

FLASH FLOOD THREAT

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May 16, 2024

## Flash Flood Threat

- A dangerous and potentially lifethreatening flood event is expected Thursday in East Texas and Louisiana, a region already highly saturated from relentless heavy rain in recent weeks.
- Forecasters at NOAA's Weather Prediction Center (WPC) have placed the region under a rare Level 4 out of 4 "high risk" flood threat, labeling it as a "nightmare scenario."
- Numerous rivers are flooding in this area, which has picked up as much as 25 inches of rain in the past 30 days. Some rivers have swollen to levels not seen since Hurricane Harvey in 2017. Any additional rain could result in serious flooding.
- Of particular concern is the Piney Woods area of East Texas, where over 20 inches of rain has fallen in the last two weeks alone. On Thursday, storms with potential rain rates of up to 3 inches per hour are possible there.
- Numerous rivers remain at flood stage, with record or near-record flooding ongoing along the Lower Trinity River.
- This additional rain is expected to prolong the duration of these rivers' flood stage. For rivers that have already seen their levels drop, water levels may again rise into the flood stage.

## Disaster Declaration Request Texas

- Governor Greg Abbott on Wednesday, May 15, sent a letter to President Joe Biden requesting a Presidential Disaster Declaration for Texas communities impacted by recent severe weather and flooding that began on April 26.
- The Governor's letter requests Individual Assistance programs for seven impacted counties and Public Assistance programs for 26 impacted counties.
- Counties requested for Individual Assistance programs include Harris, Liberty, Montgomery, Polk, San Jacinto, Trinity, and Walker counties.
- As of May 13, 2024, of the damage surveys received and validated by TDEM, 629 residences were affected, 786 had minor damage, 611 sustained major damage, and 46 were destroyed.





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## Disaster Declaration Activity DR-4780 Massachusetts

- President Joe Biden declared May 15th that the flash floods that impacted parts of Massachusetts in September 2023 are a major disaster, opening up additional federal funding to people affected in Worcester and Bristol counties.
- Massachusetts Gov. Maura Healey appealed FEMA's
  denial of her request for a major disaster declaration
  for Massachusetts as a result of severe storms last September that caused catastrophic flooding.
- In Worcester County, nearly a foot of rain fell in Leominster alone on the night of Sept. 11 and caused more than \$36 million in damages in the city.
- About 200 homes in the town of North Attleborough in Bristol County were also flooded or damaged during the Sept. 11 storm.

Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments						
State	Event	Number of Counties for IA		Start End		
		Requested	Completed	Start-End		
FL	Severe Storms and Tornadoes May 10	1	0	5/12-TBD		
TN	Severe Storms, Tornadoes, Winds and Flooding May 8-9	5	0	5/17 - TBD		
MI	Severe Storms May 7	4	0	5/15-TBD		
WV	Flooding & Landslides April 11-12	7	0	5/21-TBD		

Pending Individual Assistance Declaration Request					
State	Event	Date Submitted	Approved/Denied/ Pending	Number of Countles/Tribes	
KY*	Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Tornadoes, Landslides, and Mudslides	April 30	Pending	11	
WV*	Severe Storms, Straight-Line Winds, Tornadoes, Flooding, Landslides and Mudslides	May 3	Pending	8	



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SC	Severe Storm and Straight-line Winds	May 7	Pending	1		
MS	Severe Storms, Straight-Line Winds, Tornadoes, and Flooding	May 9	Pending	6		
MA	Severe Storms and Flooding (Appeal)	March 11	Approved	2		
TX	Severe Storms, Straight Line Winds, Tornadoes and Flooding	May 15	Pending	7		

<sup>\*</sup>Award of task order to contractor pending

WSP USA Inspection Services Active Disasters					
Disaster Number and State	Disaster Type	Number of Counties Declared	Days Since Launch	Registration Deadline	
4749 IL	Flooding	1 County	174	5/21/2024	
4757 MI	Flooding	9 Counties	93	5/8/2024	

## WSP USA INSPECTION SERVICES ACTIVITY

