# WSP USA INSPECTION SERVICES DISASTER AWARENESS REPORT

August 1, 2022

## Flooding Activity

### Kentucky

- Rescues continue to be made across eastern Kentucky Sunday, three days after a historic flooding event devastated towns across the region and left at least 28 dead.
- More than 300 people who were displaced by the flooding were being temporarily housed at state parks, according to Kentucky Gov. Andy Beshear.



Counties in yellow declared for Individual Assistance.

- As of Saturday, hundreds of rescues have been made from various responding organizations. Beshear noted that 404 individuals have been rescued via aircraft by the Kentucky National Guard, while 224 air rescues were provided by the Tennessee National Guard, and 36 more air rescues were handled by the West Virginia National Guard.
- Kentucky State Police has assisted in 624 water rescues thus far; and the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife has assisted in 125 water rescues. A total of 19 individuals and two dogs were rescued via boat by the U.S. National Guard.
- Of the hundreds of residents taking refuge at state parks, 142 of those are staying at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park in Prestonburg, with expanded capacity at the park expected to come later in the weekend.
- Beshear also stated earlier Saturday that the search for potential victims of the flooding would take weeks to complete, a warning that the death toll could rise further.
- Deaths have been confirmed in Perry, Knott, Letcher, Clay and Breathitt counties.
- In a press conference on Thursday afternoon, Beshear announced that a state of emergency has been declared in Perry, Breathitt, Clay, Owsley, Letcher and Pike counties. The state of emergency that was declared in Floyd County on Wednesday afternoon remained in effect as well.
- On Friday, President Joe Biden approved the Kentucky disaster declaration and ordered federal aid to supplement commonwealth and local recovery efforts in the areas affected by severe storms.
- Individuals and households in the following designated counties are eligible to apply for financial and direct services: Breathitt, Clay, Knott, Letcher and Perry.
- Water remains unavailable in a number of counties, prompting the FEMA response, with Beshear noting that the arrival of hotter conditions this week adds to the importance of replenishing water resources.
- In Perry County, as many as 50 bridges are damaged and inaccessible, according to county Judge Executive Scott Alexander.
- Kentucky Power said crews working around the clock to restore power to more than 23,000 customers who lost power at the height of Thursday's storm.

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- More than 14,000 customers remain in the dark, according to poweroutage.us.
- Damage assessment and restoration will likely continue for several days as the AccuWeather forecast calls for more rain.
- Persistent showers and thunderstorms will pop up by the afternoon hours each day and remain active into the overnight.
- With this activity, the threat for flooding will encompass large portions of Tennessee, Kentucky, West Virginia, Virginia, and North Carolina.



 "Due to the recent heavy rains across portions of Kentucky, Tennessee and the Virginias, the soil is incapable of retaining water, resulting in major flash flooding concerns," AccuWeather Meteorologist Brandon Buckingham explained.

#### <u>Missouri</u>

- As flood victims from St. Louis City to St. Charles County continue to clean up after devastating flash flooding, representatives from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will participate in a preliminary damage assessment this week.
- Gov. Mike Parson says FEMA will assess the damage from flash floods in St. Louis City, St. Louis County, St. Charles and Montgomery counties.
- Last Tuesday, large portions of the St. Louis metro were under water and hundreds of people had to be rescued after a foot of rain fell in some locations over the course of just 24 hours.
- Sarah Russell, commissioner of City of St. Louis Emergency Management, said in a media briefing Sunday that her department has counted more than 1,100 homes impacted by the floods through canvassing and tracking calls to for help to the city and social services.
- Additional joint damage assessments can be conducted in more Missouri counties if additional information is documented locally.
- On Tuesday, July 26, Missouri issued Executive Order 22-05 in response to the severe flooding.



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Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments						
State	Event	Number of Counties for IA		Start-End		
		Requested	Completed	Start-End		
VA	Severe Storms & Flooding July 12, 2022	1	О	7/27-TBD		
MO	Severe Storms & Flooding June 13-17, 2022	3	0	8/1-TBD		

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Pending Individual Assistance Declaration Request						
State	Event	Date Submitted	Approved/Denied /Pending	Number of Counties/Tribes		
	N/A					

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