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# Severe Weather Activity

- At least 23 people were killed during a severe weather outbreak over Memorial Day weekend that
  produced tornadoes, tennis ball-sized hail, damaging winds and power outages for thousands across
  America's heartland.
- The worst of the storms hit during the overnight hours Saturday when at least 20 tornadoes were seen by radar or in person across the region, according to the FOX Forecast Center.
- Storm damage was reported in Texas, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Alabama. At least a dozen people were killed during these storms.
- That was followed by another wave of dangerous storms Sunday that produced additional tornadoes and widespread damage in several states, as well as additional deaths.

#### Texas

- Some of the most devastating damage in Texas happened outside the Dallas-Fort Worth area, where Cooke County Sheriff Ray Sappington said in a news conference that seven people were killed and more than 100 were injured.
- This is the deadliest tornado in Texas state history since 2015.
- According to the National Weather Service, an EF-3 northeast of Celina with 165 mph wind speeds and another EF-3 (upgrading from an EF-2), from Montague County through Cooke County and into Denton County with 135 mph wind speeds.
- At least 320 homes and other structures were damaged across four counties.
- Texas Gov. Greg Abbot issued disaster emergencies for Denton, Collin, Cooke and Montague Counties.

### Oklahoma

- A lone supercell, which was part of the severe storms, started in northeastern Oklahoma and continued along the Missouri-Arkansas state line, causing widespread damage along its path.
- In northeastern Oklahoma, two people were killed and others were injured after a tornado hit Mayes County, according to emergency management officials. The NWS survey team analyzing the damage rated it a preliminary EF-3.

## **Arkansas**

- Officials have confirmed at least eight storm-related deaths in Arkansas.
- At least one possible tornado and wind gusts over 60 mph caused damage in Bentonville, Arkansas.
- Benton County Judge Barry Moehring said in a news conference that officials have confirmed multiple injuries on the east side of the county and at least one death.
- The NWS rated the tornado that damaged Boon County an EF-3.

### <u>Kentucky</u>

- In Kentucky, Louisville Mayor Craig Greenberg confirmed one death along with injuries and several buildings with structural damage following Saturday night's storms.
- During an update Monday, Kentucky Gov. Andy Beshear confirmed three more storm-related deaths, one each in Harden, Hopkins and Caldwell counties.
- Beshear declared emergency zones in five Kentucky counties.



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# Severe Weather Outlook Texas

- Less than 72 hours after deadly tornadoes tore paths of destruction through Texas and nearby states, a stalled frontal boundary will again be the focus of showers and thunderstorms on Tuesday, some of which may become severe.
- The Storm Prediction Center warns the greatest threats from the storms will be large hail and damaging winds, but a few will contain embedded tornadoes.



- "By the time you get into the middle part of the afternoon, these thunderstorms get a little more potent," said FOX Weather meteorologist Haley Meier.
- Forecast models show the threat for wet weather will continue through the week for Texas and expand to include the eastern Rockies and western Plains as energy from the Pacific Northwest helps to initiate showers and thunderstorms.
- Due to the scattered nature of activity, the threat for flooding will exist where thunderstorms could train over the same area.
- Over the next five days, widespread amounts of 2-3" are likely, with some communities approaching the 5" mark by the weekend.
- During the daily rounds of precipitation, hail and damaging winds are expected to be the greatest concerns over the Plains, with an isolated tornado chance not being ruled out.

Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments					
State	Event	Number of Counties for IA		Start-End	
		Requested	Completed	Start-End	
TN	Severe Storms, Tornadoes, Winds and Flooding May 8-9	6	6	5/17 - 5/23	

	Pending Individual Assistance Declaration Request				
,	State	Event	Date Submitted	Approved/Denied/ Pending	Number of Counties/Tribes
	SC	Severe Storm and Straight-line Winds	May 7	Pending	1



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MS*	Severe Storms, Straight-Line Winds, Tornadoes, and Flooding	May 9	Pending	6	

<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
4757 MI	Flooding	9 Counties	105	5/8/2024
4781 TX	Severe Storms & Flooding	19 Counties	8	7/16/2024
4783 WV	Severe Storms, Straight-Line Winds, Tornadoes, Flooding, Landslides and Mudslides	8 Counties	3	7/22/2024

## WSP USA INSPECTION SERVICES ACTIVITY

