

# DAILY DART

WSP USA INSPECTION SERVICES DISASTER AWARENESS REPORT

May 8, 2024

## Severe Weather Activity

### Michigan

- A destructive multiday severe weather outbreak unleashed its second day of chaotic extreme weather Tuesday as powerful thunderstorms and tornadoes caused significant damage to communities from the Midwest to the Ohio Valley, including a FedEx shipping facility.
- Several dozen Tornado Warnings stretched from Michigan to Kentucky on Tuesday night, with significant damage reported in Portage, Michigan, when a tornado moved through the town just south of Kalamazoo.
- In Michigan's Kalamazoo County, the sheriff's office said that at least 176 homes were damaged inside the Pavilion Estates Mobile Home Park in Portage, and between 16 and 20 injuries were reported across the county.
- A second Tornado Warning was issued for the City of Portage about an hour later.
- A Tornado Emergency, the most dire of tornado alerts, was issued for Union City in Michigan, where the National Weather Service said a "large and destructive tornado" was moving through the area. This was the first-ever Tornado Emergency issued in the state of Michigan, and catastrophic damage was expected.
- Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer declared a state of emergency for Kalamazoo, St. Joseph, Branch, and Cass counties.



## Flood Activity

### Texas

- Houston-area communities are working to recover from damaging storms that spanned across the state last week after evacuation orders in some of the most flood-prone areas were lifted Monday.
- Now in an effort to qualify for recovery funding at the federal level, state and county officials are urging residents affected by the storms to report their property damage.
- Ninety-one counties across Texas were battered by the widespread storms that left local communities struggling to recover.
- The storms left hundreds of houses flooded across the region.
- State responders evacuated 124 people and rescued 58, and more than 500 others were rescued by local agencies. At least three people across the state died during the storms.
- Starting on Tuesday, FEMA, along with state officials and the small business administration, will be out in the area to conduct damage assessments.

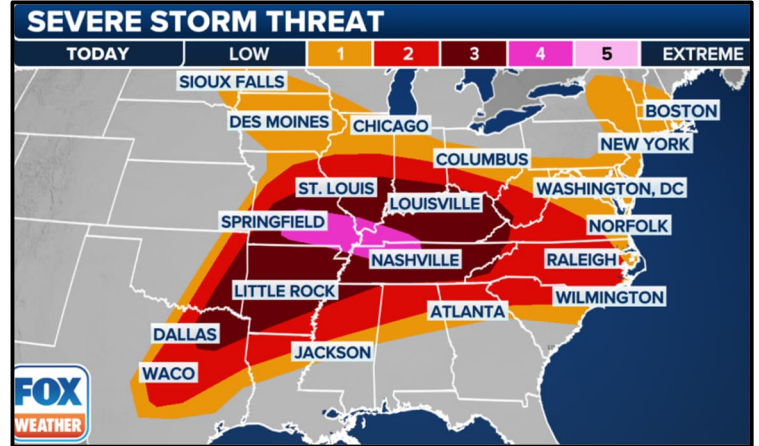
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## Severe Weather Outlook

- The nation's deadly severe weather outbreak enters its third day with a higher risk of strong, long-track tornadoes in densely populated areas.
- Nearly 4 million people, including the city of Nashville, Tennessee, and Bowling Green, Kentucky, are included in a Level 4 out of 5 risk of severe weather. Another 14 million are included in a Level 3 out of 5 risk, including Memphis, Tennessee, and St. Louis, Missouri.
- Tornadoes, very large to giant hail and destructive wind gusts are all possible. Some of the tornadoes may be EF-2 or stronger.
- While the highest severe weather threat is centered over the areas covered by the Level 3 and Level 4 risks, the risk of severe storms also extends into portions of the East Coast. In total, nearly 150 million Americans are highlighted for at least some threat of severe weather on Wednesday.



## Pending Individual Assistance Declaration Request

State	Event	Date Submitted	Approved/Denied/Pending	Number of Counties/Tribes
KY*	Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Tornadoes, Landslides, and Mudslides	April 30	Pending	11
IA	Severe Storms and Tornadoes	May 2	Pending	9
WV*	Severe Storms, Straight-Line Winds, Tornadoes, Flooding, Landslides and Mudslides	May 3	Pending	8

\*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	166	5/21/2024
4757 MI	Flooding	9 Counties	85	5/8/2024

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