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WSP USA INSPECTION SERVICES DISASTER AWARENESS REPORT

January 27, 2026

Winter Storm Fern

- Over 1 million customers were left without power during the height of the outages on Sunday, with Tennessee, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas among the hardest hit.
- At least 30 deaths have been reported across the country in connection with the storm and the Arctic air.
- Since Friday, more than 20,000 flights have been canceled due to the storm. Over 11,000 flights were canceled on Sunday, marking the highest day for cancellations since the pandemic, according to Cirium data.
- In the Florida Panhandle, the storm spawned severe thunderstorms, including a likely tornado that ripped the roof off a home in Defuniak Springs, Florida, located 110 miles west of Tallahassee.
- Three tornadoes hit Alabama on Sunday, part of a wild weekend winter storm.
- The weather service in Tallahassee said that EF-2 tornado was what caused all the damage in the center of the town of Geneva in Southeast Alabama.
- A second tornado, an EF-1, was reported in northeast Houston County.
- The weather service in Birmingham said damage from an EF-1 tornado was confirmed on Monday in central Alabama. It was caused by a storm that moved from eastern Lowndes County into western Montgomery County.

Texas

- On January 25, Governor Greg Abbott amended the state's disaster declaration for the ongoing winter storm to include 85 additional counties, bringing the total to 219 counties.
- ARC operations across Texas remain steady, with 42 total shelters, including 24 open, 15 on standby, supporting 366 clients statewide.
- There are currently 35K customers without power.

Louisiana

- At least six people have died in northern Louisiana related to Winter Storm Fern, where the ice storm left more than 100,000 households without power, a major city without water and caused a crippling traffic jam on Interstate 20.
- Gov. Jeff Landry said during a news conference on Monday he asked the White House for a federal disaster declaration. President Trump already has declared a federal emergency to trigger FEMA aid.
- Ouachita Parish and its hub city of Monroe in northeastern Louisiana appeared hardest hit by the storm.
- Monroe, with a population of nearly 50,000, was without water Monday afternoon triggered by the power grid failure.



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- 34 shelters open with 660 occupants.
- There are currently over 95K customers without power.
- Energy providers SWEPCO in northwestern Louisiana and CLECO in central Louisiana expect most power to be restored by Tuesday. Entergy, which serves Ouachita Parish and most of northeastern Louisiana, expects 90% of customers to be restored by Wednesday.

Mississippi

- 2 fatalities and 2 injuries
- 47 counties and the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians have reported damage and impacts from the storm.
- There are approximately 140,000 customers without power across the state.
- Mississippi is still in the damage assessment phase. Those assessments are ongoing, and the state of Mississippi is working with local emergency managers to get a complete picture of damage in their respective communities. Once those assessments are complete, the state of Mississippi will deploy additional resources as necessary to help communities recover.
- Dangerous cold is expected to continue throughout Tuesday morning.

Tennessee

- The Tennessee Department of Health has confirmed five weather-related fatalities.
- TEMA is actively coordinating with local counties to assess and document damages to determine whether impacts meet the federal criteria necessary to request this type of assistance through a Major Disaster Declaration.
- Line workers and other crews are working around the clock to restore power as quickly as possible.
- There are over 174,000 customers without power across the state.
- 12 shelters open with 465 occupants.

Pending Individual Assistance Declaration Request

State	Event	Date Submitted	Approved/Denied/ Pending	Number of Counties/Tribes
IL*	Severe Storms and Flooding July 25 - 28, 2025 (Appeal)	11/21/2025	Pending	3 Counties
IL*	Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, and Flash Flooding Aug 16-19, 2025 (Appeal)	11/21/2025	Pending	5 Counties
WA	Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Flooding, Landslides/Mudslides. Dec 5-22, 2025	1/21/2026	Pending	10 Counties

*Award of task order to contractor pending

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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
4892 WI	Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Flooding and Mudslides	3 Counties	115	11/12/2025

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