (Yellow) – Rehab from Exercise 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green = Available/FMC • Yellow = Available/PMC • Red = Out-of-Service • Blue = Assigned/Deployed
National IMAT		3	2	67%	0	0	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IMAT East 1 – Yellow and Reconstituting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green: 3 avail • Yellow: 1-2 avail • Red: 0 avail (<i>Individual N-IMAT red if 50% of Section Chiefs and/or Team Leader is unavailable for deployment.</i>)
Regional IMAT		13	7	54%	0	3	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Region III (Blue) – Deployed to WV • Region VI (Blue) – Deployed to OK • Region IX (Blue) – Deployed to Guam <u>Not Mission Capable (Red):</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regions IV-3, VI-2 & IX-1 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 & has no qualified replacement
MCOV		60	56	93%	0	4	0		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green = 80 – 100% avail • Yellow = 60 – 79% avail • Red = 59% or below avail • Readiness remains 95%



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