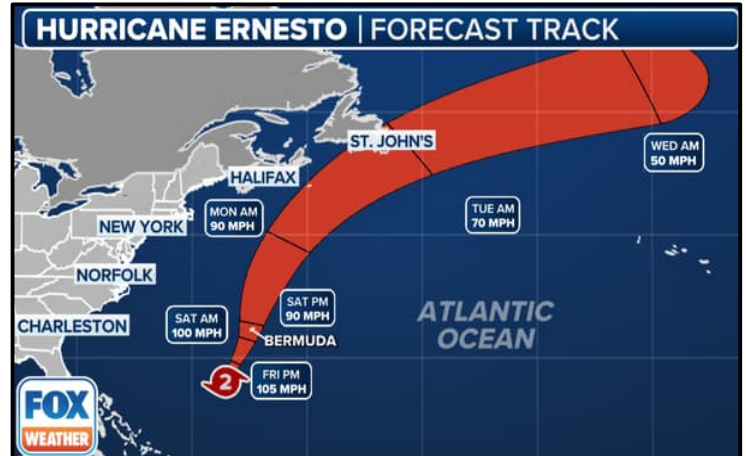


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## Tropical Activity

### Atlantic – Hurricane Ernesto (Cat 2)

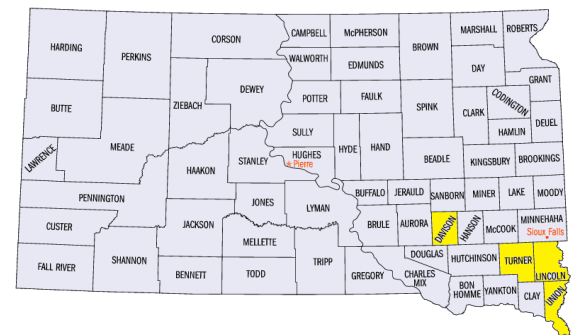
- Hurricane Ernesto is expected to approach Bermuda later Friday and bring strong winds, a dangerous storm surge and life-threatening flooding.
- The Category 2 hurricane's latest threat to the British territory comes after the strengthening storm slammed portions of the Caribbean just days ago as a strong tropical storm.
- The U.S. territories of Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands felt the full force of the storm, including numerous reports of flash flooding, water rescues, power outages and damage to homes and infrastructure.
- According to the latest advisory from the NHC, Hurricane Ernesto was located about 255 miles south-southwest of Bermuda and was moving to the north-northeast.
- Ernesto's maximum sustained winds are 100 mph, making it a Category 2 hurricane on the Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Wind Scale.
- "Some strengthening is forecast during the next day or so, and Ernesto is forecast to be a large hurricane near Bermuda on Saturday and maintain hurricane strength through the weekend," the NHC said.



## Disaster Declaration Activity

### South Dakota

- On August 15<sup>th</sup>, President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. declared that a major disaster exists in the State of South Dakota in the areas affected by severe storms, straight-line winds, and flooding from June 16 to July 8, 2024.
- The President's action makes Federal funding available to affected individuals in the counties of Davison, Lincoln, Turner, and Union.
- Gov. Kristi Noem formally requested the federal aid on July 26 after signing an executive order to declare the disaster.
- The flooding first impacted eastern South Dakota communities in mid-June and officially lasted until July 8.
- The National Weather Service called the rains that induced the flooding "a 1,000-year event."
- The disaster inundated communities and damaged infrastructure across eastern South Dakota.
- The McCook Lake community in North Sioux City was hit by floodwaters diverted from the Big Sioux River on July 23, destroying about 30 homes and eroding roads.



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## Pending Individual Assistance Declaration Request

State	Event	Date Submitted	Approved/Denied/ Pending	Number of Counties/Tribes
SD	Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, and Flooding Jun 16-Jul 8	July 26	Approved	9 Counties
VT*	Severe Storms, Flooding, Landslides/Mudslides Jul 9-11	August 2	Pending	7 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	185	5/8/2024
4781 TX	Severe Storms & Flooding	40 Counties	88	8/15/2024
4790 MS	Severe Storms, Straight-Line Winds, Tornadoes, and Flooding	6 Counties	65	8/09/2024
4798 TX	Hurricane Beryl	15 Counties	33	9/10/2024
4804 KY	Severe Storms, Straight-Line Winds, Tornadoes, Landslides/ Mudslides	15 Counties	23	9/23/2024
4806 FL	Hurricane Debby Aug 1 and continuing	10 Counties	3	10/09/2024

## WSP USA INSPECTION SERVICES ACTIVITY

