

# DAILY DART

WSP USA INSPECTION SERVICES DISASTER AWARENESS REPORT

August 12, 2020

## Tropical Activity

### Atlantic – Tropical Depression Eleven

- Tropical Depression Eleven is tracking through the Atlantic Ocean and is likely to strengthen into Tropical Storm Josephine soon.
- Currently located about midway between Africa and the Lesser Antilles and is moving to the west.
- This westward motion will continue through Wednesday before it tracks more toward the west-northwest.
- Conditions are likely to be favorable for this system to gain some strength in the near-term future and it's forecast to become a tropical storm on Wednesday.
- By this weekend, increasing wind shear should make conditions less favorable for intensification and the National Hurricane Center forecasts weakening to occur.
- This system, or what's left of it, will also likely be located north of Lesser Antilles this weekend, but it could still brush by northeast parts of those islands.



## Severe Weather Activity

### Midwest

- On August 10<sup>th</sup>, a derecho traveled from southeast South Dakota all the way to Ohio, a path of 770 miles in 14 hours.
- Northern Illinois University meteorology professor Victor Gensini called the derecho one of the worst weather events in the U.S. in 2020.
- Currently 633.5K without power across 5 states.
- The National Weather Service's Storm Prediction Center said there were over 500 severe-weather reports across the Midwest on Monday. This included a gust of wind in Midway, Iowa, that measured 112 mph.

### Iowa

- Iowa sustained "significant" infrastructure, financial and crop damage as hurricane-like storms devastated much of the state Monday, prompting Gov. Kim Reynolds to declare at least 20 counties as state disaster areas.
- The counties currently under disaster declarations are: Benton, Boone, Cedar, Clarke, Clinton, Dallas, Greene, Hardin, Iowa, Jasper, Johnson, Linn, Marshall, Muscatine, Polk, Poweshiek, Scott, Story, and Tama and Washington.
- "Although it will take days or weeks to know the full scope of damage, initial reports are significant," the governor told a Tuesday briefing.

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## Illinois

- At least seven tornadoes touched down across Chicago area as a strong “derecho” storm system crossed the region Monday night, including one that passed through Chicago’s city limits, according to the National Weather Service.
- Investigations by the NWS on Tuesday confirmed both an EF-0 and a EF-1 tornado touched down outside Rockford Monday night, as well as EF-1 tornadoes in Spring Grove, Marengo, Wheaton, Lombard and Rogers Park.



## Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments

State	Event	Number of Counties for IA		Start-End
		Requested	Completed	
TX	Hurricane Hanna July 25, 2020 and continuing	6	0	7/29-TBD
PR	Tropical Storm Isaias July 27, 2020 and continuing	5	1	8/5-TBD

## WSP USA Inspection Services Active Disasters

Disaster Number and State	Disaster Type	Number of Counties Declared	Days Since Launch	Registration Deadline
4473 PR	Earthquake	33 Municipalities	202	7/2/2020
4547 MI	Severe Storms & Flooding	5 Counties	32	9/8/2020

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