

# DAILY DART

WSP USA INSPECTION SERVICES DISASTER AWARENESS REPORT

March 17, 2025

## Severe Weather Activity Central and Eastern U.S.

- Cleanup and recovery operations are underway across the central and eastern U.S. in the wake of a powerful storm system that swept across the nation.
- At least 37 people are confirmed dead in seven states.
- The multiday severe weather outbreak began to unfold Friday and lasted through the weekend, pounding communities with thunderstorms that packed hurricane-force wind gusts, torrential rain and lightning that knocked out power to hundreds of thousands of utility customers.
- In total, NOAA's Storm Prediction Center (SPC) said more than 1,000 storm reports were received during the multiday severe weather outbreak.
- The FOX Forecast Center confirmed at least 56 tornadoes in 10 states since Friday, including two EF-4 tornadoes in Arkansas.
- Several EF-3 tornadoes were also confirmed, with those touching down in communities in Arkansas, Missouri and Alabama.
- Most of the destruction was found in southeastern Missouri, where officials confirmed at least a dozen deaths from severe weather and tornadoes. Six deaths were confirmed in Wayne County, three in Ozark County and two in Butler and Jefferson counties.
- In Arkansas, three fatalities were confirmed in Independence County, and 29 people were reported injured in eight counties.
- The NWS office in Little Rock found damage consistent with an EF-4 tornado near Diaz in Jackson County, with estimated winds of up to 190 mph. Another NWS Little Rock survey found EF-4 damage near Larkin in Izard County, with peak winds of 170 mph.
- Mississippi Gov. Tate Reeves said he declared a state of emergency after tornadoes and an earthquake impacted his state over the weekend.
- "Tragically, as of now, 6 deaths have been reported – one in Covington County, two in Jeff Davis County and three in Walthall County," Reeves said Saturday night. "Also, as of now, three additional people are currently missing – two from Covington County and one from Walthall County."
- In Alabama, Gov. Kay Ivey said three people in her state were killed during the severe weather. The Governor also stated damage has been reported in 52 of the state's 67 counties, and damage assessments were continuing.
- President Donald Trump released a statement on Sunday saying he was monitoring the situation and said his administration stands ready to assist as recovery operations begin.



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## Wildfires

### Oklahoma

- Gov. Kevin Stitt has issued a state of emergency for 12 counties after wildfires caused destruction throughout Oklahoma on March 14<sup>th</sup>.
- The state of emergency was declared for Cleveland, Creek, Dewey, Grady, Lincoln, Logan, Oklahoma, Pawnee, Payne, Pottawatomie, Roger Mills, and Stephens counties.
- Some of the major fires were in Mannford, Stillwater, Guthrie, Leedey, Norman, Oklahoma City and Little Axe.
- The Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management confirmed at least 400 homes were damaged by the fires across the state.
- Preliminary Damage Assessments beginning Monday.

## Severe Winter Storms, Tornadoes & Flooding

### Virginia (Feb 10<sup>th</sup>)

- On February 16, Governor Glenn Youngkin requested an expedited major disaster declaration from President Donald Trump after storm brought torrential rain and catastrophic flooding to parts of Southwest Virginia.
- On February 26, Virginia Governor submitted a supplemental request for 8 additional counties for Individual Assistance. All counties include Bland, Buchanan, Dickenson, Giles, Lee, Pulaski, Russell, Scott, Smyth, Tazewell and Wise Counties.
- The flooding came the weekend of Feb. 15-16, following days of torrential rain and ending with several inches of snow in some affected counties. Rivers across the area crested at high levels, roads were closed, mudslides and landslides occurred, and bridges, businesses and homes were damaged.
- Some areas received as much as 7 inches of rain. Power was out in many areas, for days in some cases, and more than 150 swift-water rescues were conducted.
- The hardest-hit areas were the Hurley and Slate Creek communities and the town of Grundy in Buchanan County, and parts of Tazewell, Dickenson, Wise and Russell counties.
- Preliminary residential damage assessments conducted jointly by state and federal officials reveal that 90 homes sustained major damage and the total number of those destroyed was 18 — and 17 of those were in Buchanan County.
- Overall, 479 homes were affected by the storm, according to the numbers collected Feb. 18-28 in 11 counties by the Virginia Department of Emergency Management and FEMA.
- Governor Youngkin declared a state of emergency on February 10, 2025.
- On February 20<sup>th</sup>, WSP responded to a proposal request for this event. We are waiting for FEMA's decision award.

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## Pending Individual Assistance Declaration Request

State	Event	Date Submitted	Approved/Denied/ Pending	Number of Counties/Tribes
OK	Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Tornadoes, and Flooding	12/20/2024	Pending	6 Counties
VA*	Severe Storms, Tornadoes & Flooding	2/16/2025	Pending	11 Counties

\*Award of task order to contractor pending

## Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments

State	Event	Number of Counties for IA		Start-End
		Requested	Completed	
TN	Severe Weather and Flooding Feb 15-16	3	0	3/6 - TBD
AR	Severe Storms and Tornadoes Mar 14-15	4	0	3/27 - TBD
OK	Wildfires Mar 14	3	0	3/27 - TBD

## WSP USA Inspection Services Active Disasters

Disaster Number and State	Disaster Type	Number of Counties Declared	Days Since Launch	Registration Deadline
4827 NC	Tropical Storm Helene	25 Counties	167	4/07/2025
4829 SC	Hurricane Helene	13 Counties	166	1/28/2025
4830 GA	Hurricane Helene	41 Counties	166	2/07/2025
4834 FL	Hurricane Milton	34 Counties	155	1/07/2025
4860 KY	Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides	14 Counties	19	4/25/2025

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## WSP USA INSPECTION SERVICES ACTIVITY

