WSP USA INSPECTION SERVICES DISASTER AWARENESS REPORT

March 2, 2021

Atlantic hurricane season

 Meteorologists and scientists at several federal agencies are investigating the possibility of altering the official beginning of the Atlantic basin hurricane season, a change that would officially start the season about two weeks earlier than it historically has begun and potentially extend the total length of the season.



- The National Hurricane Center (NHC), along with several branches of the National Weather Service, are set to begin assessing the idea of moving the start of the Atlantic hurricane season to May 15, and the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) is also poised to discuss the issue at its annual meeting next month, Dennis Feltgen, public affairs officer for NOAA confirmed to AccuWeather on Friday.
- When asked by AccuWeather if the NHC was considering altering the end of the Atlantic hurricane season, which comes to a close on Nov. 30, Feltgen responded, "There has been no discussion to date regarding the end of the season."
- While the start date of the basin's hurricane season has traditionally begun on June 1, the end date has a history of being pushed back, first from Oct. 31 to Nov. 13 to Nov. 30, at which it holds the line today.
- The WMO is set to discuss the matter at its annual meeting in mid-March.

Severe Storms and Flooding

Kentucky

- Kentucky's rivers continued to rise Tuesday to levels not seen for decades after days of rain that dumped 4 to 7 inches across a wide stretch of the state.
- The fast-moving floodwaters on Monday gave people in Clay City little time to gather what belongings they could and flee.



- Firefighters and rescue crews used boats to take people from their flooded homes.
- Boats floated through Beattyville's streets, some under six to seven feet of water, Lee County Judge/Executive Chuck Caudill told WLEX.
- The Middle, South, and North Forks meet to form the Kentucky River in Beattyville. Early Tuesday, the Kentucky River was at 34.1 feet, 14 feet above flood stage.
- About 20 miles away in Ravenna, the Kentucky was at 38.1 feet. The flood stage there is 21 feet.

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Pending Individual Assistance Declaration Request 2/26/2021							
State	Event	Date Submitted	Approved/Denied /Pending	Number of Counties/Tribes			
AL	Tornado Jan 25, 2021	2/11/2021	Pending	1 County			
LA	Severe Winter Storms	2/26/2021	Pending	31 Counties			

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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	182	11/27/2020		
4586 TX	Severe Ice Storm	126 Counties	8	4/21/2021		

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