

# DAILY DART

WSP USA INSPECTION SERVICES DISASTER AWARENESS REPORT

April 24, 2023

## River Flooding

- The upper portion of the Mississippi River, as well as the Red River and others in the north-central United States, will experience major flooding into this week, AccuWeather meteorologists warn.
- The surge of high water will slowly progress southward along the Mississippi in the coming weeks.
- Even though record-high levels are not likely on most of the rivers, there will still be significant impacts due to major flooding along hundreds of miles of waterways.
- Some locations along the large rivers, such as the upper portion of the Mississippi and the Red River, could remain in major flood for a week or more and above flood stage for close to a month.
- Much of the snow from the winter season has melted as well as a recent burst of heavy snow that brought 1–2 feet in Wisconsin and eastern Minnesota the weekend before last.
- The melting has already set into motion a major flooding event for portions of the Dakotas, Minnesota, Iowa and Wisconsin due to rising waters on area rivers. Those rivers include the Minnesota, Crow, St. Croix, Red River of the North and the upper portion of the Mississippi.
- At least 36-gauge locations across rivers in the north-central U.S. were forecast to hit major flood stage, including numerous locations on the Mississippi and Red rivers, according to the National Weather Service.



## Flood Activity

### Florida

- On Saturday, April 22, 2023, Governor Ron DeSantis announced he will request a Major Disaster Declaration for Broward County due to the catastrophic impacts of unprecedented flooding in Southeast Florida. If granted by the White House, a Major Disaster Declaration will provide a wide range of federal assistance programs for individuals and public infrastructure damaged by the floods.
- On Monday, April 17th Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) Executive Director Kevin Guthrie requested Preliminary Damage Assessment (PDA) teams deploy to Broward County for in-person PDAs.
- Joint State & Federal Teams have been in the field conducting damage assessments in impacted flood areas since Wednesday, April 19th and are estimated to complete physical assessments this past weekend. In less than three days, teams have assessed over 1,300 homes and identified over 1,000 with major damages.
- On April 13, less than 24 hours after flooding began, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order 23-65 declaring a State of Emergency in Broward County.

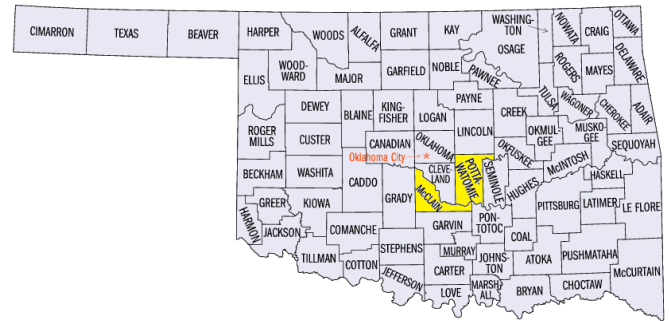
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- On Wednesday, April 12, the National Weather Service in Miami issued a Flash Flood Emergency for the areas of Fort Lauderdale and Hollywood. The heaviest rainfall was observed in Broward County, with 25.91 inches of rain measured at the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport.
- In addition to the extensive flooding, the National Weather Service in Miami confirmed areas of damage were consistent with two EF-0 tornadoes in Broward County.

## Declaration Request Oklahoma



- Governor Kevin Stitt requested an expedited major disaster declaration today from the federal government for McClain and Pottawatomie counties as a result of damages from tornadoes and severe storms on April 19.
- Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (ODEMHS) reports an estimated \$9 million dollars in response and debris removal costs in McClain and Pottawatomie counties alone.
- Aerial damage assessments conducted by FEMA and spot checked by ODEMHS and local officials found more than 2,000 homes and apartments impacted, including at least 231 that sustained major damage or were destroyed.
- Damage assessments are ongoing and additional counties could later be added.

### Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments

State	Event	Number of Counties for IA		Start-End
		Requested	Completed	
FL	Severe Storms & Flooding Apr 24-27	1	1	4/19-4/22

### Pending Individual Assistance Declaration Request

State	Event	Date Submitted	Approved/Denied/ Pending	Number of Counties/Tribes
OK	Severe Storms, Straight-Line Winds & Tornadoes Apr 19-20, 2023	4/23/2023	Pending	2 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
4671 PR	Hurricane Fiona	78 Municipalities	213	11/21/2022
4673 FL	Hurricane Ian	26 Counties	204	1/12/2023
4697 MS	Severe Storms & Tornadoes	6 Counties	24	5/25/2023
4701 TN	Severe Storms & Tornadoes	10 Counties	15	6/6/2023

## WSP USA INSPECTION SERVICES ACTIVITY

