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WSP USA INSPECTION SERVICES DISASTER AWARENESS REPORT

February 18, 2021

Winter Storm Activity

- Dozens of people across the United States have died from a spate of winter storms -- and now the weather is threatening to pummel the mid-Atlantic and Northeast with snow and ice.
- More than 100 million people stretching from Texas to Massachusetts are under a winter storm warning or winter weather advisory.
- Of the more than 1 million US customers without power Thursday morning, 652,455 were in Texas, according to PowerOutages.US. The outages are down from an earlier count of more than 5 million, but more harsh weather could impact more Americans.
- As large parts of Texas wake up to another day of a power crisis amid extreme winter weather, issues with water systems added to the misery for much of the state's population.
- Scores of Texans were under notices to boil tap water before drinking it after days of record low temperatures that damaged infrastructure, caused blackouts and froze water pipes.
- The cold weather that has brought blankets of snow and widespread power outages in Texas as well as Oklahoma is expected to move east Thursday, bringing with it a half an inch of ice to parts of North Carolina and Virginia, according to CNN meteorologist Taylor Ward.
- A siege of winter storms since late January has contributed to the most widespread snow cover across the contiguous U.S. in at least 17 years.
- Snow was on the ground in 73.2% of the Lower 48 on Feb. 16, according to the National Operational Hydrologic Remote Sensing Center (NOHRSC). That's the highest snow cover extent for any day in the NOHRSC database dating to fall 2003, according to NOAA.



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Severe Weather Outlook

- As a storm with heavy snow and debilitating ice shifts from the south-central United States to the Northeast region, AccuWeather forecasters say there is the potential for severe thunderstorms, including the risk of isolated tornadoes, in portions of the Southeast that were pummeled by violent weather at the start of the week.
- Forecasters say the next severe threat will occur Thursday.
- The storm setup before the end of this week is similar to the one that sparked nearly three dozen severe weather reports ranging from hail to high winds, including four reported tornadoes on Monday.
- This mid- to late-week storm is a tad weaker than the storm that rolled through at the start of the week and may not have as much pull of warm and moist air from the Gulf of Mexico.
- However, it is likely still to have some pull and enough to create an unstable atmosphere that can lead to at least locally severe thunderstorms with high winds, hail and perhaps a few isolated tornadoes.
- The threat will be highest across far southeastern Alabama, the Florida Panhandle and southwestern and central Georgia during the midday hours of Thursday.



Pending Individual Assistance Declaration Request 2/18/2021

State	Event	Date Submitted	Approved/Denied /Pending	Number of Counties/Tribes
AL	Tornado Jan 25, 2021	2/11/2021	Pending	1 County

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WSP USA Inspection Services Active Disasters

Disaster Number and State	Disaster Type	Number of Counties Declared	Days Since Launch	Registration Deadline
4559 LA	Hurricane	21 Parishes	170	11/27/2020

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