

May 31, 2024

Severe Weather Outlook

- Today marks the 11th consecutive day with severe weather threatening parts of the Lone Star State.
- The threat of severe storms will shift east on Friday, encompassing the more highly populated East Texas, southeastern Oklahoma, and western Louisiana.
- Clusters of thunderstorms moving through the region into Friday afternoon and pose a risk for severe wind with gusts over 60 mph and large hail continuing across parts of the

southern Plains into the lower Mississippi Valley, Texas Gulf Coast and Deep South Texas by Friday evening, the FOX Forecast Center said.



- Big cities like Dallas are dealing with heavy rain and a flash flooding threat as 3-5 inches of rain is expected to drench the region.
- Many locations across the South are running well above average for rain this year, whereas some locations in the central Plains would like to get in on the wet weather.
- Some 200,000 people remain without power in Texas, according to PowerOutage.US, from the week's storm – a majority in the Dallas and East Texas area.

Severe Weather Activity Texas

- Another day of severe weather impacted Texas and the southern Plains on Thursday with flooding reported around Dallas.
- Thunderstorms began to develop on Thursday morning as they raced along and south of the Red River across North Texas, but it wasn't until the afternoon and evening that the storms became strong to severe.
- The storms arrived in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex about midday, where they posed the risk of 60-mph wind gusts and dangerous lightning.
- By Thursday evening, a supercell thunderstorm had developed around the town of Midland.
- It prompted the National Weather Service office there to issue its first ever Tornado Emergency in West Texas.
- At least one tornado was spotted by storm chasers and passengers at Midland International Air & Space Port, which is between Odessa and Midland.
- PowerOutage.us reported more than 4,000 customers were immediately without power due to the storms.
- Baseball sized hail was also reported north of Interstate 20 in the town of Gardendale.





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Declaration Activity DR-4788 Arkansas

- On May 30th, President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. declared that a major disaster exists in the State of Arkansas and ordered Federal assistance to supplement state and local recovery efforts in the areas affected by severe storms, straight-line winds, tornadoes, and flooding from May 24 to May 27, 2024.
- The President's action makes Federal funding available to affected individuals in the counties of Benton, Boone, and Marion.
- The National Weather Service confirmed that at least twelve tornadoes touched down in Arkansas, with the highest tornado rating being an EF-3.



- The tornadoes affected northern Arkansas, from Benton County through Craighead and Greene counties.
- Damage assessments are continuing in other areas, and more counties and additional forms of assistance may be designated after the assessments are fully completed.

Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments							
State	Event	Number of Counties for IA		Start-End			
		Requested	Completed	Start-Eriu			
KY	Tornadoes, Thunderstorms and Flash Flooding May 22-27	13	0	5/31 - TBD			
WV	Flooding & Landslides	11	0	TBD			

Pending Individual Assistance Declaration Request								
State	Event	Date Submitted	Approved/Denied/ Pending	Number of Counties/Tribes				
MS*	Severe Storms, Straight-Line Winds, Tornadoes, and Flooding	May 9	Pending	6 Counties				
FL*	Severe Storms, Straight-Line Winds, Tornadoes and Flooding	May 22	Pending	10 Counties				
AR*	Severe Storms, Straight-Line Winds, Tornadoes and Flooding	May 29	Approved	3 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			
4757 MI	4757 MI Flooding		108	5/8/2024			
4781 TX	Severe Storms & Flooding	22 Counties	11	7/16/2024			
4783 WV	Severe Storms, Straight-Line Winds, Tornadoes, Flooding, Landslides/ Mudslides	8 Counties	6	7/22/2024			

WSP USA INSPECTION SERVICES ACTIVITY

