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WSP USA INSPECTION SERVICES DISASTER AWARENESS REPORT

September 13, 2024

Tropical Activity

Post-Tropical Cyclone Francine

- Currently located 90 miles WNW of Memphis, Tennessee with maximum sustained winds 25 mph.
- Post-Tropical Cyclone Francine will continue to bring heavy rainfall and the risk of flash and urban flooding across the Lower Mississippi Valley, Tennessee Valley and the Southeast.
- Although the chance of tornadoes is low overall, at least an isolated threat extends from middle Tennessee into Alabama and western Georgia, including parts of the Atlanta, Birmingham, Alabama, and Nashville metro areas.



Louisiana

- Francine made landfall in Terrebonne Parish as a Category 2 hurricane late Wednesday afternoon and weakened to a tropical depression Thursday morning.
- It tracked into the South, bringing flooding rainfall and prompting flood alerts for more than 10 million people. Up to 8 inches of rain could douse the region through Friday.
- Flooding has been reported at 350 structures in Louisiana's St. Charles Parish.
- In neighboring Jefferson Parish, more than 50 homes in the city of Kenner took on water during the storm, according to a city spokesperson.
- At least eight properties in nearby Lafourche Parish were damaged, the parish said in a statement, but officials expect that number to increase as crews survey the damage left behind.
- Francine brought more than a month's worth of rain to New Orleans in a matter of hours. Between 6 and 8 inches of rain deluged the area and triggered a rare flash flood emergency.
- Wind gusts of 60 to 80 mph pounded south-central and southeast Louisiana Wednesday evening, downing trees and power lines in multiple parishes, including Terrebonne, Lafourche and St. James.
- Approximately 124K customer without power according to poweroutage.us.
- 24 shelters open with 573 occupants.
- Multiple roads throughout the state are closed due to debris and water on the road.

Mississippi

- Francine drenched Mississippi and knocked out power to thousands, but according to Gov. Tate Reeves, no injuries have been reported.
- Several roads are closed in coastal and central counties due to flooding.
- Damage assessments are ongoing.
- Gov. Tate Reeves declared a state of emergency on Tuesday.

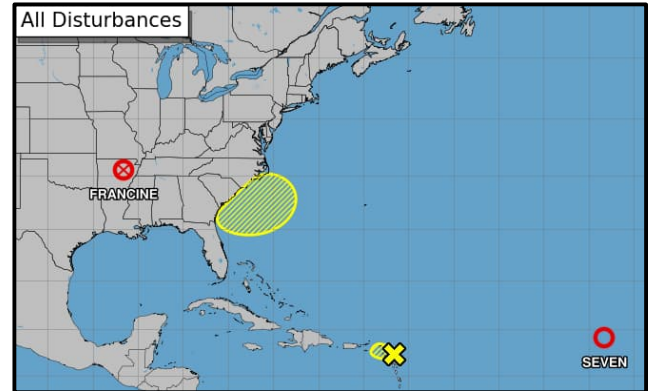
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Atlantic – Disturbance 1

- Surface observations indicate a small area of low pressure is located over the northern Leeward Islands.
- Environmental conditions, including the proximity of dry air, do not favor development of this system while it moves west northwestward at about 15 mph.
- Formation chance through 48 hours...low...20 percent.
- Formation chance through 7 days...low...20 percent.

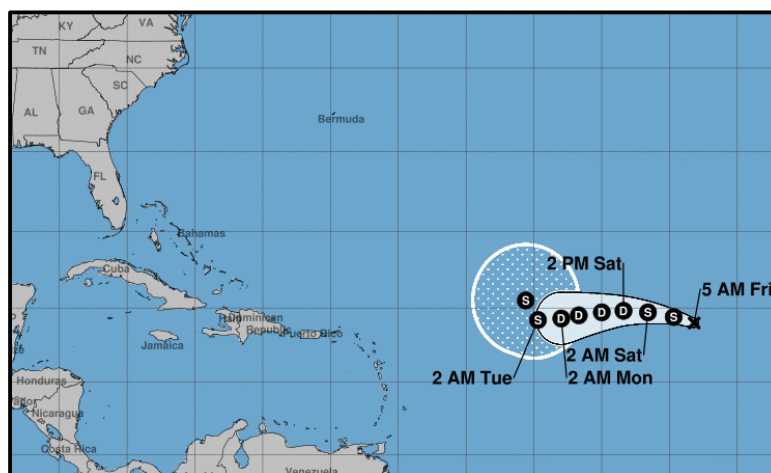


Atlantic - Disturbance 2

- A non-tropical area of low pressure could form along a frontal boundary a few hundred miles off the southeastern U.S. coastline this weekend.
- Thereafter, some subtropical or tropical development is possible during the early part of next week while the system moves generally northwestward toward the coast.
- Formation chance through 48 hours...low...near 0 percent.
- Formation chance through 7 days...low...30 percent.

Atlantic -Tropical Depression Seven

- Tropical Depression Seven is located about 800 miles west-northwest of the Cabo Verde Islands in the eastern Atlantic with maximum sustained winds of 35 mph.
- The NHC said Tropical Depression Seven will likely remain over open water for the next several days.
- It is currently moving west-northwestward at 16 mph, and it's expected to slow down but continue a west-to-west-northwest track over the next few days.



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Eastern Pacific – Tropical Storm Ileana

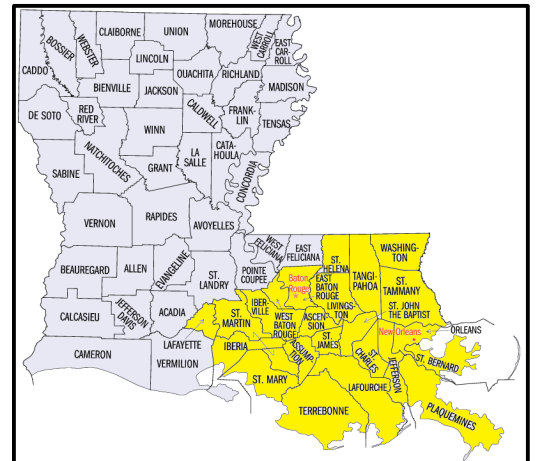
- The National Hurricane Center is monitoring Tropical Storm Ileana off Mexico's Baja California Peninsula, which is expected to become the first cyclone to directly impact the coastline during the 2024 season.
- Some parts of Baja California are already experiencing some rain from the outer bands of Ileana.
- Ileana is expected to make landfall near the popular resort of Cabo San Lucas later on Friday as a tropical storm before slowly advancing northward through the Gulf of California.
- Forecast models show 4-8 inches of rain will be possible across the Baja, with similar amounts impacting the Mexican state of Sinaloa.



Disaster Declaration Requests

Louisiana

- On September 12, Governor Jeff Landry requested an expedited major disaster declaration for Louisiana due to Hurricane Francine.
- Congressman Clay Higgins (R-LA) and the entire Louisiana congressional delegation delivered a letter to President Biden urging him to approve Louisiana's request for an expedited major disaster declaration in response to Hurricane Francine.
- Governor Landry has requested Individual and Public Assistance for the following parishes: Ascension, Assumption, East Baton Rouge, Iberia, Iberville, Jefferson, Lafayette, Lafourche, Livingston, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. Helena, St. James, St. John the Baptist, St. Martin, St. Mary, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Terrebonne, Washington, and West Baton Rouge.



Michigan (Appeal)

- Governor Gretchen Whitmer is asking the federal government to reconsider disaster relief for Southwest Michigan following a tornado outbreak in May.
- Whitmer sent a letter to President Joe Biden via the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region 5 Administrator Thomas Sivak Wednesday, appealing the government's decision to deny the disaster declaration request in July.
- The severe weather that rolled through the state in May produced four confirmed tornadoes which resulted in about 16 injuries and extensive damage to homes, businesses and the power grid.

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- Whitmer originally requested a major disaster declaration for Branch, Cass, Kalamazoo, and St. Joseph counties on June 6 and was denied on July 23.
- The governor is requesting activation of Individual Assistance programs because of reports of difficulties faced by residents due to uninsured home and personal property loss.
- A joint preliminary damage assessment was conducted by state, federal and local officials, which estimated a need for \$4 million in assistance.

Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments

State	Event	Number of Counties for IA		Start-End
		Requested	Completed	
CA	Park Fire and Borel Fire Jul 24 and continuing	3	2	8/28 - TBD

Pending Individual Assistance Declaration Request

State	Event	Date Submitted	Approved/Denied/ Pending	Number of Counties/Tribes
IL*	Severe Storms, Tornadoes, Straight-Line Winds & Flooding Jul 13-16	8/28/2024	Pending	7 Counties
VT*	Severe Storms, Flooding, Landslides & Mudslides Jul 29-31	8/28/2024	Pending	3 Counties
GA*	Hurricane Debby Aug 5-20	9/10/2024	Pending	8 Counties
LA*	Hurricane Francine Sept 9-12	9/12/2024	Pending	23 Parishes
MI*	Severe Storms and Tornadoes (APPEAL) May 7	9/11/2024	Pending	4 Counties

*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	213	5/8/2024

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4781 TX	Severe Storms & Flooding	40 Counties	116	8/15/2024
4790 MS	Severe Storms, Straight-Line Winds, Tornadoes, and Flooding	6 Counties	93	8/09/2024
4798 TX	Hurricane Beryl	22 Counties	61	10/10/2024
4804 KY	Severe Storms, Straight-Line Winds, Tornadoes, Landslides/ Mudslides	15 Counties	50	9/23/2024
4806 FL	Hurricane Debby	13 Counties	31	10/09/2024
4807 SD	Flooding	4 Counties	25	10/15/2024

WSP USA INSPECTION SERVICES ACTIVITY

